Code of Conduct

Special Olympics Australia (SOA) is committed to a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone. Our Code of Conduct contains standards of behaviour that reflect our values of:

Respect Trust Sportsmanship

Everyone who takes part in training, playing, participating or spectating in SOA activities must abide by the SOA Code of Conduct.

A breach of this code may result in actions such as suspension, withdrawal from training/competition or expulsion.

At SOA, everyone including athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, committee members, staff, families, carers and supporters should:

- act within the rules and spirit of sport.
- promote fair play.
- support opportunities for participation in sport.
- treat each person as an individual.
- show respect and courtesy to all involved including athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, committee members, staff, families and supporters.
- respect the decisions of official, coaches and club administrators.
- ensure that SOA activities are conducted in a safe environment.
- respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural or linguistic background, sexuality or religion.
- support child-safe policies and procedures.
- act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- act responsibly in relation to smoking and drinking alcohol at SOA training and competitions.
- not use any illegal drugs at SOA training and competitions.
- model good behaviour and not abuse, bully or threaten others.
- take all reasonable steps to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against, and exploitations, neglect and abuse of, people with disability

Athletes

- I will play by the rules.
- I will respect myself and others.
- I will participate for my own enjoyment and benefit.
- I will speak in an encouraging and positive manner
- I will give my personal best at all times.

Coaches, Volunteers and Officials

- I will understand my role and responsibilities and ensure that I deliver on them.
- I will be a positive role model.
- I will place the safety and welfare of athletes above all else.
- I will not make inappropriate physical, verbal or sexual advances on others.
- I will act honestly, in good faith and in the best interest of the sport I am involved with.
- I will resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures.
- I will comply with current SOA policies and procedures.
- I will conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- I will maintain confidentiality with information gained in my role.

Families, Carers and Supporters

- I will remember that sport is for the enjoyment of athletes.
- I will focus on personal best performance, rather than winning or losing.
- I will never put down an athlete for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will positively support athletes in training and competition.
- I will model positive behaviour.
- I will respect the dignity of athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, committee members, staff, families, carers and supporters.
- I will not pressure athletes in any way.
- I will respect and appreciate volunteers and those who give up their time to enable sport to happen.

Name: Club:

Signed: Date: dd/mm/yyyy

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