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Responsibilities of the Skaters: sportsmanship is important in a well--rounded skater. All Inclusive Skaters and participants in whatever capacity are expected to follow the Inclusive Skating Code of Conduct for Officials and all relevant policies. See the Officials Policy Manual available through the following link. This was originally issued by Inclusive Skating in its former name of Impaired Skating.

[Impaired Skating – Officials Code of Conduct](#)

Skaters are expected to give maximum effort when competing. This is the only way that the splitting according to levels (also known as divisioning in Special Olympics or classification under the IPC) can work as it was intended. Skaters who do not participate honestly and with maximum effort throughout their performances violate the spirit of competition and may even be disqualified from competition.

Responsibilities of the Coach: coaches have an important role in a skater's life and must place the health and safety of the impaired skater above all else. Coaches must follow the Official sport rules and the Special Olympics Coaches Code of Conduct and all relevant and applicable Codes of Conduct. Coaches are also critical in helping competition management teams make the splitting according to levels work and facilitating the correct evaluation and implementation of the impairment bonus. These processes work best when the coach ensures that the skater is skating at a level appropriate to their ability and that any aid to performance has been taken into account in the evaluation of the impairment.

Responsibilities of Officials: officials are critical to the sound management of events for impaired skaters. All Officials should follow and abide by the Code of Conduct for Officials and all relevant and applicable Codes of Conduct provided by the NGB, ISU and IF. All officials should take account of the additional needs required by impaired skaters and vulnerable persons.

Responsibilities of Facilitators: facilitators must ensure the safety and well-being of the impaired skater at all times. Skaters may have a facilitator present at all times who will assist the skater to commence the performance and where necessary to leave the ice surface after the performance.

The facilitator should ensure that the skater is able to perform in the competition and is able to give of their best. The facilitator may skate on to the ice with the skater where necessary. The presumption will be in favour of the facilitator skating on the ice with visually impaired skaters. At all times it will only be the performance of the impaired skater that is judged. During the performance the assistance provided by the facilitator should nevertheless be kept to a minimum and if deemed excessive will result in sanction by the Referee.

Facilitators may request adjustments to competition procedures such as the volume of the music where necessary to facilitate the performance of the skater.

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