



FORM G – Refusal to Compete and Commercial Markings

Special Olympics International Policy against Refusals to Compete

Special Olympics must transcend all boundaries of race, gender, religion, national origin, geography, and political philosophy, and offer sports training and competition opportunities to all eligible persons with intellectual disabilities in accordance with uniform worldwide standards.

A refusal by an Athlete or a team to compete or participate in any Special Olympics Games event based on race, gender, religion, national origin, geography, political philosophy, or any similar reason violates the principles of Special Olympics and is unacceptable. An Athlete or a team that refuses to compete at any Special Olympics Games for any such reason shall be ineligible to compete further and will be asked to leave the Games.

Every Head of Delegation and the Chief Executive of each Program that sends a delegation to a World or Regional Games and the Chief Executive of each Games Organizing Committee shall acknowledge and agree to this policy in writing prior to the relevant Games.

Delegation Compliance with General Rules Section 4.08 – Commercial Markings

The only commercial markings that may be displayed on Athletes' uniforms during Games competitions or Opening or Closing Ceremonies are the normal commercial markings of the manufacturer. On larger clothing items, such as shirts, jackets, pants, jerseys, and sweatshirts, one continued logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or logo display does not exceed an area of six square inches or 38.7 square centimeters (such as a display measuring 2" x 3" or 5.08 cm x 7.62 cm).

On small clothing items, such as caps, socks, hats, gloves and belts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or display does not exceed an area of three square inches or 19.35 square centimeters.

On athletic shoes, no logos or commercial names are permissible except for names or logos which are included by the manufacturer on athletic shoes which are sold to the general public.

Special Olympics International may take appropriate actions to remedy any violation of General Rules Section 4.08.

Head of Delegation

Program Chief Executive