

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC POLICY MANUAL

Section: **ADMINISTRATION**
Policy: **Individuals Charged with a Criminal Offence**
Effective Date: March 1999
Revised: January 2012
Page: 1 of 1

Volunteers and athletes, or those who wish to participate in Special Olympics BC as volunteers or athletes, and who are charged with a criminal offence, may be asked to withdraw from involvement with Special Olympics BC until their charge has been resolved.

Should the charges against the individual be dropped, or if the individual is not convicted on the charges laid, the individual would be able to participate in the activities of Special Olympics BC. If the individual is convicted on the charges laid, the Special Olympics BC Volunteer Screening and Registration Policies would take effect.

Any person, athlete or volunteer, convicted of a criminal code offence, whether it is in Canada or elsewhere, must immediately inform the CEO of SOBC of the conviction, background to the conviction, the sentence resulting from that conviction and terms of probation, if any. Failure or refusal to do so will result in the immediate suspension of this individual from all SOBC involvement. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of SOBC, or their appointed designate or designates, shall determine what role, if any, an individual may play in SOBC once charges under the Criminal Code of Canada are laid against them.