



PARENT, FAMILY & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Special Olympics Southern California is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all parents, family members and spectators to honor Sport and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics Southern California parents, family members and spectators should observe the following code:

1. Remember athletes are participating for their enjoyment. Encourage participation, but do not force it.
2. Consider that our athletes learn best by example; applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Show respect and congratulate all participants on their performance, including opponents, regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Encourage athletes and coaches to follow the rules and the officials' decisions, and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. Never ridicule or yell at people for making a mistake or losing the competition.
5. Respect the decisions of coaches and officials and teach athletes to do the same.
6. Show appreciation for all volunteers, including coaches, officials, teachers and administrators. (Remember, without them there would be no participation.)
7. Violence or abusive speech in any form, including swearing and/or inappropriate language by spectators, coaches, officials or players will not be tolerated at any Special Olympics Southern California events.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Special Olympics Southern California reserves the right to dismiss parents, family members and/or spectators from any Special Olympics Southern California training session or event if the above code is violated. Repeated or severe violations of this Code of Conduct may result in suspension or expulsion from Special Olympics Southern California.

Please report conduct violations to any Special Olympics Southern California staff member or a Head Coach and/or Head of Delegation. The Head Coach and/or Head of Delegation will seek out the appropriate Special Olympics Southern California staff member who will follow up as necessary