



# Special Olympics BC – Vancouver Volunteer Code of Conduct



Special Olympics BC volunteers make it possible for athletes to benefit from quality sport training and challenging sport competition in a safe and possible environment. As a volunteer, you accomplish this by allowing the athletes the opportunity to interact with caring individuals, observe mature behaviour, and learn responsibility from your positive example. As a volunteer, you are expected to:

Fulfill the Responsibilities and Expectations of your Assignment:

- carry out all aspects of your assignment
- take the initiative to become aware of the responsibilities of your assigned position
- follow the policies and procedures of Special Olympics BC

Set an Example for the Athletes:

- refrain from drinking alcohol or using profanity in the presence of athletes
- avoid any behaviour which may be misunderstood or misinterpreted by athletes
- maintain your self-control at all times
- treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status
- be helpful to and supportive of everyone associated with Special Olympics

Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship and Cooperation:

- consistently focus on the Athlete and the Special Olympic Mission
- respect the rules and support the decisions of all sport officials and committees
- follow proper protest protocols
- be respectful during ceremonies and help your athletes be the same
- praise the athletes for their efforts and encourage them to celebrate the success of others
- direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the athlete
- support and encourage other volunteers and staff

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I have read and understood the Special Olympics BC Volunteer Code of Conduct and agree to follow these guidelines throughout my volunteer assignment. I understand that any breach of this Code will result in disciplinary action.

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(Volunteer Name – Please Print)

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(Volunteer Signature)

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(Date)