

# Special Olympics Missouri

## DRUG, ALCOHOL & TOBACCO POLICY

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1. Any Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) representatives (a Special Olympics Missouri representative is a competitor, coach, family member, chaperon, volunteer, officials, staff or board member who is participating at any Special Olympics Missouri sponsored activity) may consume medications or drugs that licensed treating physicians have prescribed for his/her use for diagnosed conditions, provided that such medication or drug is used for the specific treatment of that condition. Special Olympics Missouri strictly prohibits athletes from using any medication or drug for the sole or primary purpose of improving an athlete's performance in Special Olympics competition or training.
2. Special Olympics Missouri strictly prohibits the use of illegal drugs by any SOMO representative at any time.
3. SOMO representatives shall not consume or possess alcoholic beverages within the confines of a Special Olympics venue, stadium, competition, training site, or event, before or during the scheduled time frame of any Special Olympics competition or training. Additionally, SOMO representatives shall not arrive at Special Olympics competitions or training sessions under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
4. Special Olympics Missouri strongly discourages the use of tobacco products by SOMO representatives. SOMO representatives shall not use tobacco products during any scheduled individual event (e.g. 50 M Dash, 100 M Freestyle, Golf round, etc.) or team (e.g. Softball, Soccer, etc.) competition in which he/she is directly involved. Use of tobacco before or after competition is permitted, but only in designated smoking areas.
5. No SOMO representative shall consume or possess alcohol and/or illegal drugs while directly responsible for the supervision of Special Olympics Missouri athletes.
6. Any violation of this policy can result in the following disciplinary action:
  - a. Suspension from any current event or training in which the employee, official, delegate, coach or volunteer is involved.
  - b. Suspension from Special Olympics Missouri participation in any capacity for a designated time period.
  - c. The President of Special Olympics Missouri and/or appointed representative shall determine and impose any such suspensions. The duration of the suspension will be no more than one year from the initial suspension date. Any suspension applies to all Special Olympics Missouri events and training that occur during the suspension period.
  - d. A second offense will result in immediate and permanent expulsion from participating in Special Olympics Missouri in any capacity.