



NOVEMBER 2025 (3 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

Coach's 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
- Complete all district/school requirements for Coach's Clearance per district policy
- Complete Unified Soccer Coaches' Training (specific to high schools)
 - Contact Thomas Miranda at 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
 - Thursday, October 23rd – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Registration Link: https://specialolympicsarizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/KPRzwYNHTEyKtrFXK1_tZw
- 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 in duration, 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 a minimum of 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

2025-26 Season



DECEMBER 2025 (2 Months Prior to Unified Sectionals)

Practice

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice 8 |

Regular Season Interscholastic Competition

- ☐ Compete in a **minimum** of two interscholastic contests (games) against other high school Unified Basketball teams during the regular season

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regular Season Game #1</u> | Date: _____ | Time: _____ | Location: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regular Season Game #2</u> | Date: _____ | Time: _____ | Location: _____ |

Transportation Requests

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

December 2025 (1 Month Prior to Unified Sectionals)

Unified Sectionals (Area Competition) Registration

- ☐ Complete and submit the 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 request for Unified Sectionals

Practices

- ☐ Continuing to hold regular practice

FEBRUARY 2026

Unified Soccer Sectionals

- ☐ Competing at a qualifying Unified Basketball Sectionals
 - o *Teams must compete in Unified Sectionals to qualify for the state tournament*
- ☐ TBA

State Championship Registration / Planning

- ☐ Qualification Results will be posted on AZPreps365 by February 6th, 2026
 - o *The top 2 teams in each division 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 TBA** (exact dates/times will be confirmed by mid-December)
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