

# **SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE AND UNIFIED PARTNER CODE OF CONDUCT**

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes unified partners act in a manner that both contributes to the overall mission of Special Olympics and follows Special Olympics Virginia policies. All Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners agree to the following code:

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, my team, and Special Olympics.
- I will not use bad language at Special Olympics events, training sessions or during competition.
- I will not insult other persons at Special Olympics events, training sessions or during competition.
- I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers, or staff.

## **TRAINING AND COMPETITION**

- 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 preliminary competition just to get into an easier finals competition division.

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS**

- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advances on others.
- I will not take part in smoking or chewing tobacco at any training or competition site except in designated smoking areas.
- I will not take part in the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances during any Special Olympics training or competition.
- I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules, the International Federation and the National Federation/Governing Body rules for my sport (s).
- I will respect the property of hotels, dormitories, athletic facilities and dining facilities.