

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



Special Olympics



AND

The Badminton World Federation

1. Background

WHEREAS the mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

WHEREAS the Badminton World Federation (BWF) is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as the world governing body for badminton, responsible for the development of badminton globally with a vision to *give every child the chance to play badminton for life*. The BWF has a global membership of 204 Member Associations and is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. BWF is registered under the International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1992 in Malaysia.

1. Purpose

This memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as the 'MoU') intends to set out the general principles of mutual cooperation in the area of promotion of badminton. The MoU defines and formalises the relationship between the parties and sets out their roles and responsibilities within the partnership. The following principles shall govern the structure of this cooperation:

- 1.1 The Parties agree to collaborate and cooperate on issues of mutual interest as set out below, which are consistent with the respective missions, goals, and policies of both organisations.
- 1.2 The Parties will aim to maximise existing resources and minimise costs related to their cooperation.
- 1.3 The Parties will promote their cooperation within their organisations and with their own respective members.

This MoU is not intended to be legally binding between the Parties.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

2.1 Strategic Framework

The Parties agree that their cooperation under this MoU shall be guided by the BWF–SOI Global Badminton Development Strategy 2026–2031 (the "Strategic Plan"), which outlines the shared vision, priority impact areas, and strategic initiatives for the development and promotion of inclusive badminton globally. The Strategic Plan is incorporated by reference into this MoU and shall serve as the primary framework for implementation, planning, and evaluation of joint initiatives. For the avoidance of doubt, the Strategic Plan is intended as a collaborative framework only and does not create legally binding obligations between the Parties.

2.2 Responsibilities of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, BWF will:

- Provide strategic leadership and technical expertise within the global badminton ecosystem to support inclusive development initiatives

- Facilitate engagement with BWF Continental Confederations and Member Associations, where appropriate, to support regional and national-level collaboration
- Support alignment of rules, standards, education pathways, and competition opportunities with agreed objectives under the Strategic Plan

2.3 Responsibilities of Special Olympics International (SOI)

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, SOI will:

- Lead and support the implementation of agreed initiatives through its global, regional, and national Special Olympics network
- Provide sport development expertise related to athletes with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Coordinate engagement with Special Olympics Programs and stakeholders to advance participation, training, and competition opportunities in badminton

2.4 Joint Responsibilities

The Parties will jointly:

- Collaborate across the Strategic Plan's key impact areas, including development, competition and events, partnerships, and communications
- Monitor progress and share relevant information to support effective delivery of agreed initiatives
- Promote the partnership and its impact through coordinated communications and engagement activities, as outlined in the Strategic Plan

2.5 Review and Updates

The Parties may jointly review and update the Strategic Plan from time to time by mutual written agreement. Any such updates shall not require amendment to this MoU unless expressly agreed by the Parties. Nothing in this MoU shall obligate either Party to provide funding, financial contributions, or in-kind support unless separately agreed in writing.

3. Coordination and Communication

3.1 Coordination - Special Olympics and BWF will each appoint an individual contact person at administrative secretariat level to manage and track the day-to-day tasks deriving from this MoU, the strategic plan and the coordination with their respective members. This may include logistics, delivery of digital files, assistance with questions and/or provision of services donated by each organisation. The Parties shall organise regular working meetings, with a minimum of one (1) in person meeting per year, to discuss updates and consider matters of mutual interest in areas of development and implementation of cooperation initiatives.

3.2 Name and logo - To the extent required to fulfill this MoU, the parties shall obtain written approval from the other party, to use each other's name and logo. Both parties reserve the right to refuse to attach its name, logos and marks to any project held by the other party during this term

4. Term and Termination of this Mou

This MoU shall become effective *as of the last date signed below* and shall run until 31 December 2031 unless terminated by either party in writing by observing a notice period of three (3) months at the end of each calendar year.

5. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

The mutual cooperation between the parties is based upon mutual confidence and trust. The parties will make all efforts to resolve any dispute which may arise between them, amicably and in good faith.

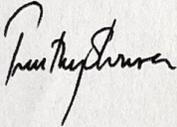
6. Final Provisions

Any changes and/or modifications to this MoU must be in writing in order to be valid. If individual provisions of this MoU should be or become invalid, null or void, this shall not affect the remaining provisions of this MoU. The parties shall then replace any invalid, null or void provision with a provision that best reflects the economic objective of the MoU and the intention of the Parties.

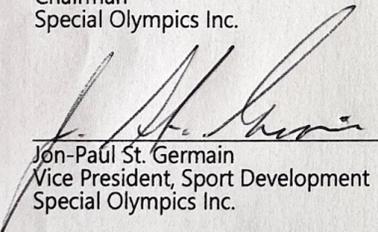
Each Party shall conduct its activities under this MoU in compliance with applicable laws, including anti-corruption, safeguarding, and non-discrimination laws and policies. The Parties acknowledge that giving and taking bribes can lead to criminal proceedings in accordance with applicable law. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, agency, or employment relationship between the Parties. Neither Party has authority to bind the other.

7 March 2026, Birmingham, England

On behalf of Special Olympics

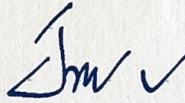


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