



**Special Olympics**

*Arizona*

## **Staff, Athlete and Volunteer Policy Sex and Violent Offenders**

Special Olympics Arizona (SOAZ) wishes to provide a safe environment for participants at all SOAZ events.

Effective immediately the following policy will apply to all staff, athletes and volunteers participating in SOAZ.

Any SOAZ athlete or volunteer who is alleged to have committed, or is under investigation for committing a crime of violent or sexual nature must notify SOAZ immediately in writing of the investigation or allegation and the facts surrounding it.

Anyone who has been alleged to have committed, or is under investigation for committing a crime of violent or sexual nature will be suspended indefinitely from participating in any SOAZ activity, pending resolution of that allegation or investigation.

Any person who is required by state or federal law to register with any Sex Offenders Registry is permanently barred from participating as an athlete or volunteer in any SOAZ activity.

Any person who has been convicted of a violent crime is permanently barred from participating as an athlete or volunteer in any SOAZ activity.

All staff, athletes, and volunteers are screened against the Arizona Sex Offender's Registry. SOAZ will aggressively pursue all legal remedies available to it against any individual (or that individual's parent or legal guardian) covered by this policy who willfully or negligently fails to comply with this policy's reporting and suspension requirements.