

## SORI Volunteer Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is designed to assure that each participant abides by the philosophy and the mission of Special Olympics Rhode Island. In return for appropriate conduct, individuals will be treated with respect and openness. Athletes will also have access to self-improvement training opportunities and be placed in an environment appropriate to their level of competence. All participants of Special Olympics Rhode Island are expected to conduct themselves according to the following codes of conduct;

### Respect for Others

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals involved in Special Olympics.
- Treat everyone equally regardless of sex, race, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- Serve as a positive role model for others.

### All Participants Shall Act with Dignity and Take Responsibility for His/Her Actions

- The participant's language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation will demonstrate the highest standards.
- The participant shall display control, respect and dignity to all involved in Special Olympics.
- The participant shall set a positive example through his/her actions and encourage others to exhibit the same qualities.
- The participant shall not consume alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs while participating in Special Olympics Rhode Island events.
- The participant will not engage in any disruptive behavior that interferes with the rights of others or impedes the training or competition of athletes.
- The participant will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advances on others.
- All participants are expected to follow the guidelines and rules as established by SORI and SOI.

### Agreement

- All participants are expected to obey this Code of Conduct.
- This Code of Conduct is a general guide for all conduct of a participant and does not describe all types of good and bad behavior.
- If a participant does not obey this Code of Conduct, the participant will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Special Olympics Rhode Island Participation Policy.