

Athlete Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to establish and maintain a high standard of athlete behavior that will ensure the safety and well-being of all athletes and coaches during training and competition. All athletes are expected to abide by this code of conduct and the Area Director has the final decision on all matters of discipline and/or removal of athletes from competition.

Athlete Standards of Behavior

I will:

- 1) not use alcohol, drug or controlled substance
- 2) not use tobacco at any Special Olympics event (practices, competitions, fundraisers, etc)
- 3) not use physical abuse towards other athletes or coaches
- 4) not use verbal abuse or inappropriate language (swearing) around athletes or coaches or on social media networks such as facebook, twitter, etc.
- 5) not possess harmful weapons
- 6) not have violent or disruptive behavior

I will:

- 1) show good sportsmanship
- 2) uphold my teammates
- 3) attend 75% or more of practices
- 4) participate in all activities as deemed by the coach
- 5) obey all safety rules
- 6) encourage my teammates
- 7) play fair
- 8) listen and respect my coach

Athletic Disciplinary Measures

Minor Offenses: non-illegal or aggressive behaviors

- 1) 1st offense – verbal warning
- 2) 2nd offense – written warning sent home to parents-sit out practice
- 3) miss area games
- 4) sit out season
- 5) dismissed from Special Olympics

Major Offenses: illegal and aggressive behaviors

- 1) Immediate suspension from the program pending the determination of the length of suspension or removal from program by SOHI staff and risk management committee

Travel to competitions

In order for any Special Olympics Hawaii athlete to travel to a Regional or State competition they must meet the following travel requirements.

- Follow the Delegation/Area Athlete Code of Conduct
- Travel for the time required with the Special Olympics chaperone staff
- Have independent toileting and hygiene needs
- Cannot be a danger to themselves or others
- Cannot be a flight risk
- Ability to compete in their events independently

Athlete:

I understand that I am to abide by these rules and understand that consequences will be upheld to ensure quality program.

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian:

I understand that I am to do everything in my power to ensure that this athlete upholds the code of conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____