

Special Olympics Massachusetts Coaches' Code of Conduct

A SOMA coach always:

- Exemplifies the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
- Respects the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- Abides by the rules of the sport.
- Respects the integrity and judgment of sport officials.
- Demonstrates a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching.
- Encourages respect for all athletics and their value.
- Displays modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Promotes ethical relationship among coaches.
- Fulfills responsibility to provide a safe environment.
- Encourages the highest standard of conduct and achievement among all athletes.
- Strives to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, pride, and good judgment.
- (Most of all) Has fun and "HONORS THE SPORT!"

A SOMA Mentor / Coach / Teacher always:

- Serves as a model for behavior.
- Dresses my athletes and myself in appropriate attire.
- Keeps open communication to all.
- Is responsible for the following paper work:
 - Pre-registration
 - Final registration
 - Medicals up to date
 - All sport forms filled out
- Brings ALL copies of paperwork to all practices and competitions.
- Recognizes individual and team limitations and qualities.
- Is patient, understanding, supportive, sensitive, accountable, organized, and works hard through determination and perseverance.
- Motivates in the most positive of terms/makes it fun.