

Code of Conduct for Volunteers

Killester Special Olympics Basketball Programme

By signing below I hereby agree to

- comply fully with the registration process and receive clearance to work as a volunteer
- not engage in inappropriate physical contact in any form. This should not prevent appropriate contact where necessary to comfort athletes and ensure their safety and well-being; neither should it preclude normal expressions of warmth or happiness
- ensure that the facilities used are safe, secure and that appropriate supervision is in place
- ensure access to the following information where appropriate to your role, (a) a list of names, addresses and contact numbers for parent/guardian/carer, (b) up to date Athlete Participation Forms (c) telephone numbers for emergency contact & services (d) any other relevant information concerning the athletes
- abide by Special Olympics Ireland policies and procedures
- maintain appropriate boundaries and respect the privacy of athletes. Particular care must be taken with respect to places such as changing areas, swimming pools, showers and toilets. Separate provision must be made for male/ female athletes with adequate and gender appropriate supervision of male/female and more than one adult supervising adults in these situations.
- not take photographs of athletes while they are in the changing areas
- be sensitive to the possibility of becoming overly involved or spending a disproportionate amount of time with a particular athlete. In the event where circumstances arise where it is unavoidable to be alone with an athlete (a) immediately inform another responsible adult, by telephone if necessary, (b) make a diary note that the meeting/ pick up/drop off etc of the athlete took place (c) agree a plan with family /clubs etc to avoid reoccurrence of the situation.

Volunteer Rights

As a Volunteer you have the right to

- be treated with dignity, respect and be given information about the organisation and the athletes (where appropriate)
- have adequate training and attend a place of work that complies with health & safety regulations
- have the freedom to make suggestions, receive good feedback and have access to a complaints procedure
- be assigned to a role (if possible) that recognises your personal preference, life experience, education and employment background as well as recognising the needs of the organisation

I have read Special Olympics Ireland's Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out.

Signature of volunteer _____

Print name of volunteer _____ Date _____