

# UNIFIED SPORTS



February 2026



## **In 2026, We Are Building Champions**

This fall marked one of our most successful Unified Sports Sem 1's in Alberta. Despite the challenges of the strike, schools across the province continued to engage through Unified soccer, basketball, and bocce events, while also welcoming our newest Special Olympics sport Floorball into the Unified space. Floorball proved to be a major success, with more than 400 athletes participating in events held in Edmonton, Red Deer, and Calgary. We also hosted the Unified Sports Conference, bringing together 75 educators and 30 students for the Youth Leadership Summit. Guided by the theme Building Champions, the conference reinforced a shared vision of Unified programming that extends beyond tournament teams to include in-school clubs, leadership opportunities, and inclusive school initiatives. As we look ahead to second semester, schools are encouraged to watch for upcoming event dates and begin building excitement for the many Unified Cornhole Tournaments and the Track and Field seasons, which promises continued growth, participation, and inclusive competition.



## Upcoming Tournaments:

Check out upcoming events around the province this February and March. Don't miss out!

Find one in your area to attend!

1. February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026: **Unified Sitting Volleyball** @ McNally, Edmonton
2. March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026: **Voyagers Victory Games** @ David Thompson, Leslieville
3. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026: **Bisons Unified Cornhole** @ Iron Ridge, Blackfalds
4. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026: **Unified Curling Try-It** @ RF Staples, Westlock
5. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026: **Holy Trinity Unified Jamboree** @ HT, Drayton Valley
6. March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026: **Unified Spartan Spectacular** @ Olds High School

## Mid-Year Reporting is Open for all Unified Programs.

Programs are asked to complete the mid-year report and submit their team roster by the end of the month.

**Once you complete both portions your school will be eligible to receive a \$500 grant for your Unified Program.**

The Unified Program Manager will contact you.



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## Virtual Unified Bocce Challenge!

We are kicking off semester two with a virtual Bocce challenge. With your Unified partner create a fun game of Bocce using non-bocce ball items.

Throughout the duration of the Winter Olympic Games gather your team and have fun creating your own bocce game.

Teams can share a picture through their schools social media or follow the submission steps below.

The winning pair will receive a set of jerseys for them and their teammate.



**VIRTUAL CHALLENGE: BOCCE**

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**EVENT RULES**

This Unified Bocce Virtual Challenge will require more creativity than you might expect! To complete this challenge, you and a partner must create your own bocce set and send in a photo of your creation.

**PRIZES**

All teams will be entered in to win a pair of Jerseys.

**DUE DATE:**  
Monday February 23rd

**INFORMATION**  
For more information, contact  
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### Updated Website & Resources:

The Unified Sports website is your access point to all things Unified, including resources of practice plan, sport rules, team building activities and more. As events get scheduled, you will be able to register to attend the event through the event links provided.

If there are resources you feel are missing, please let us know!