

Athlete Code of Conduct

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 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 drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training sessions, competition or during Games.

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 my Program or a Games Organizing Committee may not allow me to participate.

*This Code of Conduct adapted from Special Olympics Coaching Guide "Coaching Special Olympics Athletes"