

**Unified Bowling Information** 

## **Unified Sports**



#### **UNIFIED SPORTS**

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Special Olympics New York are proud to offer Unified Sports to NYSPHSAA member schools. Project Unify is made up of three main components:

- **1. Inclusive Sports**: combines athletes (players with intellectual disabilities) and athletes (players without intellectual disabilities) to create athletic teams for training and competition. Participation is rooted in the principle of meaningful involvement which ensures that every player is given an opportunity to contribute to the success of his or her team through their unique skills. Inclusive activity is among the most conducive ways to break down stereotypes and foster relationships.
- 2. Youth Leadership & Advocacy: provides students with and without intellectual disabilities opportunities to take on leadership roles in promoting Project Unify activities in their schools and in their communities.
- **3. Whole-School Engagement:** provides opportunities for *all* students to participate in school-wide campaigns and activities such as Fans in the Stands, Pledge and Plunge, and the R-word Campaign.



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Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools builds on Special Olympics' values, principles, practices, experiences and impacts to shape a generation that welcomes everyone. All Unified Sports players — both athletes and special partners — are of similar age and matched by sport skill ability. Unified Sports teams are placed in competitive divisions based on their skill abilities and range from training divisions with a skill-learning focus to high-level competition.

Besides providing a similar competitive experience to regular school interscholastic sport opportunities, players will also gain physical fitness, develop friendships and demonstrate appreciation and respect for each other both on and off the playing field. For more information please visit the <u>website</u>.

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Athlete-Any student with intellectual disabilities

Partner-Any general education student



## Orchard Park Unified Bowling

Home Location - Strikers Bowling Alley, transportation to alley provided by families

#### Practices:

1/6 & 1/19/25

#### Matches:

- 1/16 Strikers
- 1/27 Strikers
- 1/29 @ Lancaster Lanes
- 2/5 @ Abbott Bowling Lanes
- 2/10 Strikers
- 2/13 @ Cloverbank Country Club
- 2/27 @ Cloverbank Country Club



## **OP Unified Bowling**

- -Can use wheelchair, ramp or other forms of assistance
- -Minimum of four athletes and four partners





## **OP Unified Bowling-Match**

In each frame you play for three points.

One athlete/ partner one point, one athlete/partner one point

Two athletes/ two partners, each one point, three sets of three frames for nine

points



### 2025 Preseason

- Interested student athletes and families
- Athlete registration through the Parent Portal
  - Need an updated physical
  - Middle School Students need to go through the APP Process

## **Any Questions?**

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