



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes to honor sports and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics athletes 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 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 preliminary heats 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 use alcohol, marijuana, tobacco products, illegal drugs or any other substance causing impairment while representing Special Olympics and/or participating at Special Olympics functions including training sessions, practices, and for the duration of Special Olympics Games travel, overnights, and/or competition.
- I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
- I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules.

By signing below, 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, the State Office, or a Games Organizing Committee including not being allowed to participate in any Special Olympics events including the National and World Games.

Please sign, date and return to:

Special Olympics Montana
P.O. Box 3507
Great Falls, MT 59403-3507

Athlete Signature _____

Date _____

Athlete – Print Name _____

Witness _____