

**Special
Olympics**



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

Special Olympics International

AND

Badminton World Federation

Background

Special Olympics International (SOI) and Badminton World Federation (BWF) establish this MoU as a means to enhance their mutual interests and agree upon a framework for long-term, strategic cooperative support. This document expresses the intent of the two parties to establish a long-term cooperation based on the elements listed below.

Shared Values

Special Olympics International and Badminton World Federation share common values, which place a strong focus on providing high quality sporting experiences and opportunities for all. SOI and BWF recognise and understand the power of sport and the positive impact sport can have on the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Working together, Special Olympics International and the Badminton World Federation will strive to develop a plan to increase the growth, quality and frequency of badminton participation through increased coaching quality, more frequent inclusive (Unified Sports) training and competition opportunities, to ensure all Special Olympics Badminton players with and without intellectual disabilities realize the positive mental, physical and social health benefits of sport.

Badminton World Federation Pledge

- To provide access to free teaching and coaching resources, which support the delivery of a safe, fun and positive experience of badminton to children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
- To provide high quality training opportunities, where appropriate to identified Special Olympics personnel.
- To proclaim its unanimous support of Special Olympics and the inclusion of badminton as a Special Olympic sport and the ideals of inclusion through Badminton

Special Olympics International Pledge

- To recognise BWF as an official international partner of Special Olympics International, where appropriate and consistent with recognition given to other similarly situated partners
- To endorse the BWF Shuttle Time and Coach Education programmes as examples of best practice in supporting the growth and development of badminton as an inclusive sport for all, where appropriate and consistent with Special Olympics programming.

Special Olympics International and Badminton World Federation establish this MoU as a means to enhance their mutual interests and agree upon a framework for long-term, cooperative support in the areas of *Development, Events, Partnerships and Communications*.

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