



Getting Started Checklist

Fans in the Stands



Fans in the Stands commit to ensuring that every student or team has supporting fans who cheer at every game, rain or shine, win or lose. Often organized by the Unified Club, Fans in the Stands efforts tap into the core values and attributes of unity, acceptance, empowerment, respect, inclusion, pride, confidence, and fun.

- 1. Schedule a meeting with the Unified Champion School Leadership Team** to discuss getting Fans in the Stands implemented in your school. Develop a timeline for recruiting, organizing and preparing for the activities.
- 2. Organize groups of students** who may be interested in being fans in the stands. This effort may be organized by the Unified Club, Pep Club, Cheerleading Squad or other group at the school.
- 3. Develop a calendar** of all interscholastic, Special Olympics and Unified Sports events that will take place during each semester.
- 4. Publicize Fans in the Stands.** Communicate with school staff about the dates of events. Ask staff to attend, if possible, and to assist with communication through announcements, the school website and the school newsletter.
- 5. Identify students** who will take responsibility for ensuring cheering fans are present at each event.
- 6. Prior to each event, create items** such as posters and t-shirts to encourage the team.