



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM – ATHLETE COMPLETION
(To be completed by athlete signing on own behalf)

Instructions: Only complete this form if you do not consent to emergency medical care on religious or other grounds and have checked a box under the Emergency Care provision on the Athlete Release Form.

I, _____, am a **Special Olympics Athlete with capacity to sign documents on my own behalf and agree to the following:**

- 1. **No Consent to Emergency Medical Care.** I understand that Special Olympics' standard registration form requires athletes or their parents or guardians to consent to emergency medical care for the athlete if needed in an emergency. Based on religious beliefs or other reasons I am not consenting to emergency medical care.

YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX AND WRITE YOUR INITIALS NEXT TO ONE STATEMENT TO CONFIRM YOUR INTENT:

I DO NOT CONSENT TO ANY KIND OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, EVEN IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. INITIALS: _____

I DO NOT CONSENT TO BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS, EVEN IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. I CONSENT TO ALL OTHER KINDS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. INITIALS: _____

- 2. **Printed Instructions.** I agree to carry printed instructions that describe my religious or other objections to medical treatment and how I wish Special Olympics to respond if I get sick or hurt and cannot speak for myself. I agree to carry these printed instructions with me at all times during my participation in any Special Olympics activity, including during meal times, in overnight accommodations, at training sessions and competitions, and during travel to and from Special Olympics activities.

- 3. **Friend or Family Accompaniment.** I understand that I must be accompanied by an adult friend or family member in order for that person can take personal responsibility for me during a medical emergency where I am unable to speak for myself.

- 4. **Emergency Medical Care If Athlete Is Not Accompanied.** I understand that, if I am not carrying the printed instructions or the accompanying adult is not present and actively taking personal responsibility for me during a medical emergency where I am unable to speak for myself, Special Olympics may seek emergency medical care for me as recommended by medical professionals responding to the emergency.

- 5. **Liability Release.** I release Special Olympics, its employees, and its volunteers from all claims that may arise out of taking or failing to take measures to provide me with emergency medical care. I am agreeing to this release because I have refused, knowingly and voluntarily, to give Special Olympics permission to take emergency measures, and I am expressly withholding consent to emergency medical care on religious or other grounds.

I have read and understand this release. By signing, I agree to this release.

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing, I agree to accompany the Athlete during Special Olympics activities and take personal responsibility for the Athlete during an emergency. I understand the extent to which the Athlete does not consent to emergency medical care and agree to act in accordance with the Athlete's wishes as I understand them.

Signature of Accompanying Adult: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____