



Special Olympics Oklahoma – Athlete / Unified Partner Code of Conduct

Special Olympics Oklahoma is committed to the highest ideals of sportsmanship and expects all Athletes and Unified Partners to act in a manner that both contributes to the overall mission of Special Olympics and follows Special Olympics policies. All Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners agree to the following Code of Conduct:

SPORTSMANSHIP

- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, my team and Special Olympics.
- I will not use bad language at Special Olympics events, training sessions or competitions.
- I will not insult other persons at Special Olympics events, training sessions or competitions. I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers or staff.

TRAINING AND COMPETITION

- I will train regularly and commit to knowing and playing by the rules of my sport.
- I will listen to my coaches and the officials and ask questions when I do not understand.
- I will always try my best during training, divisioning and competitions. I will not “hold back” in preliminary competition just to get into an easier competition division.
- I will follow the Housing Policy on all overnight Special Olympics events, training sessions and competitions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS

- I will not make inappropriate, unwanted or unlawful physical or sexual advances to others. I will be truthful about all information I provide for the Application for Participation.
- I will not engage in any violent, physically or verbally abusive behavior toward other Special Olympics athletes, coaches, family members of athletes, volunteers or staff.
- I will not smoke or chew tobacco at any training or competition site except in designated smoking areas.
- I will not consume alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances during any Special Olympics events, training sessions or at competitions. I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
- I will not engage in sexual activities during any Special Olympics events, training sessions or at competitions. I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules, the International Federation and the National Federation/Governing Body rules for my sport(s).
- I will respect the property of hotels, dormitories, athletic facilities and dining facilities.

VIOLATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Violation of any provision of this Code of Conduct will result in consequences ranging from a verbal warning to permanent suspension from participation in training and competition, depending on the nature of the violation, including any past history of violations of this Code of Conduct. I further understand that I may be subject to a background check in the event of certain violations.
- I have completely read this Code of Conduct, or had it read and/or explained to me, and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the provisions noted.
- I understand this Code of Conduct, and by participating in training and competition events, agree to abide by all provisions, including those relating to violations of the Code of Conduct.