

SRSNLC Athlete – Sportsmanship Contract

General Information

The following Sportsmanship Contract is to be signed by all SRSNLC - Athletes for all Special Olympic sport seasons.

The Sportsmanship Contract is a code of conduct that all athletes must follow while participating in all Special Olympic sports. This contract must be signed and dated by the athlete and returned to the coach at the beginning of EACH sport season. The athlete will not be allowed to compete/participate until the contract is signed. Coaches will document any violations of the contract on a tracking form for each athlete.

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The Sportsmanship Contract is an agreement of sportsmanlike conduct that athletes will follow while participating in SRSNLC Special Olympics. Please take a moment to review this form, sign it and return to your coach. This contract is in place to ensure that all athletes are treated with respect and so that they feel like an important part of the team.

1. I will respect others, including my teammates, coaches, and opponents. This means I will treat others the way I would want to be treated.
2. I will encourage my teammates on the court, on the bench, and on the van/bus. I will encourage them with kind words and cheer on my team on the court, on the bench, and on the van/bus.
3. I will listen when the coaches speak and will not question their coaching decisions (i.e. player positions). This means I will pay attention when a coach is speaking or explaining directions. I will ask a coach if I have any questions.
4. I will try my best while on the court, giving 100% at all times. This means I will pay attention and take the game/ practice seriously (i.e. no goofing off).
5. I will trust in my teammates and my own playing abilities on and off the court. This means that I will not talk bad about their playing abilities or yell at them if they have a "bad game" or "bad play."
6. I will tell the coaches if I hear or see unsportsman-like conduct from other teammates. I will not be considered a "tattle teller" if I do this. I must be honest when telling the coaches about what I have seen or heard.
7. I will return my entire uniform within two weeks of the end of the sports season. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$60 per uniform and potential suspension from future SRSNLC programs.

"Positives" of following this contract are as follows:

- Team has better chance of winning
- You and your team will have more fun

The consequences for not following contract are as follows:

1. If any unsportsman-like conduct is seen/reported during a game, on the van/bus or at practice, the athlete will receive a warning and a brief time out.
2. If unsportsman-like conduct is seen/reported for a 2nd time during a game, practice or van/bus ride, the athlete will be benched for the rest of the game (or half of the next game he/she is present at, if during a practice or on bus).
3. If unsportsman-like conduct is seen/reported for a 3rd time in a game, practice or on the van/bus, the athlete will be benched for the entire next game he/she is present at. The athlete will be encouraged to cheer on the team but is otherwise expected to sit in silence.
4. If the athlete continues to show unsportsman-like conduct after the 1st game suspension, he/she will continue to be suspended from play until the undesired conduct has stopped.
5. If the athlete is suspended from more than 3 games, he/she will be suspended for the rest of the Season.
6. If several athletes do not follow the Sportsmanship Contract, the coaches have the authority and right to forfeit games and tournaments.

I agree to follow the above Sportsmanship Contract.

Athlete's Signature: _____
This will need to be resigned annually.

Date _____