



Athlete Participant Guide and Code of Conduct

Congratulations on the start of a new season. Listed below is key information and best practices to help ensure a successful PTOEC experience. Good luck!

Participation requirements:

- Application for Participation in Special Olympics Illinois form; aka physical form
- Annual membership fee of \$40. Contact a board member in case of financial hardship
- Parent or guardian must review and sign Spectator Code of Conduct

Contact information:

- Your point-of-contact for all sport related questions is your coach
- An alternate contact for questions your coach is unable to answer the Special Olympics Athletic Director. Tara and Robert Edwards - robertandtaraedwards@gmail.com; 618-910-1957

PTOEC Contact information:

- Please visit the organization's web page at www.ptoec.org
- Ensure you are receiving email via the organization's email distribution list
- You're also welcome to contact any board member; details available on web site

Other key information:

- Determine if you're able to travel for regional or state competitions – Notify your coach ASAP
- Be respectful of uniforms – care for them and return promptly at the end of the season
- Consider participating in one fundraising event per year
- Be an advocate and a recruiter – invite a friend to participate in Special Olympics

Coach provided information:

- Coach cell phone:
- Coach email:
- Practice location(s): Arnold Field, 521 S. 18th Street, Belleville
- Practice dates / times: Sundays @ 3:00 PM and Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
- Uniform / equipment requirements:
- Tournament and travel dates: Regionals – August 4th @ Springfield

Thanks for participating in Special Olympics and for choosing PTOEC as your team!



Parent Teacher Organization for Exceptional Children

PTOEC endorses the Special Olympics Illinois Spectator Code of Conduct. All spectators at PTOEC events are asked to individually support the code by modeling supportive behavior and by reminding your fellow spectators to do the same.

Title: Spectator Code of Conduct (S1-32)

As fans (family, friends and supporters) of Special Olympics athletes, it is expected that everyone will play a positive role at Special Olympics Illinois events by following this code of conduct.

1. Refrain from using abusive or offensive language towards anyone: officials, coaches, opponents and fellow spectators.
2. Remember that athletes are amateur athletes and the coaches and officials are volunteers.
3. Understanding the rules will lead to a more positive experience at the event. All Special Olympics Illinois sports follow the designated National Governing Body (NGB) rules and any exceptions or modifications to those rules are included in the Special Olympics Illinois Rules Interpretations for the sport. A list of the designated NGB rules and the Rules Interpretations can be found at www.soill.org in the coach section.
4. Keep in mind the Special Olympics oath and remember that winning is not the emphasis of Special Olympics competition.
5. Allow coaches to do the coaching. Please refrain from shouting instructions to athletes.
6. Stay out of the competition areas. Only registered coaches, athletes and officials should be in the playing area.
7. Display good sportsmanship. Derogatory comments directed to players, coaches and officials will not be tolerated.
8. Follow instructions or directives given by officials, volunteers or Special Olympics Illinois staff.
9. Refrain from any form of personal abuse (verbal, physical, emotional, etc.) towards coaches, athletes, unified partners, volunteers, spectators, family members, etc. Such behavior will not be tolerated by Special Olympics.

Spectators at PTOEC or Special Olympic events who exhibit unsupportive behaviors will be reminded of our organization's commitment to the Code of Conduct. If the unsupportive behavior continues the spectator will be asked to leave. Repeat occurrences may result in being banned from future events for a period of time or even permanently.

I agree to this Spectator Code of Conduct and will abide by these rules.

Spectator Name & Date: _____ / _____

Spectator Signature: _____