

## ATHLETE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CODE OF CONDUCT



Representing the athletes in Special Olympics Iowa is a big responsibility. As a Global Messenger, you will be more visible to everyone, including the people outside of the Special Olympic Family. Therefore, guidelines are set to help you understand what is expected of you. Below is a list of rules and guidelines to help you understand what is inappropriate and what the consequences will be of such behavior.

### **I will not:**

- Use inappropriate language such as name calling, cussing/swearing or use obscene manual gestures. (Reported first offense is an automatic 3 month suspension from Global Messengers. Second reported offense will mean expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.)
- Verbally or physically threatening chaperone or Special Olympic personnel, athlete, volunteer or any person at an event. (First reported offense is an automatic 6 month suspension from the Global Messengers Program. Second reported offense will mean immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.)
- Deliberately strike another athlete with the intent to harm. (Immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.)
- Deliberate destruction of others' property. (Immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.)
- Possession of any drugs or alcohol. (Immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.)
- I will not smoke while wearing a Global Messenger shirt. I will smoke ONLY in designated smoking areas at a Special Olympics event. Example: There is no smoking allowed on the Iowa State Campus except in designated areas. First reported offense will be a written warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will be a 3 month suspension from the Global Messenger Program; third offense will mean immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.
- Wear inappropriate clothing at events (jeans hanging below your waist, clothing with beer logo's, drug logo's, gang logo's, profanity, pornographic pictures, etc.) Reported first offense is a written warning; second offense is a 3 month suspension; third offense will mean immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.

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- I will not show inappropriate behavior when receiving my award (refusing to accept my award, verbally expressing dissatisfaction with the award, showing disrespect towards my fellow competing athletes, refusing to come to the awards stand, etc.). First reported offense is an automatic 6 month suspension from the Global Messenger Program; Second reported offense will mean immediate expulsion from the Global Messenger Program.

**I will:**

- I will practice and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every Special Olympic event I attend.
- I will treat my coaches, teammates and volunteers with respect.

I agree that participating in Special Olympics and the Global Messenger Program is a privilege that I possess. I also realize that I am representing Special Olympics Iowa as an athlete and as a spokesperson for the organization and my fellow athletes. Failure to follow these guidelines may jeopardize my opportunity to participate in the Global Messenger Program.

I agree that signing this contract is in the best interest of all involved in Special Olympics, including myself.

Global Messenger Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Global Messenger Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Global Messenger Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Global Messenger Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATHLETE RULES OF CONDUCT**  
**DOCUMENTATION OF VIOLATION AND PLAN OF ACTION**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ATHLETE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPEECH COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

VIOLATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLAN OF ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1st Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

SPEECH COACH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GM DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_