



Special
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Memorandum of Understanding

Special Olympics, Inc. (SOI) and the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

Concluded between

International Hockey Federation (FIH), Rue du Valentin 61, CH-1004 Lausanne, Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as "FIH").

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, as well as by the FIH's Members and the Continental Federations, as the sole ultimate governing body for the sport of Hockey throughout the world.

FIH Fundamental purpose:

"To promote and develop Hockey at all levels throughout the world, in accordance with the rights and freedoms of the Olympic Charter, and without discrimination of any kind, such as race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."

and

Special Olympics, Inc. (SOI) is the governing body of the global Special Olympics movement. Special Olympics is responsible for maintaining and implementing the Special Olympics General Rules, which include the requirements, obligations, and policies that guide all levels of the movement.

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, SOI and FIH 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

International Hockey Federation

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