

## Special Olympics Australia Social Media Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Special Olympics Australia social media community! To ensure a positive and respectful experience for everyone, we've put together a simple code of conduct that we ask all members to follow:

- **1. Be Kind and Respectful:** Treat others how you would like to be treated. Be polite, respectful, and considerate in your interactions. Avoid offensive language, personal attacks, and harassment.
- 2. No Hate Speech or Discrimination: Our community is a safe space for people of all backgrounds. Do not engage in hate speech, discrimination, or any form of prejudice based on factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- **3. Stay Constructive:** Engage in meaningful discussions and provide valuable insights. Critique ideas, not individuals. If you disagree with someone, express your opinion in a constructive and respectful manner.
- **4. Respect Privacy:** Do not share personal or sensitive information about others without their consent. This includes avoiding sharing private messages or personal contact details publicly.
- **5. Original and Relevant Content:** Share content that is relevant to the community's interests. If you're posting content you didn't create, give proper credit to the original creators and respect copyright laws.
- **6. Stay On Topic:** Stick to the purpose of the community or discussion. Off-topic posts can make it difficult for others to follow the conversation.
- **7. No Spam or Self-Promotion:** Avoid excessive self-promotion or spamming the community with irrelevant content. Promotional posts should be relevant and add value to the community.
- **8. Report Inappropriate Content:** If you come across content that violates this code of conduct, report it to the moderators/administrators rather than engaging with it directly.
- **9. Follow Platform Rules:** Abide by the terms of use and community guidelines of the social media platform you're using. Our code of conduct is in addition to these platform rules.
- **10. Think Before You Post:** Remember that the internet has a long memory. Once something is posted, it can be difficult to undo. Before sharing, think about how your post might be interpreted now and in the future.

Failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in warnings, restrictions, or removal of access to posting or being a member of the Special Olympics Australia social media community. Our goal is to create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels comfortable and valued. Thank you for being a part of our social media community and adhering to the guidelines!