# **Athlete Code of Conduct**

**Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I agree to uphold the following code of conduct

**Spirit of Sport**

* Practice sporting spirit and acknowledge the success of others e.g. congratulate my team mates and others when they perform well in training or competition.
* Play with control and in a manner that brings respect to myself and my coaches.
* Refrain from using bad or offensive language or from physically hurting another athlete.

**Training and Competition**

* Train regularly and follow the rules of my sport.
* Listen to the coaches and the officials and, at the end of competition, thank them and congratulate other athletes or teams.
* Always try my best and participate fully during training and competition.
* Shake hands with other athletes and coaches at the end of training and competition – or if health and safety prevents this, your coach will advise of an alternative.

**Responsibility for actions**

* Not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances on others.
* Not to bully or verbally abuse others online, by phone or in person.
* Abide by the policies and procedures set out by my club, Special Olympics Ireland and the National Governing body rules of my sport.

**Athlete’s Rights**

As an athlete you have the right to

* Receive quality coaching from appropriately qualified coaches.
* Train and compete in a safe environment.
* Participate in fair and equitable competition.
* Have a voice throughout Special Olympics and your Club.
* Be safe in any aspect of your Special Olympics activities.
* Appeal an action taken in relation to keeping to the Code of Conduct, if required.
* Report any concern you might have.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY ATHLETE**

I have read the Athlete Code of Conduct and I agree to abide by and support it.

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_ \_ / \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_ \_ / \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

*If athlete is under 18 years of age or unable to sign on their own behalf*

Insert photograph of club safeguarding officer

**The Club Safeguarding Officer / Chairperson can be contacted if you have a concern regarding poor practice, health and safety or an allegation of abuse.**

**Club Safeguarding Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_