

Special Olympics North Carolina



GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

We hope you will embrace the spirit of Special Olympics and help us provide a competition and training environment that enhances athlete character and skill development.

I pledge the following:

- I will remember that athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for them.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and cooperation.
- I will not complain or protest, allowing the coaches and officials to handle all disputes.
- I will abide by the communication processes that are put in place.
- I understand that I play a vital role and a responsibility to assist Special Olympics in providing for the health and safety of all athletes, by reporting any unsafe environment or suspicious behavior to Special Olympics North Carolina staff.
- I (and my guests) will never engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language and gestures, with any official, coach, or family member.
- I will praise the athletes for competing fairly and trying hard, and I will make all athletes feel like a winner every time. I will never ridicule or yell at any athlete, or other participants, for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all athletes.
- I will refrain from coaching athletes or other participants during competitions and practices.
- I will refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed, controlled substances.

As an SONC supporter, I also understand that, if I fail to abide by the above rules and guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by officials, coaches, and/or County, Area, State personnel,
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file in the Local Program, Area and SONC State Office,
- Written warning,
- Season suspension.

Printed name

Local Program

Signature

Date