

Volunteer Code of Conduct

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As a Special Olympics volunteer, it is expected that everyone will play a positive role at Special Olympics events by following this code of conduct:

1. Carry out all aspects of your assignment.
2. Attend all required meetings.
3. Notify the volunteer coordinator if an assignment cannot be completed.
4. Refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol, or using profanity.
5. Refrain from any inappropriate contact or relationship with athletes or other participants.
6. Refrain from dating or having a sexual relationship with athletes. Please refer to the Volunteer/Athlete Dating Policy for complete details regarding this policy.
7. 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.
8. Follow the established rules and guidelines of Special Olympics and any agency involved with Special Olympics.
9. Support the decisions of referees, judges, and committees, and use proper dissent processes.
10. Be respectful during ceremonies and help athletes and partners do the same.
11. Praise the athletes and partners for their efforts and encourage them to be happy for the success of other athletes and partners.
12. Provide for the general welfare, health and safety of all athletes, partners and volunteers.
13. Report any observations, either in the physical environment or an individual's behavior, which may cause potential harm.
14. Look for constructive ways to overcome obstacles.
15. Be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things.
16. Extend involvement to other roles of leadership and training.
17. Delight in the change that your involvement makes in the life of the athletes.
18. Out of respect for our athletes, please refrain from using cell phones or texting while working at an event. We need your full attention to your task. Thank you for your consideration.