



### NOVEMBER 2023 (3 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

#### Coaches Clearance / Training

- Complete all AIA requirements for Coaches' Clearance per Article 17 of the AIA Bylaws & Constitution.
  - For an outline of all training and certification requirements specific to high school Unified Sports coaches, please visit: [www.aiaonline.org/sports/unified](http://www.aiaonline.org/sports/unified)
- Complete all district/school requirements for Coaches' Clearance per district policy.
- Complete Unified Soccer Coaches' Training (specific to high schools)
  - Contact Thomas Miranda at [Thomas@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org](mailto:Thomas@SpecialOlympicsArizona.org) to schedule a training.

#### Order Equipment

- Suggested equipment includes:
  - **Soccer balls** (suggested: 6-12)
  - **Ball Pump** (suggested: 2)
  - **Ball Bag** (suggested: 1)
  - **Cones** (suggested: 25-50)
  - **Reversible Jerseys/Pennies** (suggested: 12)
  - **Whistles** (suggested: 1 per coach)

#### Attend/Organize Planning Meetings

- Attend MANDATORY Coaches' Meeting (only need to attend one)
  - Thursday, October 26th – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Registration Link: <https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlod-GoqjssGtZ4snowspl3yl8UqKIDAMth>
- Host Parent Informational Meeting

#### Verify ALL Student Eligibility and Clearance Requirements are completed.

Athletes & Unified Partners must complete:

- AIA Annual Pre-participation Clearance Packet
  - Part One – Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Form 15.7-A).
  - Part Two – Annual Preparticipation Physical Examination (Form 15.7-B).
  - Part Three – Annual Preparticipation Acknowledgement (Form 15.7-C).
  - Part Four – Annual Preparticipation Consent to Treat Form (Form 15.7-D).
  - Part Five – Unified Sports Participant Release (Form 15.7-E).
- All district/school requirements for Student Eligibility and Clearance per district policy

#### Complete Season Schedule

##### PRACTICE

- Schedule practices accordingly to ensure a minimum of eight (8) practices at least sixty (60) minutes are held before the first regular-season scrimmage/game. Practices shall continue to be held at least once a week throughout the sports season.

##### REGULAR SEASON

- Reach out to schools in your area to schedule at least two regular season games.
  - *Suggestion: attend a Unified Basketball Invitational Tournament at which two or more schools are competing to fulfill this requirement in one day*

# Unified Soccer Timeline

## 2023-24 Season



### DECEMBER 2023 (2 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

#### Practice

- Practice 1
- Practice 2
- Practice 3
- Practice 4
- Practice 5
- Practice 6
- Practice 7
- Practice 8

#### Regular Season Interscholastic Competition

- Compete in at least two interscholastic contests (games) against other high school Unified Basketball teams during the regular season.
  - Regular Season Game #1 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Regular Season Game #2 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Transportation Requests

- Submit transportation requests for regular season games (must attend a minimum of two)

### December 2023 (1 Month Prior to Unified Sectionals)

#### Unified Sectionals (Area Competition) Registration

- Complete and submit Unified Sectionals Registration Paperwork
  - o SOAZ will send out registration paperwork in December.
  - o Registration paperwork will be due *3-4 weeks before* Unified Sectionals

#### Transportation Requests

- Submit transportation requests for Unified Sectionals

#### Practices

- Continue holding regular practice.

### FEBRUARY 2024

#### Unified Soccer Sectionals

- Compete at a qualifying Unified Basketball Sectionals
  - o *Teams must compete in Unified Sectionals to qualify for the state tournament.*
  - o *January 30<sup>th</sup>*
  - o *Buckeye High School - 1000 E Narramore Ave, Buckeye, AZ 85326*

#### State Championship Registration / Planning

- o *The top teams statewide will qualify for advancement to the State Championship (qualification will be based on the team's final score at Unified Sectionals)*
- Submit transportation request for State Championship

#### AIA State Soccer Championship

- **February 9<sup>th</sup>** (*exact dates/times will be confirmed by mid-December*)
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