

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA - CALGARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes, coaches and volunteers of Special Olympics Alberta - Calgary shall conduct themselves in a manner which fosters a positive, enjoyable and cooperative environment for him/herself, teammates, coaches, officials and all other participants in Special Olympics activities. All registered participants must satisfy the following conditions:

Sportsmanship

- I will practice good sportsmanship
- I will not engage in any type of inappropriate behaviour or sexual activity. I will not fight, use bad language, insult, bully or abuse and Special Olympics athlete, volunteer, officials, spectator or staff
- I will train regularly and commit to knowing and playing by 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

Athletes, Coaches and Volunteers MUST:

- Be on time for all program activities
- Dress appropriately
- Respect equipment and facilities
- Respect other participants, coaches, athletes and officials at all times
- Advise the head coach if unable to attend a practice or tournament
- Be an enthusiastic participant

Other Coach and Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Ensure a positive experience and provide quality service to the athletes
- Be a positive role model for athletes
- Show leadership
- Provide input through the head coach for program improvement
- Attend training and development activities
- Participate fully in all program activities

Parents, Guardians and Caregivers Responsibilities:

- Respect the rules of the sport, the coaches, officials and SOC staff
- Be a positive role model, not letting emotions interfere with the athletes' participation; de-emphasize winning and losing
- Ensure that all registration and medical forms are complete and accurate
- Pay fees in a timely manner
- Arrange for transportation to and from programs and activities
- Ensure that athletes arrive on time for programs and are picked up from the program within 15 minutes of the end of the program

The following actions and behaviours of athletes, coaches and officials will NOT be tolerated:

- Use of illegal substance and/or alcohol, or abuse of prescription medication at or prior to athlete programs, activities and functions
- Physical or verbal abuse or violent behaviour such as hitting, punching, kicking, etc.
- Bullying, use of profanity, threats or abusive language at any athlete program or activity
- Any sexual behaviours such as suggestive language, sexual contact, inappropriate displays of affection
- Disregard for facilities including their rules and regulations

I understand that this code of conduct is a general guide for my conduct and does not describe all types of good and poor behaviour. I also understand that if I do not comply with this Code of Conduct it may result in my suspension or removal from the program

Print Name (athlete, volunteer or coach)

Signature

Date

Name and signature of Guardian/caregiver (if appropriate)

Date