

## **Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities / Special Olympics Athlete Code of Conduct**

The Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities is committed to the highest ideals of sports and expects all athletes to honor sports and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics athletes agree to the following code at all times during their respective season:

### **Sportsmanship**

- I will practice good sportsmanship
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, and Special Olympics
- I will not use bad language
- I will not swear or insult other persons
- I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers or staff

### **Training and Competition**

- I will train regularly
- I will learn and follow the rules of my sport
- I will listen to my coaches and the officials and ask question if 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

### **Responsibility for my actions**

- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advances on others
- I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training session, competition or during Games
- I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance I will obey all laws and Special Olympic Rules.
- I will act appropriately on board bus or van. This includes sitting properly in the seat, wearing the seat belt and maintaining soft voice volume.
- I will always stay with my group and chaperone / coach. If in doubt about something I will ask. Coaches / Chaperones need to know where I am at all times.

If I do not obey this Code of Conduct The Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities Special Olympics or a Games Organization Committee may not allow me to Participate.

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Date

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Witness Signature

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