

Special Olympics Coach/Volunteer Code of Conduct

SOWI prides itself in providing high quality sports training and competitions for people with intellectual disabilities. The primary purpose of this code of conduct is to establish a high standard of coach/volunteer behavior, which will ensure the safety and well-being of all coach/volunteers involved in training and competition. All coach/volunteers (including Unified Sports® Partners) are expected to abide by the Coach/volunteer Code of Conduct as established by SOWI. Coach/volunteers should be reminded that **participation in Special Olympics is a privilege, not a right, and that the Agency manager has the authority to make immediate accommodations until final decisions can be made.**

By agreeing to abide by the Special Olympics Wisconsin Code of Conduct, each coach/volunteer agrees to adhere to the following coach/volunteer behavior:

- Uphold the mission, philosophy, principles and policies of Special Olympics, Inc. and Special Olympics Wisconsin
- Behave in a manner consistent with Special Olympics Wisconsin's core values of mutual respect, positive attitude, accountability, teamwork and dedication
- Each coach/volunteer further agrees and acknowledges that participation in SOWI is voluntary and SOWI may terminate a coach/volunteer's participation if the coach/volunteer fails to follow SOWI rules and policies, including the coach/volunteer code of conduct.

The following coach/volunteer behavior is unacceptable:

- Profanity or verbal abuse
- Tobacco use in restricted areas
- Use of alcohol
- Frequent unexcused absences
- Exhibition of poor sportsmanship
- Not following the rules of a sport
- Not providing adequate athlete supervision
- Submission of false or inaccurate competition qualification information
- Violent or disruptive behavior
- Physical or verbal sexual overtures
- Any unwelcome physical contact
- Use of illegal drugs or any controlled substance*
- Possession of harmful weapons*
- Physical abuse*
- Felony or misdemeanors (or any other illegal or socially unacceptable behavior) which disrupts or impedes the participation of athletes or others*
- Public forum posts that degrade the organization

I understand that if I do not obey this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences by my Agency, Regional and/or State Special Olympics Wisconsin Staff, up to and including not being allowed to participate. Not following the philosophy, principles and policies of Special Olympics, Inc. and SOWI The following coach/volunteer behavior is unacceptable:

I hereby certify that I have reviewed, understood, and agreed to this Code of Conduct.

Coach/Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Coach/Volunteer Name: _____ Agency# _____

Agency Name: _____