

# MIRAN BREJC



AGE: 27  
COUNTRY: Slovenia

HOMETOWN: Ljubljana  
POSITION: Forward



**STORY:** Miran is a 27 year-old forward from Slovenia who has been playing football for 15 years. Miran began playing football in elementary school, but did not have a real team on which to play until he joined Special Olympics. He enjoys playing offense because it is exciting and fast-paced.

In addition to playing football, Miran swims, runs and plays table tennis and basketball. He is a very accomplished athlete who is dedicated to helping others achieve their goals through Special Olympics. In 2007 Miran was a team captain for Slovenia in the Unified Tournament in Monaco and he recently became the Athletes Representative for the Executive Committee of Special Olympics Slovenia.

When Miran is not playing football or competing in other Special Olympics sports, he likes spending time with friends and going to the cinema. On the weekends, he loves to cycle in the mountains and attend hockey and basketball matches with his friends. Currently, Miran works for a conservation work center, where he is a member of the football team. His team has been hugely successful and has won the Special Olympics Slovenia football league title four years in a row.

As a team leader, Miran takes charge to lead stretches and warm-ups before every training session. He is truly committed to the sport and is always working hard to do his best. His coaches describe him as an ambitious, generous, honest and humble athlete who is always prepared to help others.

Miran is very excited to compete in the Unity Cup and is thankful to Special Olympics for allowing him to express himself, meet new friends and travel around the world. Miran's dream is to be the best football player he can be, and while he is determined to win, he knows that winning is not everything; instead he believes that the spirit of sportsmanship is what makes each of us a winner.