



ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

BC Special Olympics athletes are the most visible and important members of our organization and are required to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the beliefs and philosophy of Special Olympics BC. Special Olympics BC athletes are required to:

Fulfill the responsibilities and expectations of being a Special Olympics BC athlete:

- Make a commitment to sport training and follow through with that commitment.
- Dedicate yourself to improving, both as an athlete and as a person.
- Follow the policies and procedures of Special Olympics BC.

Set an example for other athletes:

- Refrain from drinking or using profanity during Special Olympics programs or events.
- Avoid any behaviour that may be misunderstood or misinterpreted by other athletes.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Treat everyone fairly within the context of the activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
- Be helpful to and supportive of everyone associated with Special Olympics.

Demonstrate good sportsmanship and cooperation:

- Ensure that the Special Olympics Athlete's Oath guides your actions.
- Respect the rules and support the decisions of all sport officials and committees.
- Be respectful during ceremonies and help other athletes be the same.
- Praise other athletes for their efforts and encourage them to celebrate the successes of others.
- Support and encourage Special Olympics volunteers and staff.

Athlete's Signature

Date