Purpose:

To ensure athletes and coaches are being transported by legally, qualified drivers and vehicles.

Policy:

When driving athletes to programs and/or events, coaches must have a valid Class 4 driver's license when transporting 8 or more in the same vehicle; seven or less occupants must be transported by a driver with a valid Class 5 driver's license. If a driver is under the age of 18 years, and holds a valid license, a letter from their legal guardian is required outlining the individual is allowed to transport athletes.

Buses and other vehicles used to transport athletes and coaches must be properly licensed to do so in the Province of Manitoba. There must be a coach, or designate, 18 years of age or older, in the vehicle, in addition to the driver.

Individuals transporting athletes to any Special Olympics programs, events and activities must have a valid driver's license. Head Coaches must ensure they have a valid driver's license prior to departure.

The following precautions should be taken when transporting athletes:

- Ensure other athletes/individuals are in the vehicle
- Ensure that the ride is approved by the parent/care-giver
- Ensure that the ride is given directly to the individuals' place of residence

In the case of an accident, contact the parent/caregiver immediately and Special Olympics Manitoba as soon as possible.