

1999 UNIFIED SPORTS® BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

INTENT-TO-ENTER FORM

Return by: January 29, 1999

Name of School _____ Telephone () _____
Address _____
City/Town _____ Zip Code _____

is interested in participating in the Unified Sports® Basketball Tournament on:

- Thursday, March 11 --- Wilton High School
* High School -- (*Featuring all levels*)
- Monday, March 15 --- Glastonbury High School
* High School
- Thursday, March 18 --- Norwich Free Academy
* High School -- (*Featuring the two highest levels*)
- Friday, March 19 --- Manchester High School
* High School -- (*Featuring the two lowest levels*)
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- Friday, March 12 --- Southington High School
* Middle School -- (*Featuring the two lowest levels*)
- Tuesday, March 16 --- Hamden High School
* Middle School -- (*Featuring the two highest levels*)

Name of Principal _____
Name of Coach _____ Home Telephone _____

of Squads: _____ Skill Levels: _____ (1, 2, 3, 4)
(1 previously A; 2 previously B; 3 previously C; 4 - Mentor - previously training)

Approximate # of students (athletes & partners): _____

Please indicate the number of low functioning athletes that will participate in the individual skills contest _____

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

Signature of Coach _____ Date _____

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TO: PRINCIPALS, SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL, AND UNIFIED SPORTS® COACHES

Unified Sports® basketball was played in 30 high schools and 12 middle schools in Connecticut last year. Why, you ask? Because it is a popular main streaming activity that gives opportunity and fun to handicapped children.

The purpose of a Unified event is to bring mentally disabled and non-disabled students together for a day of sports and fun. The Unified Sports® model pairs a special education student, the Special Athlete, with a regular education student, the Special Partner. The two participate as teammates, each one contributing equally to the partnership. We recommend that special education students be paired with regular education students of similar age and athletic ability.

The dates and locations for the upcoming Unified Sports® basketball tournaments are as follows:

***Thursday, March 11 -- Wilton High School
3:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- High School
Friday, March 12 -- Southington High School
3:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- Middle School
Monday, March 15 -- Glastonbury High School
3:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- High School
Tuesday, March 16 -- Hamden High School
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. -- Middle School
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3:00 - 6:30 p.m. -- High School
Friday, March 19 -- Manchester High School
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. -- High School***

A team must consist of equal numbers of mentally disabled and non-disabled students, not to exceed a total of twelve (12) students per team. Five (5) students, three (3) special education and two (2) regular education, will be on the court at all times. A school may enter as many teams as it would like. We encourage coaches to hold as many practices as possible, so as to allow the mentally disabled students the physical, social, and psychological benefits of continued interaction with their non-disabled classmates.

High school basketball rules will be followed, with some modifications for the mentor division (low ability) teams. Modifications will be allowed only as described in our rule sheet. Every team will play at least two games. Skills divisions have been renamed. For basketball, there will be four (4) levels with 1 representing the highest skill category and 4 being the mentor (training group).

Changes for this year include selecting a squad name for each of your teams to help us differentiate between the groups. Also, please select a captain (or pair of captains). The leadership opportunity will be one more way to recognize the super athletes who participate with us. Additionally, we will offer individual skill contests for the lowest functioning athletes at each of our tournament sites.

PLEASE NOTE -- A refundable \$10 entry fee, per squad, must accompany the roster form (second form) to reserve your place in the tournament.

Dinner will be provided for all athletes, coaches, and volunteers. Each athlete will receive an award for his/her participation in the tournament.

If you are interested in participating in this event or would like more information, please complete and return the enclosed Intent-to-Enter Form no later than January 29, 1999. A pre-determined cut-off number for teams will be utilized for each tournament. Teams will register on a first come, first served basis. If the Intent Form is not received by the 29th of January, the team will NOT be able to participate.

Please make a note on your Intent-to-Enter Form if you would like to receive an application for grant money. Non-CIAC member schools are asked to pay a \$20 registration fee, due with the completed Entry Form.

As the tournaments grow larger, it is our goal to organize the activities efficiently and streamline the registration and skill level divisioning process. In order to accomplish this, you as the coach, are asked to submit an accurate forecast of the number of teams and their skill level in advance of the event. This will allow us to designate skill divisions, game times and court assignments prior to your arrival.

A “scratch deadline”, of five (5) school days prior to the event, will be utilized. Any coach who “scratches” a squad after the deadline, will lose the \$10 entry fee for that squad.

Please contact Ann Malafronte at (203) 250-1111 with any questions.