



Memorandum of Understanding

Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia and European Hockey Federation

Concluded between

European Hockey Federation (EHF), Avenue des Arts 1-2, 1210, Belgium VAT number: BE 0884 335 538, (hereinafter referred to as EHF); and

It is an independent legal entity and one of the Continental Federations that comprises the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

The European Hockey Federation (EHF) is the governing body of hockey in Europe. It was founded in 1969 in Cardiff, Wales. The Executive Board, which is composed of the President, Director General and 11 elected members from all over Europe.

The EHF is composed of the Member Associations of European nations (43) that govern hockey in their countries. The EHF is one of 5 Continental Federations that are affiliated to the International Hockey Federation (FIH), the world governing body for hockey. (www.fih.ch)

Our Mission Statement:

"To encourage, promote, develop and administer hockey in Europe at all levels. To maximise participation, governance standards, enjoyment, and community involvement. The work of the EHF and its efforts shall be based on democracy, loyalty, equality. We recognise the importance of our member National Associations, athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials and wider workforce. To maintain hockey as a recognised Olympic Sport and a part of the Summer Olympic Programme."

and

Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia (SOEE), a regional office of Special Olympics, Inc. ("SOI") for 58 countries in Europe and Central Asia, a non-profit organization, having its registered office at 42 Mount Street Upper, Dublin 2 and registered under the laws of Ireland (REGISTER NUMBER: 905990)].

Special Olympics mission:

"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 , (individually the "Party", together the "Parties")."

Recognizing the importance of the development of a high-quality sport for players with intellectual disabilities and deciding to cooperate in this matter, the two Parties have reached the following understanding:

This memorandum of understanding ("Memorandum of Understanding" or "MoU") is a statement of intention between the Parties in relation to the issues mentioned in this Memorandum of Understanding. It is not intended that this Memorandum of Understanding creates any contractual relationship or that it shall be legally binding on the Parties.

Principles of Cooperation

To achieve these objectives, Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia and European Hockey Federation will:

- cooperate in the development of content and materials that can be delivered through both networks;
- be in regular contact and share information related to upcoming programs and initiatives;
- be open to identifying potential areas for practical cooperation;
- provide advice and support on related issues; and
- where appropriate, share information and resources with both international networks.

In the spirit of cooperation, the Parties agree to:

- support each other in their respective endeavors, including programs and events; and
- acknowledge this MOU in organizational communications, including the website, social media, newsletters, episodes etc. Include the other Party's logo with a link to their website.

Additional fields of cooperation and amendments

In order to pursue the cooperation, either Party may propose specific arrangements and additional fields of cooperation of mutual benefit for consideration by other Party. The Parties are expected to consult together upon request of either Party regarding any matter relating to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent in writing between the Parties.

Funding

The present Memorandum of Understanding is intended to exclude any direct cost by the Parties.

Validity

This MOU commences on the date it is signed by both Parties and will continue until terminated by either Party in writing. The terminating Party will give at least three months' notice.

"Let me win. But if I can not win, let me be brave in the attempt"

Special Olympics oath

European Hockey Federation

Ms. Marijke Fleuren
President

Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia

Mr. David Evangelista
President and Managing Director

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