UNIFIED SPORTS



September 2025



To The Year Ahead

2024-2025 was a monumental season for Unified Sports in Alberta. Even with a slow start to the season, our programs chalked up 30 events across the province. From brand new Try It Events to 2 Zone Championships, the events did not lack excitement and engagement from staff and students.

We had our largest event to date with over and had at least 15 new schools adding Unified Sports into their school programs. The social inclusion has been infectious and we hope you can't wait to see what new additions we have planned.

Our partnership with ASAA is still going strong, but with one change. A new name! Shout out to School Sport Alberta for the new look but coming in the with the same high school sport infrastructure and support for social inclusion.

Other aspects that Special Olympics Alberta, Unified Sports is hoping to target this year is the Jr. High level school programs. If you are a champion of inclusion, please reach out to me and we can get you started.

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Unified Sports Commissioner

At the SSA (formerly ASAA) AGM in June, three outstanding individuals applied for the Unified Sports Commissioner position. After reviewing the applications the board voted in Jeet Jermana. Jeet comes with the passion and a wealth of knowledge to support and drive the development of Unified across the province. In 2022, his school hosted the Metro Unified Jamboree where he knocked the event out of the park. Jeet currently teaches at Paul Kane High School in St. Albert, and we are very excited to see him in this position.

What does the commissioner do?

The Unified Sports Commissioners role is the newest commissioner position under the SSA.. They will be able to support the registered school programs and help guide, plan and ensure the goals of Unified Sports are being met in collaboration with the Unified Sports Manager.

Jeet can be contacted at jeet.jermana@spschools.org

Registration is OPEN for the Building Champions Unified Sports Conference

Teachers, coaches and administrative champions of Unified Sports, we invite you to the 2025 Building Champions Unified Sports Conference.

Whether your program is established or you are looking to start your team, this conference is geared to enhance all aspects of Unified Sports including sport development & whole school engagement.

The conference is **free** to attend. We guartentee that you will walk away with countless resources and the knowledge and confidence in delivering your Unified program to your school.

When: **Friday October 24th, 2025**Time: **8:30am - 4:00pm**Where: *The Ranch Golf and Country Club* in Edmonton, AB

View Conference Agenda Here.





Red Deer Unified Floorball

- Wednesday November 5th
- 10:00 2:00
- Collicut Fieldhouse
- Register Here!

New Sport Update!

This fall, Special Olympics Alberta is hosting a few UNIFIED FLOORBALL events across the province. Floorball is the newest Special Olympics sport and we think it would fit in perfectly with the school sport and community culture in Alberta.

Dates for Calgary and Red Deer are already booked. We are still looking into new venues or schools to host in Edmonton, Northern Alberta and Southern Alberta. The event would be hosted by SOA. If you have any interested in cohosting the event, please reach out to the program manager.

Calgary Unified Floorball

- Tuesday November 18th
- 10:00 2:00
- Genesis Centre
- Register Here!

Stay Connected:

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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.

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