



**Partnership agreement with  
Special Olympics Maryland - Montgomery County  
2023 Bocce**



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

Parent/Guardian/Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email (Main source of communication): \_\_\_\_\_

**Each athlete’s commitment to the team is critical to offering all athletes a rewarding bocce experience. Accordingly, this AGREEMENT of PARTNERSHIP is made between the coaches and the above athlete in Bocce.**

➤ **Special Olympics Athlete’s Code of Conduct.**

- I understand the provisions of the Code of Conduct and agree to conduct myself in accordance with the Code.

**The Special Olympics Athlete’s Code of Conduct**

Special Olympics athletes and Unified Sports partners agree to the following code:

**Sportsmanship**

- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, my team, and Special Olympics.
- I will not use bad language.
- I will not swear or insult other persons.
- I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers, or staff.

**Training and Competition**

- I will train regularly.
- I will learn and follow the rules of my sport.
- I will listen to my coaches and the officials and ask questions when I do not understand.
- I will always try my best during training, divisioning, and competitions.

**Responsibility for My Actions**

- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances on others.
- I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training sessions, competition, or during Games.
- I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
- I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules.

**I understand that if I do not obey this Code of Conduct, my Program or a Games Organizing Committee may not allow me to participate.**

➤ **Practice and Competition Requirements \*to qualify for participation in State Tournament:**

- I will attend at least 80% of offered practices, including qualifiers. I will arrive on time and not leave early. I will attend the entire practice session. I understand that more than 2 unexcused absences from practice will make me ineligible to participate in Summer Games. Generally, our Head Coach will only excuse absences for illness or athletes competing in State Games for a Winter Sport (i.e., Basketball). We do not expect to have practice on Easter Weekend and Memorial weekend.



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- I will be dressed and ready at the scheduled start of practice. I understand that arrival at practice more than 15 minutes late can count as an unexcused absence.
- I understand that the Head Coach can suspend my Bocce participation after a second late pickup from practice or qualifiers under [SOMO's Attendance-Transportation-Pickup Policy](#). I understand that the Policy requires that parents or caregivers responsible for pickup must be at the practice or qualifier site 15 minutes before the scheduled end of practice. I also understand that Policy defines a late pickup as 5 or more minutes after the end of practice.
- I understand that I must attend at least 2 qualifiers to qualify for Summer Games. The SOMO Qualifier at the Landon School is mandatory unless our Head Coach grants an exception in advance. Coaches will communicate dates for additional qualifiers as they are available. I will be available to play in all games at qualifiers where I participate.
- At qualifiers and competitions, I will wear the blue polo shirt provided by SOMO along with khaki pants or shorts and tennis shoes that I provide.
- I commit to fully participate in Bocce as defined in SOMO's [Guidelines for Managing Participation in Multiple Sports Within a Season Policy](#). I understand that missing Bocce practice to participate in another Special Olympics program will count as an unexcused Bocce absence, except for State Games for Winter Sports.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange transportation to Bocce practices and qualifiers and that SOMO is not able to organize such transportation.

\*Required Qualifier Competition dates and State Competition dates will be communicated by Coaches and on the SOMO website: [www.somdmontgomery.org](http://www.somdmontgomery.org)

- **I have signed up online to participate in Bocce this season (Mandatory) and, by doing so, have agreed to the Special Olympics Athlete Code of Conduct.**
- **I understand that participation in any Special Olympics sport requires a valid medical form on file with Special Olympics with an expiration date after the end of the sport's season (Summer Games) .**
- **I have had an opportunity to read the above provisions and commitments. I understand that these provisions apply to my participation in the Bocce program and that failure to comply can lead to disciplinary action.**
- I will advise my team's Head Coach and Team Manager of any dates where I cannot practice or compete. I understand that I can request a waiver to excuse an absence due to extenuating circumstances. I understand that only our Bocce Head Coach has the authority to approve such waivers.
- If I can't attend Summer Games, I will inform the coach/team manager as soon as the decision is known.
- T-shirt (unisex) /Jersey Size \_\_\_\_\_

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

➤ Parent/Guardian/Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_