



Special Olympics



**Proclamation Between the Fédération
Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)
and Special Olympics**

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WHEREAS the FIVB is the world governing body of volleyball and beach volleyball

WHEREAS the FIVB aims to develop Volleyball and Beach Volleyball from the grassroots and increase its social relevance while positioning the sport as the number one family sport in the world.

WHEREAS the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) is an organization that offers people of all ages, irrespective of gender, culture, social background, or physical ability the opportunity to experience the joy of Volleyball and realize the physical and mental health benefits of the sport;

NOW, therefore, FIVB hereby proclaims its full support and affinity for Special Olympics and its Volleyball and Beach Volleyball athletes, whose extraordinary courage represents the true spirit of sportsmanship.

WHEREAS the mission of Special Olympics is 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.

WHEREAS in countries throughout the world Special Olympics athletes offer inspiration to all people through their accomplishments and dedication; and

WHEREAS the spirit of Special Olympics athletes' skills, courage, acceptance and joy transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race and religion;

NOW, therefore, Special Olympics announces to all our athletes and supporters that it has the full support of the FIVB for the purposes of supporting Special Olympics and enhancing the development of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball.

**"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CAN NOT WIN, LET ME BE
BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."**

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