## **SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes**

## **Code of Conduct/Safe Sports Guidelines**

as of 12/12/24

In order for SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes (S4EA) to help safeguard and promote the well-being of athletes, coaches, volunteers and others that participate in any S4EA activities, S4EA would like to follow Safe Sports guidelines, including;

- 1. All S4EA coaches, chaperones, staff, and board members should pass a background check every 3 years.
- 2. At all S4EA activities with S4EA athletes present, at least 2 adults should be present at the activity.
- 3. When driving an S4EA athlete, at least 2 other people should be in the vehicle.

  \*Exceptions may be made with parents & S4EA Executive Committee approval such as emergencies when an athlete left after practice with no ride, etc.

At practices, tournaments, social activities, and special events, the coach to athlete ratio varies considerably. Parents and/or guardians of athletes that need a higher level of supervision will be expected to help supervise their athlete.

In order to be a part of S4EA, all participants will be expected to observe and adhere to the following code of conduct:

- 1. Follow all sports rules of S4EA.
- 2. Follow the S4EA Fair Play Guidelines.
- 3. Follow all laws of local, state, and federal government.
- 4. Illegal drugs will not be tolerated.
- S4EA is a sports organization. Smoking should be avoided. Alcohol must be avoided at sports practices, tournaments, and SPORTS Camps (including Winter Games & other overnight events).
- 6. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, sexual orientation, or religion.
- 7. Inappropriate or illegal acts by participants will warrant S4EA to take action appropriate to the offense.

Report any violations of Code of Conduct to Executive Director, Associate Director, or S4EA Board of Directors President at S4EA.

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