

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY

CODES OF CONDUCT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all coaches to honor sport and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics Coaches agree to observe the following code:

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, other volunteers, friends and spectators in Special Olympics.

I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.

I will be a positive role model for the athletes I coach.

ENSURE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

I will ensure that for each athlete I coach, the time spent with Special Olympics is positive.

I will respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete.

I will ensure each athlete competes in events that challenge that athlete's potential and are appropriate to that athlete's ability.

I will be fair, considerate and honest with athletes and communicate with athletes using simple, clear language.

I will ensure that accurate scores are provided for entry of an athlete into any event.

I will instruct each athlete to perform to the best of the athlete's ability at all preliminaries, heats and finals in accordance with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules.

ACT PROFESSIONALLY AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS

My language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation will demonstrate high standards.

I will display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in the sport (athletes, coaches, opponents, officials, administrators, parents, spectators, media, etc.).

I will encourage athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.

I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training sessions, during overnight stays or during competition.

I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes and others, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse.

I will be alert to any form of abuse from other sources directed toward athletes in my care.

QUALITY SERVICE TO THE ATHLETES

I will seek continual improvement through performance evaluation and ongoing coach education.

I will be knowledgeable about the Sports Rules and skills of the sport(s) I coach.

I will provide a planned training program.

I will keep copies of the medical, training and competition records for each athlete I coach.

I will follow the Special Olympics and the National Governing Body rules for my sport(s).

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE ATHLETES

I will ensure that the equipment and facilities are safe to use.

I will ensure that the equipment, rules, training and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.

I will review each athlete's medical form and be aware of any limitations on that athlete's participation noted on that form.

I will encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.

I will maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.

I will allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.

I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct I will be subject to a range of consequences, up to being prohibited from coaching in Special Olympics.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes to honor sport and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners agree to observe the following code:

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.

I will not swear or insult other persons.

I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers or staff.

TRAINING AND COMPETITION

I will train regularly.

I will learn and follow 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 preliminaries just to get into an easier final heat.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS

I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances on others.

I will not smoke in non-smoking areas.

I will not drink alcohol or use illegal drugs at Special Olympics events.

I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.

I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules.

I understand that if I do not obey this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences, up to being prohibited from participating in Special Olympics.

TRAINING & COMPETITION

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT



Spectators, please show RESPECT!

Respect the rule and policies of the venue at all times.

Encourage appropriate language at all times.

Show good sportsmanship toward my fellow spectators.

Please stay in the spectator area.

Encourage and cheer all athletes in a positive way during competition.

Coaching athletes from the sidelines is discouraged.

Trust officials' judgment and respect their duties.