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ATHLETE HONOR CODE

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All Special Olympics athletes want to compete fairly and know everyone is following the same rules. This is always important, but even more so now that many athletes are not competing in-person. For athletes who decide to participate virtually at-home, Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) has created the following Honor Code.

The Honor Code is a tool to let all athletes understand how to fairly compete virtually in Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA). Fair and meaningful opportunities are the most important parts of SOPA competitions. Athletes and coaches must follow this Honor Code to make sure everyone can have a fair and meaningful experience in virtual competitions.

SOPA demonstrates a spirit of mutual trust and honesty. As an athlete I promise:

- I will only use one attempt to record my competition score, which is the same as when I compete in-person. Using more than one attempt to try and submit a better score is illegal and violates the rules of virtual competition.
- I will follow the competition rules for my sport.
- I will use the same course, field, court, and equipment for all parts of the virtual competitions.
- I will give my exact recorded time, distance, or score to my coach.
- I will follow all virtual competition rules provided by Special Olympics Pennsylvania.
- I will meet all deadlines to turn in my scores.
- I will give my best effort in training to try to achieve my best competition performance.

This Honor Code and the SOPA Code of Conduct outline how an athlete should train and compete in a virtual setting.

The “Virtual Competition Review Committee” will make sure athletes and coaches follow the rules of the Honor Code. The committee will consist of SOPA Staff and members of Local Programs, and will not tolerate any violation of the Honor Code.