



Unified Sports Team Participation Agreement

It is critical that teams competing in Special Olympics Unified Sports competitions understand and abide by the Special Olympics Unified Sports model rules, philosophy and intent. To ensure that Special Olympics Unified Sports continues to grow and that Programs and spectators see the correct presentation of Unified Sports competitions, the following must be adhered to, understood and implemented by teams sending athletes and partners to participate in Unified Sports competitions.

- 1) Unified Sports team rosters shall be comprised of approximately equal number of teammates with intellectual disabilities (athletes) and teammates without intellectual disabilities (partners).
- 2) Coaches of Unified Sports team sports shall not participate as partners during the competition.
- 3) In consideration of safety and dominant play, no player shall be selected for a team who has an ability level that places others or self at risk of injury.
- 4) The composition of a Unified Sports team shall not include players who, because of an ability level disproportionate to that of their teammates, are able to:
 - a) Dominate play;
 - b) Exclude other teammates from contributing to the success of the team; or
 - c) Present a health and safety risk on the field of play.
- 5) The intent of Unified Sports is to give Special Olympics athletes and opportunity to play side-by-side at the same skill level with their teammates without intellectual disabilities.

Agreement: I have read the above memorandum and pledge that our Unified Sports team is organized in accordance with the Special Olympics Unified Sports competitive model. I understand the rules, philosophy and intent of this program and agree to abide by these guiding policies and principles. Failure to abide by guiding policies and principles will result in disqualification.

Signature of Head Coach, Unified Sports Team

Name of Sport

Signature of Head of Delegation

Name of Delegation