

**Topic:** Criminal Offences and Investigations

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### Engagement of Special Olympics PEI

Special Olympics PEI will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure the safety of all athletes, coaches and volunteers participating in programs.

Special Olympics PEI must be made aware of any charges or pending charges against an athlete or volunteer.

Any member of SOPEI who is aware of another athlete or volunteer who has an existing criminal record or pending charge(s) is required to disclose/report same to SOPEI.

### Athletes

All new and returning athletes are required to answer the following question on their Athlete Registration form:

*Do you have a criminal record of any kind, or have you ever been charged with a criminal offence? Yes / No. If yes, please indicate the nature of the offence: \_\_\_\_\_*

### Athletes and Volunteers with an Existing Criminal Record or Pending Charges

While Special Olympics PEI respects an individual's right to due process of the law, any athlete or volunteer who has been charged with a criminal offence which may pose a risk to other athletes, coaches, volunteers or participants may not be allowed to participate in any Special Olympics programs and/or activities.

Any athlete or volunteer who has an existing criminal record or pending charges is required to submit a criminal record abstract and/or details of pending charges. Failure to do so will result in removal from programs/activities until the information is disclosed.

### Athletes and Volunteers Charged with a Criminal Offence

Individuals who volunteer or participate in Special Olympics PEI programs, and who are charged with a criminal offence, may be asked to withdraw from involvement with Special Olympics PEI until their charge has been resolved. (see 2000-14: Pan Canadian Code of Conduct Policy).

Athletes and Volunteers who have charges or complaints brought against them are required to disclose same to Special Olympics PEI. Details of pending charges will be required.

Active athletes may be required to submit a criminal record check as part of their annual registration process due to membership restrictions imposed by the Disciplinary and Complaints Committee.

Volunteer Criminal Record Checks are required by all Class "A" volunteers and frequency of their Criminal Record Checks can be found in the Volunteer Screening Guidelines policy 5000-15.

### Appeal Procedure – as per the 2000-14: Pan Canadian Code of Conduct Policy

Any participant may appeal restrictions placed on them but must do so within the limits set out in the 2000-14: Pan Canadian Code of Conduct Policy.