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SPECIAL CONNECTIONS PARTICIPANT/SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary purpose of this code of conduct is to establish a standard for participant/athlete behavior that will ensure the safety and well being of all participants, volunteers, coaches and unified partners involved in Special Connections activities and Special Olympics training and competition. All participants are expected to abide to this code of conduct established by Special Connections of Grundy County.

Participants agree to the following code:

* Show respect for participants, volunteers, coaches, Special Connections staff and Special Olympics event coordinators.
* Refrain from the use of profanity and verbal abuse toward anyone associated with Special Connections and Special Olympics.
* Refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs and any other controlled substance.
* Refrain from the use of tobacco in restricted areas.
* Refrain from inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances on others.
* Refrain from violent behavior.
* Refrain from any illegal activities.

Special Olympics athletes agree to the code above and the following:

* Respect and follow the instructions of all coaches involved in each sport.
* Commit to train regularly, attend practices and attend competitions. Notify the head coach of any absence PRIOR to practice. Doubles and team members must commit to attend all competitions required. Failure to attend a competition by a double or team member without good cause would be considered an extreme infraction of the code of conduct.
* Commit to knowing the rules and policies of all Special Olympics events.
* Participate honestly and with maximum effort in all practices, trials and competitions.
* Show respect for all competitors and display good sportsmanship throughout Special Olympics events.
* Read and review the athlete/partner code of conduct and agree to follow the code established by Special Olympics Illinois.

Should the behavior of any participant be contrary to the code of conduct, then one or more of the following steps may be taken by the Discipline Committee, Special Olympics Program Coordinator or Executive Director of Special Connections of Grundy County:

1. The participant will be notified of the undesirable behavior and be requested to remedy the situation for continued participation in Special Connections.
2. The participant will be requested to withdraw from the remainder of the current event, activity or sport taking place.

In cases of extreme or repeated behavior contrary to this code of conduct, Special Connections of Grundy County may:

1. Prevent the participant from participating in Special Connections of Grundy County for a period of time.
2. Prevent the participant from participating in Special Connections of Grundy County indefinitely.

Specific complaints against a participant must be made to the Executive Director of Special Connections of Grundy County. Proper notification to the participant will be made by the Executive Director and the Discipline Committee will make all final decisions regarding participant participation.

Participant Signature Date

Participant/Guardian Signature Date