



2024 Rule Change Summary Handball

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Old Formatting	See date change at footer to reflect September 2024
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	<p>ADD:</p> <p>9.2.4 It is required that athletes and Unified partners are of similar age and similar ability. For more information on similar age and ability, please see Sport Rules Article 1 Section 14.1.2.</p>