

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes including Unified Sports® Partners to honor those ideals. All Special Olympics athletes and Unified Sports® partners agree to 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 inappropriate 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 preliminary competition just to get into an easier finals competition division

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, the International Federation and the National Governing Body rules for my sport(s)

I understand that if I do not obey this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences by my Local Program, Special Olympics Connecticut or a Games Organizing Committee for a World Games or National Games up to and including dismissal.