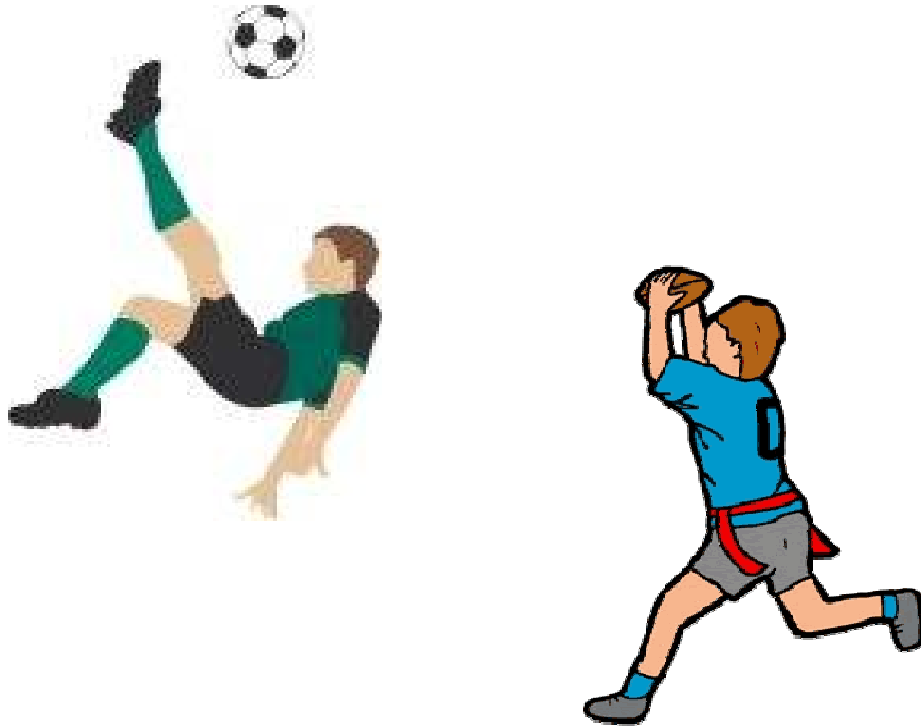




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Fall Tournament 2011



Event Handbook



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November 7, 2011

Welcome and Congratulations to All:

Welcome to the 2011 edition of our Annual Fall Tournament and congratulations to everyone for achieving your goal of participating in a state-level competition. Whether you are an athlete, partner, coach, official, volunteer or family member, this is certain to be a day that you will not soon forget.

Our soccer and flag football programs are growing at an astounding rate. We have had more teams attend assessment rounds than ever before in our history. That means that the competition is certain to be better and more intense than ever before. It is clear from my observation that our athletes are better trained and more prepared than ever to compete at this level. Our coaches deserve our congratulations and our appreciation for this.

Closer competition demands better officiating, and our volunteer officials have truly risen to the occasion. Our respect and appreciation for their hard work and dedication to making our program one of the best anywhere is certainly well deserved.

Our soccer and flag football family members are among the most supportive in all of Special Olympics. They are there to support their athletes at practice, assessment rounds and state competition. Their pride in the performance of their family members is essential and always present at these events.

Finally, our volunteers; how do we begin to thank the kind and generous students, staff and administration at Governor's Academy and the staff of the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation for making these marvelous facilities available to us and for devoting so much time and effort to making this event run so smoothly. When it comes to facilities, it is my belief that our athletes deserve the very best the state has to offer. These are clearly two of those facilities; and we are proud that they believe (as we do) and are enormously grateful to them for the unique experience that their facilities provide.

Please take a moment, if you will, as you move about to thank all of these folks for making these events possible.

Once again; welcome and congratulations. I hope everyone has a wonderful day.

Most sincerely,

Robert A. Johnson
President & CEO





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Dear Special Olympics Athletes, Coaches, Parents, and Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to The Governor's Academy for the 2011 Fall Soccer Tournament. We have been proud to partner with Special Olympics of Massachusetts for more than two decades and are confident that this year's tournament will be as successful as ever.

Many of the values celebrated by Special Olympics resonate powerfully with our school community—the benefits of physical fitness, the joy of competition, the lessons learned through working as a team toward a common goal, and perseverance in the face of adversity. The Governor's community welcomes this opportunity to host you each year, and to cheer you on as you showcase your skills on the field of competition.

As you compete today, remember the words of Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver: "You are the stars and the world is watching you... The right to play on any playing field, you have earned it." Shine brightly today, and in so doing, honor yourselves, your families, and the legacy of Mrs. Shriver through your dedication to fair play and your pursuit of victory. You *have* earned it.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Quimby '85, Ph.D.
Headmaster



Dear Special Olympics Athletes, Coaches, Parents and Friends:

On behalf of the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, it is our great pleasure to host the third annual Special Olympics Massachusetts State Flag Football & Cheerleading Games at Gillette Stadium on Sunday, November 13.

The Patriots Charitable Foundation is privileged to partner with SOMA to host the games for the third year and we look forward to joining you to celebrate. As an organization, we understand the many benefits of athletic competition. We are excited to witness what is sure to be a day of spirited competition through which life-long memories will be created. We hope the games are filled with fun, fair play, camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

You continue to be an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andre Tippett". The signature is written twice, once on the left and once on the right, with some additional scribbles and lines around it.

Andre Tippett
Executive Director of Community Relations
Patriots Hall of Fame, 1999
Pro Football Hall of Fame, 2008

Soccer

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 6, 2011

- 6:30am Volunteer Registration- General Volunteers
(Inside French Building)
- 7:00am Volunteer Registration-Escorts
(Inside French Building)
- 7:45 -8:30am Delegations arrive/register
(Inside Frost Library)
- 8:00-8:30am Athlete staging for
Opening Ceremony
(Outside Field House)
- 8:30-9:30am Opening Ceremony
- Coaches Meeting in Gymnasium During
Opening Ceremony*
- 10:00am Soccer competition begins
- 10:00am-2:00pm Olympic Town
- 10:30am Skills competition begins
- 11:30am 1:00pm Lunch delivered to competition tents



*Awards Ceremony conducted at venue tents
immediately following completion of each division*

Rain Plan: There will be a message at 6:30 a.m. regarding the status of the Soccer Tournament on 508-485-0986 Ex. 218.

Please read enclosed rain plan as well.



SOCCER SPECIAL EVENTS



OPENING CEREMONY

Parade of Athletes

All Teams

National Anthem

Speakers

Peter Quimby, The Governor's Academy
Virginia Davidson, SOMA Board of Directors
Ted Ritchie, Massachusetts Youth Soccer

Oaths

Athlete—Colin Davidson

Coach—Maggy McArdle

Official—TBD

Volunteer—Alfred Cerrone & Katie Rudolph

Torch Run



OLYMPIC TOWN

Activities

Arts & Crafts

Games,

Worcester Sharks

& Much More!



Soccer

Team Registration Info:

- ◇ Team Registration will take place in the Frost Library from 7:45-8:30am.
- ◇ In order to prevent back-ups in registration, we ask that ONE coach from each Local Program picks up the coaches packets and schedules for ALL of his/her teams.
- ◇ After coaches packets are picked up, coaches should proceed to a designated classroom where they will meet their escorts for all of their teams.
- ◇ Afterwards coaches should proceed to the field via the back entrance in order to reduce the amount of traffic in the area and help keep registration moving.
- ◇ Please do not bring any athletes into the Team Registration area.

GOOD LUCK!!





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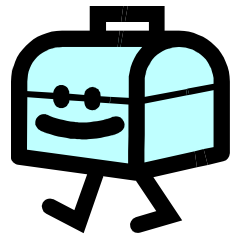
Thank you for supporting
Special Olympics Massachusetts.

Soccer

Important Lunch & Parking Info

LUNCH SERVICE

- ◇ Lunch service will run from 11:30am-1:00pm.
- ◇ Lunches will be picked up at the venue tents by your team escorts. Please do not send any athletes or coaches to pick up lunches.
- ◇ Escorts/coaches must sign off that they received their lunches as the venue tent
- ◇ Please let your escort know in advance what time you would like lunch, depending on your game schedule.



Lunch Menu: Turkey or Ham sandwich, piece of fruit, chips and juice.

******If you have specific dietary needs or do not like the choices above, please make arrangements to either bring your own food or***

PARKING

- ◇ The Governor's Academy students will be directing you to the proper place to park. Please be respectful and park in the location they direct you to.





2011 Fall Soccer Tournament Governor's Academy Event Management Team

Games Director:	Anna Finch
Co-Leaders:	Alfred Cerrone Katie Rudolph
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Opening Ceremony:	Elisabeth Bogart Connor Costello
Music:	Noah Sherman Sean Scerbo
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Team Registration:	Julia Healey Amy Levenson
Escorts:	Hannah Rausch Cam Means Katie O'Book
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Awards:	Christy Ray Greg Duchard
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Parking:	Nick Rodgers Dylan Hardy
Soccer Skills:	Megan Mullin Aakash Patel
Rovers:	Cecilia Reyes Chris Cowie Tom Driscoll



Soccer Coaches – Please Note:

1. Competition format will be **ROUND ROBIN**. Round Robin play allows for a more fair competition and better scheduling.
 - a. Each team will play all other teams in its division once
 - b. Medals will be awarded based on points
 - i. 3 points will be awarded to a team for a win
 - ii. 1 point will be awarded to a team for a tie
 - iii. 0 points will be awarded to a team for a loss
 - c. The team with the most points at the conclusion of the tournament receives the gold medal and so on.
 - d. Games will be two *fifteen (15) minute halves*.
 - e. Half time will be five (5) minutes
 - f. Games will be slotted every forty minutes starting at 10:00 a.m.

TIEBREAKER:

2. In the case that two teams end up with the same amount of points (same record):
 - a. The team that wins in the head-to-head match-up wins the tie breaker.
 - b. In the case of a three or more team tie, the differential between points scored and points scored against will determine the winner. **A cap of 5 points per game played will be used towards a team's total points to determine a winner to eliminate the incentive to run up the score during competition.** Ex. Team A beats team B 9-2, goal difference is a +5.
 - c. If teams are still tied, the team that has the fewest points scored against will determine the winner.
 - d. All forfeits count as losses and the winning team will record a winning score of 2-0. If a team has a forfeit and its record is tied with another team (s) the team with the forfeit will automatically lose the tie breaker.
3. Some teams may play **back-to-back** games. Please be aware of this in case this occurs during the **lunch hour** and be prepared.
4. Current schedules and field maps will be distributed the day of with coaches packets, as well as available at Team Registration and posted throughout the venue.
5. Shin guards, numbered uniforms and soccer cleats **MUST** be worn. No metal cleats are allowed. Football and baseball cleats may be substituted as long as front toe cleat is cut off.

Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather please contact either of the following after 6:30am:

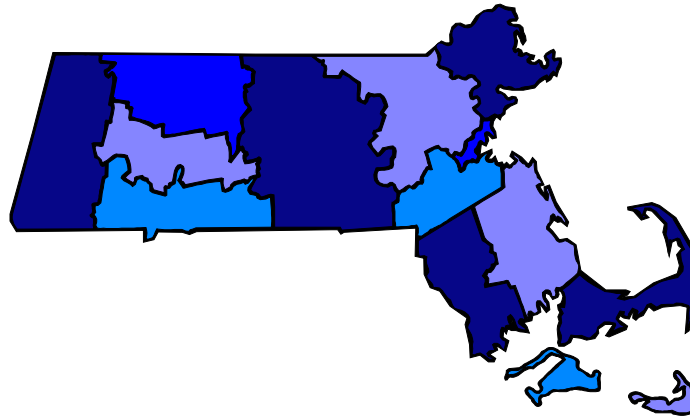
The Governor's Academy

978-465-1763

SOMA State Headquarters

508-485-0986 Ex. 218

Directions to The Governor's Academy



Directions From the North:

Take Interstate 95 South to Exit 55, Central Street, Byfield. From the ramp turn left and follow the directions below.

Directions From the South:

Take Interstate 95 North to Exit 55, Central Street, Byfield. Follow the red Governor Dummer Academy signs that mark the route: From the ramp, turn right onto a winding country road. Stay on Central Street and cross a small bridge. Central street becomes School Street which you will follow to the end. Turn left onto Elm Street and travel one mile before turning left onto the campus at the GDA sign.

Directions From the West:

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Route 128 North. Take Interstate 95 North and follow the directions above.

Football & Cheerleading

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 13, 2011

Session One

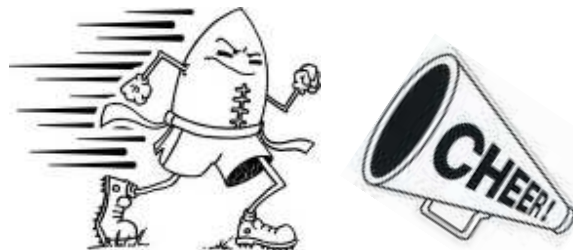
8:00-8:30am	Team Registration
8:15-8:40am	Staging for Opening Ceremony
8:30am	Coaches Meeting
8:45am	Opening Ceremony
9:30am	Competition Begins
12:00pm	Competition Ends

Session Two

11:30 –12:00pm	Team Registration
12:00-12:20pm	Staging for Opening Ceremony
12:15 pm	Coaches Meeting
12:30pm	Opening Ceremony
1:15pm	Competition Begins
3:45pm	Competition Ends

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each division and will be passed out in the plaza outside the stadium in front of the Gillette Stadium Ticket windows and Patriots Hall of Fame.

When exiting the stadium all teams in session one must leave through the east stands and down the ramp to the plaza. This traffic pattern MUST be followed so we can stage the teams arriving for session two's opening ceremony.



Football & Cheerleading SPECIAL EVENTS

Opening Ceremony

Parade of Athletes

All Teams and Pat the Patriot

National Anthem

Speakers

Bob Johnson–President and CEO, SOMA

Oaths

Athlete

Coach

Official

Volunteer

Law Enforcement Torch Run



Football & Cheerleading

General Info:

Team Registration:

- ◇ Team Registration will take place from 8:00-8:30am for session one and from 11:30-12:00pm for session two.
- ◇ Teams will receive wrist bands for each athlete, partner, and coach. Wrist bands must be worn at all times. Only those with wrist bands will be allowed access to the field SOMA will not be passing out additional wrist bands

Lunch:

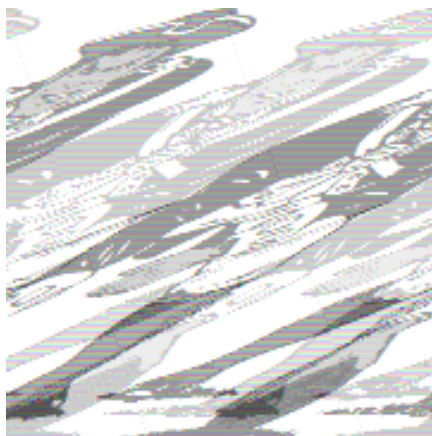
- ◇ SOMA will not be providing lunch
- ◇ Coupons and discounted meal vouchers will be made available to restaurants at Patriots Place and will be handed out at Team Registration

Directions

- ◇ **From Cape Cod:** Interstate 495 North to Exit 14A onto Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North approximately 4 miles to Gillette Stadium (on the right).
- ◇ **From Boston:** Interstate 93 South (S.E. Expressway) to Interstate 95 South; Take Interstate 95 South to Exit 9 (Wrentham) onto Route 1 South. Follow Route 1 South approximately 3 miles to Gillette Stadium
- ◇ **From Maine, New Hampshire:** Interstate 128 South to Interstate 95 South; Exit 9 onto Route 1 South. Follow Route 1 South approximately 3 miles to Gillette Stadium
- ◇ **From Northern Connecticut, Vermont, Upstate New York:** Interstate 90 East (Massachusetts Turn pike) to Route 495 South; Exit 14A onto Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North approximately 4 miles to Gillette Stadium
- ◇ **From Southern Connecticut, Rhode Island:** Interstate 95 North to Interstate 495 North; Exit 14A onto Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North approximately 4 miles to Gillette Stadium

Parking:

- ◇ Parking is available in Lots 4A, 4B, 4C or 3A.





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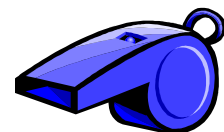
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Fall Tournament Coaches Responsibilities

- ◇ **Provide for the general welfare, safety, health and well-being of each athlete in your charge.**
 - Check that your athletes are properly dressed for prevailing weather conditions.
 - Assure that your athletes are assembled at the proper time and place for ceremonies, meals, training and competitions.
- ◇ **Be thoroughly familiar with all information in this handbook.**
- ◇ **Provide the following specific services to each Special Olympics athlete under your care.**
 - Supervision 24 hours a day in cooperation with other coaches in your delegation.
 - Assistance in accounting for personal items at all times. Assistance in getting to meals and competitions at scheduled times. Making sure prescribed medications are taken at proper times.
 - Keeping track of equipment and assuring athletes use only equipment specifically fitted to each individual.
 - Accompanying your athletes to and from competitions, sports venues and special events.
 - Dress and act at all times in a manner which will credit Special Olympics Massachusetts and your delegation.
- ◇ Have copies of all athlete medicals in your possession.
- ◇ Report all emergencies to appropriate authorities after taking immediate action to ensure the health and safety of participants.
- ◇ Know the location of the nearest medical service personnel at all times.
- ◇ Be courteous to all volunteers.
- ◇ Be aware that no alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs will be allowed at any competition or special event site.
- ◇ **Smoking is not allowed at any competition or special event site.**
- ◇ Abide by athlete/coach ratios of 3:1 for individual sports and 4:1 for team sports.
- ◇ Note that special equipment such as elbow pads, walkers, personal items and competition aids are the responsibility of the local programs.

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES
WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM
THE FALL TOURNAMENT



Special Olympics Massachusetts Coaches' Code of Conduct

A SOMA coach always:

- Exemplifies the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
- Respects the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- Abides by the rules of the sport.
- Respects the integrity and judgment of sport officials.
- Demonstrates a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching.
- Displays modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Promotes ethical relationship among coaches.
- Fulfills responsibility to provide a safe environment.
- Encourages the highest standard of conduct and achievement among all athletes.
- Strives to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, pride, and good judgment.
- (Most of all) Has fun and “HONORS THE SPORT!”

A SOMA Mentor / Coach / Teacher always:

- Serves as a model for behavior.
- Dresses his/her athletes and himself/herself in appropriate attire.
- Keeps open communication to all.
- Is responsible for the following paper work:
 - Pre-registration
 - Final registration
 - Medicals up-to-date
 - All sport forms completed
- Brings ALL copies of paperwork to all practices and competitions.
- Recognizes individual and team limitations and qualities.
- Is patient, understanding, supportive, sensitive, accountable, organized, and works hard through determination and perseverance.
- Motivates in the most positive of terms/makes it fun.

*“I pledge to honor the Special Olympics spirit,
rewarding performance and effort over results.
I will coach all athletes in training and competition, sharing knowledge,
and fostering teamwork, respect, integrity, pride and joy. “*

Special Olympics Massachusetts Athlete Code of Conduct

A committee consisting of Special Olympics athletes, coaches, staff and family members developed the following four-part Special Olympics Massachusetts Athlete Code of Conduct.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- I will:
 - ◇ Learn, follow and respect the rules of Special Olympics Massachusetts.
 - ◇ Encourage teammates.
 - ◇ Have fun.

II. SPORTSMANSHIP

- I will:
 - ◇ Control my temper and my teammates' tempers, not fight with others, and not use bad language.
 - ◇ Be fair to others and not taunt other teams or players.
 - ◇ Not cheat, lie or fake injuries.
 - ◇ Keep a positive attitude.

III. TRAINING & COMPETITION

- I will:
 - ◇ Respect my coaches by attending practice on time, participating in all activities, paying attention and trying my hardest at all times.
 - ◇ Dress appropriately for games and competition, bring and keep track of the proper equipment for my sport.
 - ◇ Appreciate the efforts of my teammates and coaches, communicate and ask questions.

IV. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- I will:
 - ◇ Not smoke, drink alcohol or use illegal drugs at Special Olympics events, training and competitions.
 - ◇ Respect others' privacy and boundaries, i.e.; no flirting, or using inappropriate words or behavior.
 - ◇ Always stay with my team at Special Olympics events, training and competition or let my coach know my whereabouts.
 - ◇ Practice good hygiene, eat well, get the proper amount of sleep and make sure I have the proper medications, take my medications or get help and alert my coach to any changes.

*“Let me win, but if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt!”*

Special Olympics Massachusetts Volunteer Code of Conduct

- I will fulfill the responsibilities of my volunteer assignment.
- I will set a good example for the Special Olympics athletes.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and cooperation.
- I will be vigilant and aware of the safety of the participants.
- I will not smoke while volunteering.
- I will refrain from the consumption and/or use of alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed, controlled substances.
- I will seek medical attention for athletes/volunteers who show signs of injury, illness, or distress.
- I will wear my credential and I understand it must be visible during events.
- I am specifically granting permission to Special Olympics Massachusetts to use my likeness, voice and words in media for the purpose of advertising or communicating the purposes and activities of Special Olympics.

I understand that any infraction of the Volunteer Code of Conduct can result in, but is not limited to, my dismissal from my volunteer assignment.



"I promise to give of the time in my life so that Special Olympics athletes can have the time of their lives. I promise to support Special Olympics not just as an expression of charity, but as a form of respect for my fellow human beings. I promise to spread the word of volunteerism because, in giving, I receive so much more in return."

Special Olympics Massachusetts Family Member Code of Conduct

Preamble:

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects “the six pillars of character.”

As a SOMA Family member I pledge that:

- I will not force my athlete to participate in sports.
- I will remember that athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not the family members.
- I will see to it that my athlete’s medical form is up-to-date, complete, and on file.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the SOMA policies.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my athlete and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or competition.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, or family member such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my athlete to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my athlete treat other athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I will teach my athlete that doing one’s best is more important than winning so that my athlete will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my athlete for competing fairly and trying hard, and I will make my athlete feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my athlete or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my athlete over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire that I may have for my athlete to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and competitions and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches during competitions. Instead, I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my athlete that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events and competitions.
- I will refrain from coaching my athlete or other athletes during competitions and practices.

As a SOMA Family Member I also understand that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not be limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by officials, coaches, and/or SOMA personnel,
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file in the Section and SOMA state office,
- Written warning,
- Game forfeit through official or coach, and/or
- Season suspension.

Evaluation Form: Soccer or Football (please circle)



STATE EVENT: 2011 Fall Tournament

Please complete this form and return to: Special Olympics Massachusetts, The Yawkey Sports Training Center, 512 Forest Street, Marlboro, MA 01752

Please check the rating that most closely describes your evaluation of the indicated aspects of this event.

AREA OF EVALUATION	5	4	3	2	1	*N/A	Comments
Pre-Event Information (Schedule, Directions, etc)							
On-Site Registration							
Food							
Opening Ceremony							
Facilities							
Special Events							
Competition							
Adequate No. of Officials & Volunteers							
Adequate Competition Site							
Adequate Staging of Athletes							
Rules followed							
Adherence to Schedule							
Appropriate Divisioning							
Awards							
Venues Adequately Identified (signage) and Decorated							

*Not observed

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