

SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEER'S AND SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all volunteers and spectators to honor Sport and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics volunteers and spectators agree to observe the following code:

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, Unified® partners, coaches, officials, other volunteers, friends and spectators in Special Olympics.
- I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- I will respect the role and authority of all coaches, officials and other Special Olympics personnel and treat them in a professional and supportive manner.
- I will ensure that for each athlete or Unified® partner with whom I interact, the time spent with Special Olympics is a positive experience. I will respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete and Unified® partner.
- My language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation will demonstrate high standards.
- I will display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in the sport and activity (athletes, Unified® partners, coaches, opponents, officials, administrators, parents, spectators, media, etc.).
- I will encourage athletes and Unified® partners to demonstrate the same qualities.
- I will not smoke or use vaping products (e-cigarettes, etc.) in non-smoking areas, including all Special Olympics training and competition venues.
- I will not use or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs (including cannabis products) while participating or attending Special Olympics training sessions or competitions.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes, Unified® partners and others, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
- I will be alert to any form of abuse from other sources directed toward athletes and Unified® partners in my care.
- I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct I will be subject to a range of consequences, up to and including being prohibited from participating in or attending Special Olympics events and activities.