



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION (IJF)
AND
SPECIAL OLYMPICS, INC. (SOI)**

Period: 2025-2027

Preamble:

The International Judo Federation (hereinafter: IJF) is a non-profit association, operating independently under Hungarian law, with a mission to promote and develop Judo worldwide. The IJF fosters the unity and excellence of Judo players, who serve as inspirational role models for people from diverse backgrounds.

Special Olympics (hereinafter: SOI) provides year-round sports training and competition across 190 countries world-wide, for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities. SOI athletes exemplify courage, joy, and inclusivity, transcending geographical, cultural, and social boundaries.

The IJF expresses strong support and affinity for SOI and its athletes, celebrating their achievements and dedication to sportsmanship. As a result, the IJF and SOI have agreed to sign this "Memorandum of Understanding" to work together on the promotion and development of Judo among athletes with intellectual disabilities world-wide. This MOU is a statement of intent and does not create any legally binding obligations or rights between the parties.

Goals for Collaboration

- Promote equality, accessibility, and inclusion in the sport of Judo.
- Support the integration of Special Olympics Judo within broader Judo structures at all levels.
- Expand the "Judo - More than Sport" initiative for athletes with intellectual disabilities.
- Make Special Olympics Judo coaching resources available to general Judo coaches.
- Increase public awareness of Special Olympics Judo.
- Encourage the growth of Special Olympics Judo athlete participation.

Communications and Public Awareness:

- Joint participation in presentations at conferences.
- Cross-promotion on SOI and IJF social media and websites.
- Yearly newsletters on IJF and SOI channels.

- SOI and IJF shall collaborate on periodic updates (at least annually) to Continental & National Judo Federations regarding the IJF-SOI partnership, with the content and format to be mutually agreed upon.

Cooperation at Major IJF and SOI Events:

- Showcase demonstrations by SOI athletes at IJF events. All Special Olympics athletes participating in IJF events shall do so in accordance with Special Olympics' sports rules and guidelines, ensuring compliance with the organization's safety and inclusion policies.
- IJF will grant complimentary entry to a mutually agreed number of SOI coaches, athletes, and families at designated IJF events, subject to availability and event capacity constraints. Accreditation for participation in IJF events shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Promotion of Judo collaboration through SOI's social media and website.
- SOI acknowledges the values of Judo and may, at its discretion after prior consultation and approval from IJF, promote relevant IJF events through its platforms. Any use of SOI's name, logo, or endorsement in connection with IJF events must receive prior written approval from SOI.
- Technical Support: IJF agrees to provide technical support, including the provision of tatamis and IT assistance, for joint events organized by the IJF and SOI. The scope and extent of this support shall be mutually agreed upon in writing before each event, and any costs incurred shall be allocated as agreed by the parties in advance.
- Event Coordination: the IJF will support SOI in securing arrangements to utilize IJF event venues and resources before or after scheduled IJF events, facilitating a seamless integration of joint activities.

Term

The Term of this MOU shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for two years when it will be reviewed. Either party may terminate this MOU without cause at any time by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the other parties provided. The obligations under the Confidentiality and Personal Information sections shall remain in effect after termination. This MOU may be amended only by a written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

Confidentiality

For the purposes of this MOU, 'Confidential Information' means any non-public, proprietary, or sensitive information disclosed by one party to the other, whether in written, electronic, or oral form, including but not limited to business plans, financial statements, technical data, trade secrets, strategies, internal reports, operational procedures, and any other materials marked or reasonably understood to be confidential. Confidential Information does not include information that: (i) was known to the receiving party prior to disclosure without an obligation of confidentiality; (ii) is or becomes publicly available through no fault of the receiving party; or (iii) is independently developed by the receiving party without reliance on the disclosing party's Confidential Information.

Each party agrees that it shall not use, disclose, or disseminate Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing party. The obligations under this section shall remain in effect after the termination of this MOU for a period of three (3) years. However, a party may disclose Confidential Information if required by applicable law, regulation, or court order, provided that the disclosing party gives prior notice to the other party, where legally permissible.

Personal Information

The relationship contemplated by this MOU may require a party to access individually identifiable personal data of Special Olympics participants, employees, volunteers, donors, website visitors, and /or other people associated with SOI ("Personal Data") such as a name, personal address, email address, photograph, identification number, or health information. IJF and SOI may access, use, and disclose Personal Information only to the extent necessary to fulfill their obligations outlined in this MOU and in accordance with SOI's Privacy and Data Security Policy (<https://www.specialolympics.org/privacy-policy>) and IJF's Privacy Notice (https://78884ca60822a34fb0e6-082b8fd5551e97bc65e327988b444396.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/up/2024/04/IJF_General_Privacy_Notice-03--1714043986.pdf). Both parties shall process Personal Data in compliance with all applicable data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant privacy regulations

Relationship of the parties

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a legal partnership between the parties. No party shall have the authority to bind any other party, nor shall the employees, volunteers, and agents of one party be considered employees, volunteers, or agents of the other parties. Each party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions and those of its employees, agents, and representatives.

Miscellaneous

Any use of SOI intellectual property, including logos, trademarks, and promotional materials, must comply with SOI's Brand Guidelines and requires prior written approval from SOI. Any use of IJF intellectual property, including logos, trademarks, and promotional materials, requires prior written approval from the IJF. Each party shall be responsible for its own costs and expenses related to the implementation of this MOU unless otherwise agreed mutually in writing.

Notices

Any notice given under this MOU shall be deemed received if in writing and if sent by hand delivery, by an overnight courier who provides confirmation of delivery, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the applicable party at the following addresses:

If to SOI

Special Olympics, Inc.

2600 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037

Attn: Brandon Fitzgerald, Chief Legal Officer & Secretary, bfitzgerald@specialolympics.org

With a copy to: legal@specialolympics.org

If to the IJF

International Judo Federation

1051 József Attila utca 1., Budapest, Hungary

With a copy to: gs@ijf.org

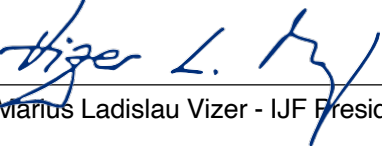
Entire Agreement

This MOU reflects the entire mutual understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the parties affix their signatures below as of the Effective Date:

Signatories:


Having read and interpreted the present Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties hereto have signed it as proof of their willing consent.


Marius Ladislau Vizer - IJF President

Place, date: Budapest, 20 May 2025


Naser Al Tamimi - IJF General Treasurer

Place, date: Budapest, 20 May 2025


Mary Davis – Special Olympics, Inc. CEO

Place, date: Washington, DC, 20 May 2025


Lou Lauria – Special Olympics, Inc.
Chief of Sport & Competition

Place, date: Washington, DC, 20 May 2025