

## Glossary of Terms

Terminology	Explanation
5 year Strategy	Special Olympics GB strategic plan to improve and develop over 5 years.
Accreditation	A process of approving activity delivered under Special Olympics banner
Clubs	A group of people and activity formed to deliver sports coaching.
Code of Conduct	A set of guidelines outlining the appropriate standards of behaviour and responsibilities to be followed.
Development (in the context of SO)/ development staff	The process of assessing, planning and improving Special Olympic ability.
Divisioning	<p>Method of a group of people/ teams into ability groups for the purpose of meaningful competition.</p> <p>Competitions are structured so that athletes compete with other athletes of similar ability in equitable divisions. Other factor in deciding these competitive divisions is age and gender. This process ensures a competitive and fair environment.</p>
Eligibility	Having the necessary qualities or satisfying the necessary conditions in order to take part in Special Olympics activity.
Governance Documents	A document ensuring accredited activity agrees to meet minimum standard.
Home Countries	England, Scotland and Wales representatives.
Insight	A process of reviewing current information and data.
Intellectual Disability	<p>A person is considered to have an intellectual (learning) disability for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements: The person has been identified as having an intellectual (learning) disability: Which is defined as ‘a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind, which is characterised by impairment of skills manifested during the developmental period, which contribute to the overall level of intelligence, i.e. cognitive, language, motor and social abilities’</p> <p>An intellectual (learning) disability is defined as ‘a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind, which is characterized by impairment of skills manifested during the developmental period, which contribute to the overall level of intelligence, ie. Cognitive, language, motor and social abilities’</p> <p>3 main characteristics of Intellectual Disability -Find it harder to cope independently with everyday life -IQ score of 75 or lower -Onset before age of 18</p>
Leadership	Leaders of organisation – funding management, guidance, direction.
Learning Disability v Learning Difficulty	
Mission	The aim of Special Olympics. To facilitate access to year round inclusive training and competition for all people in Great Britain with an intellectual disability through direct provision and partnerships.
National Advisory Council	Council consisting of representatives from three home countries that exist to advise.
National Governing Bodies (of sport)	National organisation responsible for managing sport.
National Programme	All Special Olympic activity across England, Scotland, and Wales including Coaching and competition.

Networks	Structure of Special Olympic programmes involving lead organisations and multiple platforms.
Play Unified	A Special Olympics international youth led advocacy campaign being delivered across Great Britain in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust to help end intolerance, especially towards young people with intellectual (learning) disabilities, through supporting unified activities on and off the field of play.
Regions	Geographical Special Olympic Programmes supporting or leading Special Olympic coaching/ competitions across specific areas of Great Britain.
Safeguarding & Welfare	A term which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Special Olympics GB has a policy to set out how all staff and volunteers (paid or unpaid), athletes and unified partners should recognise and respond to allegations of abuse of adults.
SAM registration	Special Olympic Athlete Membership sign up process for any athletes wishing to compete in competitions with SOGB
Service Level Agreements	Formal agreement to outline services being paid for.
Stakeholders	Person, group or organisation that has interest or concern in an organisation.
Steering Group / Council	A group of stakeholders tasked with making key leadership and developmental decisions.
Sustainability	Ensuring a process/ long term plan exists to continue activity that takes into account a variety of non-sustainable factors.
Participation	Involvement and taking part in a sport/ activity.
Participants	Those not yet registered members of SOGB but who are taking part in SOGB activity.
Partnerships/Key Partners	Identified organisations/ individuals &/or groups that we work with and have shared goals.
Unified Partner/Unified Sports	Person with non-Intellectual Disabilities participating in inclusive unified programme.
Vision	Aspirational Goal.
Volunteer Workforce	
Youth Engagement	Engagement of children and young people.
DBS/ PVG	Disclosure barring service - helps employers make safer recruitment decisions and prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups. Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme – Scotland - membership scheme to improve disclosure arrangements for people who work with vulnerable groups.
MATP	Motor Activity Training Programme.
Rix Wixi	Wikis are simple, accessible, secure and easy to build personal websites. It is currently being used by our athlete's users to create multimedia person-

	centred plans that use pictures, words, video and sound.
Insight	Research and data that provides info.
NGB	National Governing Body
CSP	County Sports Partnerships
Stakeholders	Organisation/ individuals/ groups that holds stake in SOGB.
SOEE	Special Olympics Europa Eurasia
NDSO	National Disability Sport Organisation.
YST	Youth Sport Trust - <a href="https://www.youthsporttrust.org/">https://www.youthsporttrust.org/</a>
Young Athletes	2-7 Years Old.
Motor Checklist	Checklist for motor skills.
SEND	Special Educational Needs and disability.
YAP	Young Athlete Programme
Governance	
SOI	Special Olympics Ireland
SAM	Special Olympics Athlete Membership