# Special Olympics New York

## Volunteer/Chaperone Code of Conduct

Special Olympics volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit and philosophy of Special Olympics. Special Olympics New York is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all Volunteers to honor sport and Special Olympics New York. All Special Olympics Volunteers agree to observe the following code:

* I will fulfill the responsibilities of my assignment.
* I will set a good example for the athletes.
* I will be vigilant and aware of the safety of the athletes.
* I will refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed, controlled substances.
* I will refrain from the use of profanity or inappropriate language
* I will wear clothing that is appropriate for my job assignment
* I am specifically granting permission to Special Olympics New York to use my likeness, voice, and words in media for the purpose of advertising or communicating the purposes and activities of Special Olympics.
* I will ensure acceptable supervision and maintain an adequate 4:1 volunteer/coach-to-athlete ratio.
* I will prepare for travel and overnight trips lodging (need for same-sex supervision), Work out the most effective rooming and seating arrangements, taking into account athlete choice, behavioral and personality clashes.
* I will prepare for supervision throughout the entire trip. There will be multiple event components to supervise such as social activities, coaches meetings, awards ceremonies, travel to and from events etc.
* I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences, up to and including being prohibited from volunteering for Special Olympics New York.