

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS ORANGE COUNTY

## RULES OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics Orange County strives to provide a program that encourages sportsmanship and safety, along with the basic training, and fun, associated with sports activities. In order to benefit as many athletes as possible, and to provide the highest quality program for all sports, certain rules of conduct must be adhered to by all athletes.

These rules are as follows:

1. ***Actions that are viewed as unsafe or harmful to another person will not be tolerated.*** If this type of action occurs (e.g., hitting another person, throwing bats, etc.), the athlete will be removed from the sport for the remainder of the season and sent home (even if this occurs at an out-of-town event). If the athlete is removed from two sports within the athletic year due to unsafe actions, the athlete will be removed from the program for the remainder of the athletic year. The athlete may register for the sports in the following athletic year.
2. ***Uncooperative behavior which disrupts a planned activity (i.e., a practice, game, or event) will not be tolerated.*** This rule is with respect for the athletes, coaches, officials, and opponents in the sport. The athlete will be removed from the activity, and future participation in the sport must be granted by the Head Coach of the team and the Coordinator of Special Olympics Orange County.
3. ***Athletes are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship while participating as a Special Olympic Orange County athlete.*** If, in the opinion of any two coaches, an athlete continues to exhibit behavior that is considered poor sportsmanship after counseling, the athlete will be removed from the sport or activity. Participation in future events will be at the discretion of the Head Coach of the team and the Coordinator of Special Olympics Orange County.

By signing this document, I understand the Rules of Conduct as an athlete participating in Special Olympics Orange County. I understand that the purpose of these rules is to benefit all of the participating athletes, coaches, and the program as a whole.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Athletic Year: 2018/19