



Special Olympics
Texas

ATHLETE/UNIFIED PARTNER CODE OF CONDUCT PLEDGE

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes and unified partners 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 which bring respect to me, my coaches, my team and Special Olympics. I will not use bad language. I will not swear or insult other people. 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 to get into an easier final 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 Federation / Governing Body rules for my sport(s).

I understand if I do not obey this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences determined by Special Olympics Texas.



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Athlete's/ Unified Partner's Signature _____
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date

Head of Delegation _____
Date

Upon entering Special Olympics Texas as an athlete/unified partner of the organization, the coach should review and have the athlete/unified partners sign the form (if possible). At that time, the coach should explain what the consequences are of the athlete/unified partner not following the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct Agreement needs to be signed only once while the athlete/unified partner participates with any given team. If the athlete/unified partner changes teams, the Code of Conduct should be reviewed with the new coach, consequences explained and the Code of Conduct Agreement signed again. The Athlete/Unified Partner Code of Conduct Agreement should be kept on file by the head coach or head of delegation.