



### **Athlete/ Unified Partner Code of Conduct**

Must be signed by athlete/partner **and** legal guardian each season

Special Olympics Hawai'i is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes to honor sports and Special Olympics. The following code of conduct applies to in-person events, virtual events and activities (Zoom, etc.) and on relevant social media platforms. All athletes and Unified Partners agree to the following code:

### **Athlete/ Partner Standards of Behavior**

- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will learn and follow the rules of my sport.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to my coaches, team, Special Olympics, and me.
- I will attend 75% or more of practices.
- I will participate in all activities as deemed necessary by my Head Coach or Head of Delegation.
- I will always try my best during training, divisioning events, and competition.
- I will obey all safety rules
- I will listen to and respect my coaches and officials and ask questions when I do not understand
- I will not "hold back" in preliminary competitions just to get into an easier finals competition division
- I will abide by and follow all laws, Special Olympics Hawai'i rules, and National Federation/Governing Body rules for my sport(s).
- I will not use or bring alcohol, drugs/controlled substances, or tobacco products at/to any Special Olympics event (practices, competitions, fundraisers, etc.)
- I will not verbally insult or abuse others or use inappropriate language (swearing). This applies to in-person, virtual and social media settings.
- I will not possess harmful or threatening weapons.
- I will not act in a violent, sexually inappropriate or disruptive manner with other athletes, coaches, volunteers, or staff. This includes inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual actions or behaviors, both in-person and on-line.

### **Disciplinary Measures for violations of the Code of Conduct**

Minor Offenses: non-illegal or non-aggressive behaviors

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> offense – verbal warning
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – written warning with the possibility of short-term suspension, depending on severity of violation. Consequences may include:
  - a) Removal from practice(s)
  - b) Removal or suspension from Area/Regional competition
  - c) Removal or suspension from State Games, a season, or a longer period of time.
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Suspension from program for a period to be determined based on severity and timing of the current and past violations. Suspensions may range from one season to three years. If prior violations are minor, and/or not recent history, suspensions will be reviewed.

Major Offenses: Illegal acts and aggressive behaviors including sexual harassment, physical assault and threats of physical violence

- 1) Immediate suspension from the program, AND
- 2) Suspension or Removal from the SOHI program, suspension length determined by the SOHI Risk Management Group.

All disciplinary action may be appealed to the SOHI Appeals Committee by the athlete/ partner and/ or their legal guardian.

Note: All offenses will be documented and kept on file.

**Travel to competitions or events: Athletes and Youth (8-17) Partners**

In order for any Special Olympics Hawai'i athlete/youth partner to travel to a Regional or State competition they must meet the following travel requirements.

- Be able to travel with a Special Olympics designated chaperone for the duration of the event, including flights.
- Be able to independently manage the activities and skills of daily living, ie. toileting, showering, personal hygiene, etc., with minimal help.
- Cannot be a danger to themselves or others
- Cannot be a flight risk and must listen to instructions from their chaperone, coaches and Head of Delegation.
- Be able to compete in their events independently, or only with the level of assistance allowed in the rules for their specific events.

Athlete/ Partner:

I understand that I am to abide by this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences by Special Olympics Hawai'i up to and including not being allowed to participate.

Athlete/ Partner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Season: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/guardian: *(Required for participants 17 and under or for any athlete who is not their own legal guardian)*

I understand that I am to do everything in my power to ensure that this athlete/partner understands and upholds this code of conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Season: \_\_\_\_\_

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