

We are delighted that you have chosen to show your commitment to providing sporting opportunities for people with an intellectual (learning) disability by joining the Special Olympics family. By signing this Charter, you are demonstrating that you share the Special Olympics mission and philosophy to enhance the lives of people with an intellectual disability by providing high-quality, sports coaching and competition programmes for athletes of all abilities.

You are affiliating to Special Olympics Great Britain (GB) as a Partner Organisation within a local Network. This means that you do not have to register with Special Olympics directly but will do so through the Special Olympics Network established in your area. This Charter sets out your obligations to Special Olympics as a member of the Network.

Special Olympics GB ideals

Follow the mission and philosophy of Special Olympics GB:

- a) Organise and develop sports coaching for people with an intellectual disability in your local area on a year round basis
- b) Fulfil the philosophy of Special Olympics by staging and participating in local, regional and national events in order that athletes may qualify for selection at higher levels of competition
- c) Promote the benefits of sport to people with an intellectual disability
- d) Promote an inclusive model of sports provision for people with an intellectual disability
- e) Uphold the good name and reputation of Special Olympics GB at all times

Network membership

- a) Elect one representative from your organisation to sit on the Network Steering Group and attend meetings of this group. The representative must be over the age of 18 years old, who has the ability to make informed and rational decisions either themselves or with the support of someone who can. You should re-elect this representative at least every two years
- b) Ensure all athletes, Unified Partners and volunteers are registered with Special Olympics GB through your Network
- c) Involve athletes, Unified Partners, families and volunteers in discussions relating to your Special Olympics activity
- d) Supply information on your Special Olympics programme to ensure annual accreditation to Special Olympics GB is maintained
- e) Maintain an up-to-date list of members involved in Special Olympics activity and the roles that they hold within your organisation

Branding

- a) In order to maintain and develop the recognition of the Special Olympics name and logo, each Partner Organisation is permitted to use the Special Olympics logo, provided by and with permission of the Network Steering Group
- b) Should Partner Organisations want to create team logos that incorporate the Special Olympics GB logo, guidance from Special Olympics GB National Office must be sought

Sign and Return

To be signed by the Main Contact of a Special Olympics Network Partner Organisation:

I have read and understood the content of this Charter, which as a Partner Organisation of a Special Olympics Network we agree to adopt. I confirm that I am authorised to sign this Charter on behalf of the organisation named below.

Partner Organisation name: _____

Main Contact Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Finance

- a) Pay to the Special Olympics Network an annual accreditation fee of £1.75 for each person (athletes, Unified Partner and volunteer) involved in your Special Olympics programme. Payment of the accreditation fee automatically gives the person coverage by Special Olympics GB's insurance policy and the entitlement to enter / attend Special Olympics events
- b) Ensure no individual is prevented from participation in Special Olympics activity because of an inability to meet any financial requirements (membership, competition entry fees etc.)
- c) Ensure any funds raised and spent on Special Olympics activity are accounted for and reported on to the Network Lead Organisation when requested
- d) Return all remaining funds raised using the Special Olympics name, to the Network if your membership with the Network ends

Policies

- a) All Partner Organisations as a minimum standard, must have policies in respect of
 - o Safeguarding and Welfare
 - o Equal Opportunities
 - o Data Protection
 - o Health and Safety
 - o Fees
- b) Partner Organisations may use their own policies (with the exception of the Special Olympics GB Fees Policy), those of their parent organisation (NGB etc.) or Special Olympics GBs (available on the Special Olympics GB website). The appropriate policies must be shared with the organisation's members
- c) Special Olympics GB policies will be used at all Special Olympics events