



## **Special Olympics NY Volunteer Code of Conduct**

- Follow the established rules and guidelines of Special Olympics and/or any agency involved with Special Olympics.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse (verbal, physical, emotional, etc.) toward coaches, athletes, unified partners, volunteers, spectators, family members, etc. Such behavior will not be tolerated by Special Olympics.
- Not engage in any inappropriate contact or relationship with athletes, volunteers or other participants of Special Olympics.
- I will report any emergencies to the appropriate authorities after first taking immediate action to ensure the health and safety of the participants.
- I will provide for the general welfare, health, and safety of any Special Olympics athlete (s) in my charge during the course of my assigned duties.
- I will display control, respect, dignity, and professionalism to all involved including athlete, coaches, opponents, officials, administrators, parents, spectators, and media. Profanity and taunting are subject to immediate ejection.
- I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability. I will dress and act at all times in a manner which will be appropriate to my assigned responsibilities and a credit to myself, the athletes and Special Olympics.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of the athletes, coaches, other volunteers, friends and spectators in Special Olympics.
- I will respect the property of hotels, dormitories, schools, athletic, recreational and dining facilities.
- I will not take part in the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/ or controlled substances during any Special Olympics training or competition. Nor will I take part in smoking or chewing tobacco.

The Code of Conduct is designed to assist each volunteer in abiding by the philosophy of Special Olympics and its mission. Any volunteer who does not follow this Code of Conduct can be prohibited from participation in the event.