Special Olympics Sandusky County

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Athlete Code of Conduct

Athletes, coaches and fans are expected to display good sportsmanship through-out the sport season on and off the court or field. Good sportsmanship is represented by fair play, ethical behavior, and positive comments and actions towards coaches, teammates, fans and officials. The criteria listed below will be carried out consistently with each athlete as they participate in their sport:2026-2027 Basketball

Attendance and behavior at practices/games/events;

1. **All** practices and games are mandatory. Be responsible to attend the sport. Call the coordinator at 419 332-9296 x119 or let the coach know if you cannot make practice or game. (Illness, doctor's appointments, scheduled work, etc. will be considered as excused absences). If we don't hear from you, it will be considered as unexcused.
2. **Three (3) unexcused absences** will necessitate a review of the athlete's further athlete participation in that sport.
3. Behavior: Respect, cooperate and encourage others. **Define winning as doing your personal best**. Athletes should always stay under control. Athletes have a job to do on their team, even when their feelings are strong. You represent yourself, the team, and Sandusky County Special Olympics.
   Always finish the practice or game, **never quit**. If an athlete demonstrates unsportsmanlike or dangerous behavior a coach or person in a supervisory role will document the incident. The report will be reviewed internally with the Coordinator, coach and individual and others as needed to discuss recommendations to prevent the incident from occurring again and if warranted-suspension from the sport.
4. All forms of bullying are prohibited (not allowed). This includes physical, verbal, psychological and cyber-bullying. This is dangerous and unsportsmanlike. Do not bring "drama" into Special Olympics. It is not a sport here. Starting and participating in "drama" is unsportsmanlike. "Drama is a warm-up to bullyism" There is no place for "drama" here.
5. State Tournament Roster Policy: If an athlete quits a team during a sports season and is placed on a State tournament roster (i.e. State summer games, State Basketball, State softball. Etc.) in that season, the athlete will not be eligible for the next sport season State Tournament Roster registration until an entire season of that sport has been played by that athlete.

Remember the Special Olympics Oath, **"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."**

Please read over with athlete, sign & return the bottom portion by your 1st scheduled practice.

_____ read the Code of Conduct and
(name of athlete)

agrees to follow it by accepting the responsibility and privilege of representing Sandusky County Special Olympics.

_____ _____
Athlete signature date

_____ _____
Parent/guardian/residential staff date