



Proclamation



Between

Special Olympics, Inc. and the International Canoe Federation

Background

Special Olympics, Inc. (SOI) and the International Canoe Federation (ICF) establish this proclamation 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

SOI and ICF have common values, which place a strong focus on providing high quality sporting experiences and opportunities for all. SOI and ICF recognize and understand the power of sports and the positive impact sports can have on the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

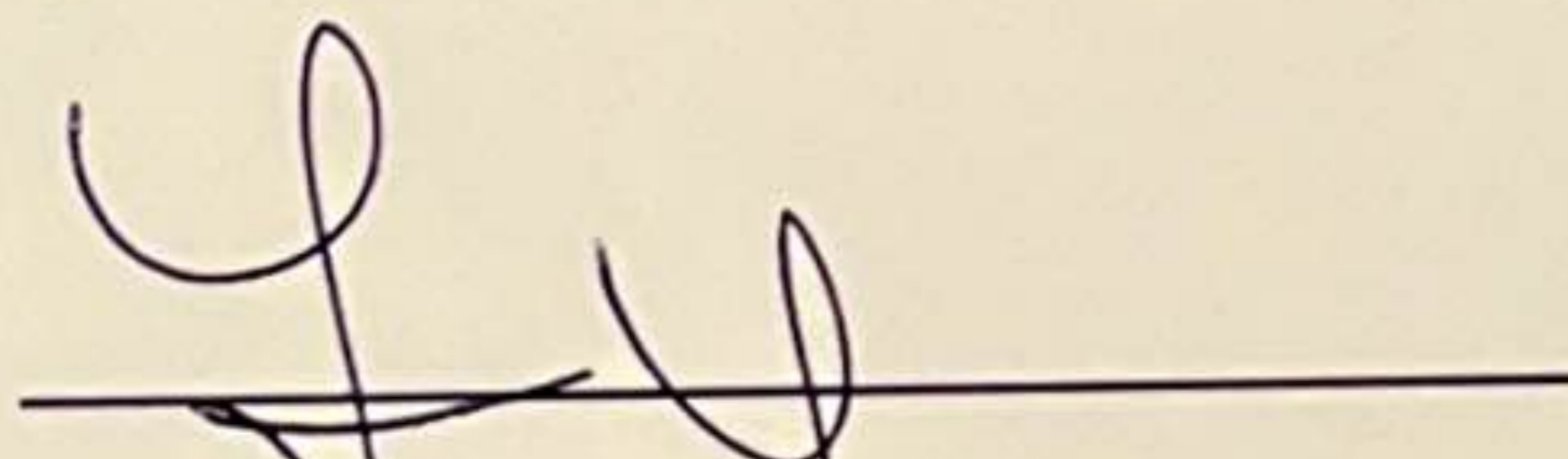
International Canoe Federation Pledge

- To provide access to free teaching and coaching resources, which support the delivery of a safe, fun and positive experience of paddlesports 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 paddlesports as a sport offered at the international level.

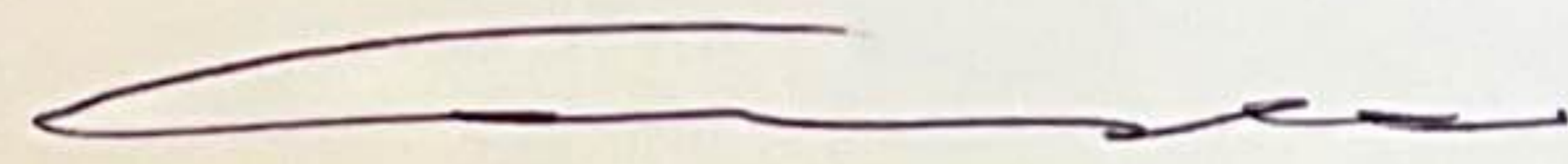
Special Olympics Inc. Pledge

- To recognize ICF as the international paddlesports partner of Special Olympics Inc.
- To acknowledge the ICF coach education programs as examples of best practice in supporting the growth and development of paddlesports as an inclusive sport for all.
- To use adopted ICF resources as training and competition programs for people with intellectual disabilities
- Increase the number of athletes with intellectual disabilities around the world that practice paddlesports.

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