Special Olympics Illinois

As a volunteer, you are expected to:

Fulfill the responsibility of your assignment:
> Carry out all aspects of your assignment.
> Attend all required meetings.
> Notify the volunteer coordinator if you cannot complete an assignment.

Set an example for the athletes or partners:
> Refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol, or using profanity when acting as a volunteer.
> Not engage in any inappropriate contact or relationship with athletes or other participants.
> Volunteers are prohibited from dating or having a sexual relationship with athletes.
> Please refer to the Volunteer/Athlete Dating Policy for complete details regarding this policy.

Demonstrate good sportsmanship:
> Follow the established rules and guidelines of Special Olympics and any agency involved with Special Olympics.
> Support the decisions of referees, judges, and committees, and use proper dissent processes.
> Be respectful during ceremonies and help your athletes and partners be the same.
> Praise the athletes and partners for their efforts and encourage them to be happy for the success of other athletes and partners.

Be continually vigilant and cognizant of the safety of participants:
> Provide for the general welfare, health and safety of all athletes, partners and volunteers.
> Report anything you observe, either in the physical environment or an individuals behavior, which you feel may cause potential harm.

Be loyal to your commitment and to Special Olympics:
> Look for constructive ways to overcome obstacles.

Take advantage of the opportunities Special Olympics offers you:
> Be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things.
> Become an active participant by extending your involvement to other roles of leadership and training.
> Delight in the change that your involvement makes in the life of someone you know and in the lives of those you never meet.

Special Olympics Illinois has a no tolerance policy in regard to physical altercations involving coaches, athletes, unified partners, volunteers, spectators, family members, etc.