

## Special Olympics Delaware Code of Conduct

The Special Olympics Delaware (SODE) Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that each participant — athletes, coaches, team volunteers, day-of volunteers and family members — abides by the philosophy and the mission of the organization.

### **Respect for Others**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals involved in SODE.
- Treat everyone equally regardless of gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or ability.

### **All Participants Shall Act With Dignity and Take Responsibility for His/Her Actions**

- The participant's language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation will demonstrate the highest standards.
- The participant shall display control, respect and dignity to all involved in Special Olympics.
- The participant shall set a positive example through his/her actions and encourage others to exhibit the same qualities.
- The participant shall not consume alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs while participating in SODE events at any level (chapter, area, etc.).
- The participant will not engage in any disruptive behavior that interferes with the rights of others or impedes the training or competition of athletes.
- The participant will abstain from abusive language, disruptive behavior (including behavior that is dangerous to self or others), and acts of violence, physical abuse and/or sexual abuse or harassment toward any SODE participant.
- All participants are expected to follow the general and sport-specific guidelines and rules as established by SODE and Special Olympics Incorporated.

### **Agreement**

- All participants are expected to obey this Code of Conduct and any Codes of Conduct specific to their role in the program (i.e. athlete, coach).
- The Code of Conduct is a general guide for the conduct of a participant and does not describe all types of good and bad behavior.
- If a participant does not obey this Code of Conduct, the participant will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Special Olympics Delaware Participation Policies.
- A participant is to notify a member of the SODE staff if he/she becomes aware of any person, including him/herself, who is in violation of this Code of Conduct or who is acting in any way that potentially could be harmful to a SODE participant or the organization.