



## **ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT**

All athletes, coaches and volunteers are expected to follow the same rules while they are part of Special Olympics. As a Special Olympics Ontario/London athlete, I agree to the following:

### **Athlete Responsibilities**

- a. To demonstrate good behaviour at all practices, competitions, and special events.
- b. To follow the direction of my coaches, officials and volunteers. If I am not happy with something, I can speak with volunteers.
- c. To travel with my team and coaches together on the bus or van. If alternate arrangements are required, I agree that my parent/guardian/support staff will provide written directions to my sport manager.
- d. I must tell my coach(es) if I am going to quit.
- e. I will try my best to learn new skills and have a good time with sports.
- f. I will try my best to go to all practices; it is important if I want to compete in tournaments.
- g. Athletes and volunteers cannot drink alcohol or take drugs at Special Olympics events.

### **Volunteer/Coach Responsibilities**

- a. I understand that volunteers are responsible for training athletes in my sport.
- b. The volunteers will keep me safe while I am at Special Olympics. Volunteers will have access to all my medical information in case of emergency.
- c. The volunteers will look after me in an emergency.
- d. The volunteers will make our practice area safe for athletes.
- e. The volunteers will report incidents of bad behaviour.
- f. The volunteers will do their best to know the rules and teach me new skills.
- g. The volunteers must be on their best behaviour at Special Olympics events.

### **Competition Events**

- a. Special Olympics will try to have one (1) coach for every four (4) athletes. Sometimes we may ask parents and other volunteers to help out.
- b. The coaches will make sure I understand the rules of the sport and will give me information about tournaments.
- c. The coaches will make sure I have the right equipment to use in my sport.
- d. I will be a good team member, a good sport, and I will make London proud of me.

I have read this Code of Conduct and I fully understand my responsibilities.

**Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_