

# NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Special Olympics Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. In Unified Sports, all members of the team are considered teammates competing together.

The NSAA and Special Olympics Nebraska are dedicated to providing as many unified activities as possible for all students and have partnered on many sporting events over the years. Special Olympics Nebraska will continue to work with the NSAA on moving unified sports and activities forward.

The NSAA began collaborating and partnering with Special Olympics Nebraska in 2013. During that time both organizations have grown Unified Sports across Nebraska. Currently, both organizations work together to sanction NSAA Unified Sports, Bowling, Unified Sports, Track and Field, and Special Olympics Swimming exhibitions.

NSAA outside participation rules legitimize and give credibility to both Special Olympics events and NSAA activities while providing a level playing field for all student participants. NSAA staff and board will continue to evaluate the outside participation rules with the assistance of the NSAA member schools.

The NSAA and Special Olympics Nebraska look forward to continuing and growing our partnership.

