



## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS KENTUCKY COACH CODE OF CONDUCT**

*Special Olympics Kentucky is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all coaches to honor sport and the mission and vision of Special Olympics. All Coaches agree to observe the following:*

### **Respect for Others**

- I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of athletes, coaches, volunteers, friends, family members and spectators in Special Olympics.
- I will treat everyone equally regardless of gender, ethnic origin, religion, or ability.

### **Ensure A Positive Experience**

- I will ensure that for each athlete I coach, the time spent with Special Olympics Kentucky is positive.
- I will respect the talent, developmental stage, and goals of each athlete.
- I will ensure each athlete competes in events that challenge that athlete's potential and are appropriate to that athlete's ability.
- I will be fair, considerate, and honest with athletes.
- I will ensure that accurate scores are provided for entry of an athlete into any event.

- I will instruct each athlete to perform to the best of the athlete's ability at all preliminary competitions and finals competition in accordance with the Special Olympics Kentucky Sports Rules.

### **Act Professionally and Take Responsibility for My Actions**

- 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.
- I will encourage athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- I will not smoke while representing Special Olympics Kentucky at training sessions or during competition.
- I will not consume nor have in my possession alcohol and/or illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics Kentucky at training sessions or at competitions.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes and other – including verbal, physical, sexual and emotional abuse.
- I will abide by the Special Olympics policy on the prohibition of coaches dating athletes.
- I will be alert to any form of abuse from other sources directed towards athletes in my care.

### **Quality Service to The Athletes**

- I will seek continual improvement through performance evaluations and ongoing coach education.
- I will be knowledgeable about the Sports Rules and skills of the sport(s) I coach.
- I will provide a planned training program for individual practices and the season.
- I will keep copies of the medical, training, and competition records for each athlete I coach.

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**Name**

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**Head Coach or Asst Coach**

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**Date**