**Special Olympics Georgia and Special Olympics Forsyth**

**Athlete's Code of Conduct**

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes to honor sports and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics athletes and Unified Sports Partners agree to the following code:

**Sportsmanship**

* I will practice good sportsmanship.
* I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, my team and Special Olympics.
* I will not use bad language.
* I will not swear or insult other persons.
* I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers or staff.
* I will listen to my coach and comply with their instructions

**Training and Competition**

* I will train regularly. I will attend at least 6 of the 8 practices but will strive to attend all practices. If I must miss, I will inform my coach in advance.
* I will learn and follow the rules of my sport.
* I will listen to my coaches and the officials and ask questions when I do not understand.
* I will always try my best during training, divisioning and competitions.
* I will not “hold back” in preliminaries just to get into an easier final heat.

**Responsibility for My Actions**

* I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances on others. I will respect Athletes/Coaches/Volunteers personal time and not constantly call or text them.
* I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training sessions, competition or during Games.
* I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
* I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules.

 I understand if I do not obey this Code of Conduct my Program or a Games Organizing Committee may not allow me to participate. If I fail to comply with the code of conduct, my coach will follow the code of conduct discipline procedures and report each incident to the Special Olympics Forsyth Coaches Chair:

1st Incident: Verbal Warning

\*2nd Incident: Athlete will sit out of the remaining practice and/or the following practice as determined by the coach

3rd Incident: Athlete will not be allowed to practice and compete at the State Games.

\*If I receive the “2nd Incident” Discipline Procedure within two consecutive seasons, I understand that I will be taken out of all Games for the current and following sporting season.

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