



## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE & UNIFIED PARTNER 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 and Unified 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 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 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 at league play and competition.
- 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 Federation/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 Program or a Games Organizing Committee for a World Games or National Games up to and including not being allowed to participate.**

**At any time a local program wishes to dismiss an athlete, partner or volunteer from its program for behavioral reasons, they must contact the SORI office first. Only Special Olympics Rhode Island can officially dismiss an athlete or volunteer from its program.**