



Haysville Hornets

Coaches Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is designed to assure each participant abides by the philosophy and the Mission of Special Olympics Kansas. In return for appropriate conduct, individuals will be treated with respect and openness. Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sports and expects all coaches to honor the Code of Conduct.

As a Special Olympics Coach, I agree to observe the following:

Respect for Others

- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, volunteers, friends and spectators in Special Olympics.
- I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- I will be a positive role model for the athletes I coach.

Ensure a Positive Experience

- I will be fair, considerate and honest with athletes and communicate with using simple, clear language.
- I will respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete.
- I will ensure each athlete competes in events appropriate to the athlete's ability.
- I will ensure accurate scores are maintained for athlete's participation.
- I will instruct each athlete to perform to the best of his or her ability in all competitions in accordance with Special Olympics Sports Rules.

Act Professionally and Take Responsibility for My Actions

- My language, manner, punctuality, preparation and participation will demonstrate high standards.
- I will display respect, dignity, and professionalism to all involved in the sport (athletes, coaches, opponents, officials, administrators, parents, spectators).
- I will encourage athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs or behave in a manner inappropriate while representing Special Olympics and the Haysville Hornets.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse (verbal, physical or emotional) toward athletes and others and will be alert to any form of abuse from other sources directed toward athletes in my care.

Quality Service to the Athletes

- I will be knowledgeable about the sports rules and skills for the sport(s) I coach.
- I will provide a planned training program.
- I will follow the Special Olympics, the International Federation and the National Federation/Governing Body rules for my sport(s).

Health and Safety of the Athletes

- I will ensure that the equipment and facilities are safe to use.
- I will ensure that the equipment, rules, training and the environment are appropriate for age and ability of the athletes.
- I will review each athlete's medical form and be aware of any participation limitations indicated on the form.
- I will encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.
- I will allow further participation in training and competition following an injury only when appropriate.

I have read this Code of Conduct and understand any violations will result in actions up to and including being prohibited from coaching in Special Olympics.

I hereby certify that I have reviewed, understood and agreed to this Code of Conduct.

Signature of Coach

Date

Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Team