

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO ATHLETES RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

A Guide To Assist Athletes In Knowing Their Rights And Responsibilities as a Special Olympics Ontario Athlete

1. I have the RIGHT to belong to Special Olympics Ontario (SOO). It is my RESPONSIBILITY to uphold its Oath & be dedicated to my sport & my team.
2. I have the RIGHT to be treated fairly & equally. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to know the rules, follow the rules & accept the consequences of ALL my actions.
3. I have the RIGHT to speak & be heard. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to communicate with others respectfully, & not to use any foul language or unkind words, or unkind gestures.
4. I have the RIGHT to a qualified & dedicated coach who will respect my rights as an athlete. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to work together with my coach, & respect his or her rights as a coach.
5. I have the RIGHT to enjoy my sport in a safe place & in a safe way. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to tell my coach, or another person I trust, if I feel unsafe.
6. I have the RIGHT to be united in sportsmanship & fair play. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to treat others fairly, encourage sportsmanship & fair play.
7. I have the RIGHT to bring to events my personal items & my sports equipment. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to look after my sports equipment & report any theft or damage of my sports equipment to someone I trust. I will not take another person's property.
8. I have the RIGHT to be respected on & off the field, or wherever I play my sport. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to respect others on & off the field.
9. I have the RIGHT to be the best I can be & to receive recognition for my successes. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to encourage & support others to do their best.
10. I have the RIGHT to win, & if I cannot win, be brave in the attempt. It is my RESPONSIBILITY to have fun & participate in the sport of my choice in a safe & positive way.