



ATHLETE WAIVER and CODE OF CONDUCT

Waiver

1. Ability to Participate.

I state that I am physically able to participate in Special Olympics New Zealand (SONZ) activities

2. Risk of Neck Problems

I understand that if a doctor has found problems with my neck (Atlanto-Axial Instability) I will only be allowed to participate in Special Olympics Sports if I have another examination and the doctor who checks me for my neck problems says I am able to participate and I sign a form to say I understand what the doctor has told me.

3. Personal Information.

I consent to SONZ collecting, retaining, using and disclosing personal and medical information for the purpose of involving me in the Special Olympics Programme, including the Healthy Athletes Programme. I acknowledge my right to access and amend this information. This is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

4. Health Programs.

If I take part in a health program, I consent to health activities, screenings and treatment. This should not replace regular health care.

5. Likeness Release.

I give Special Olympics permission to use my photograph, video, name, voice or words to promote Special Olympics.

If you choose to **opt out** of the Likeness Release you are responsible for advising your club, event organisers and photographers at Special Olympics trainings and events.

6. Emergency Care.

If I need emergency medical care while I am participating in Special Olympics Activities I give permission to Special Olympics to do whatever may be necessary to protect my health and well-being, which may include emergency medical care and hospitalisation. If you have religious objections to receiving such emergency medical treatment, please complete the Religious Objections form. and upload it below.

Code of Conduct

I will be a good sportsperson at all times, respect my coache(s), other athletes, unified partners and volunteers.

I will not use bad language, I will not verbally abuse, physically fight or challenge anyone involved in Special Olympics.



I will train regularly, try my best to learn and follow the rules, listen to my coach(es) and sports officials and ask questions when I don't understand.

I shall perform to the best of my ability during training, divisioning and competitions.

I will take full responsibility for my actions and will not make any inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances to others.

I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training sessions, competitions or during Games.

I will not take any drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.

I understand that SONZ may take disciplinary measures if I breach the Code of Conduct and I may be subject to a range of consequences up to and including not being allowed to participate in Special Olympics training, events and activities.