

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **Gymnastics Australia and Special Olympics Australia**

1/09/2020 – 30/06/2023

Gymnastics Australia (GA) and Special Olympics Australia (SOA) agree to collaborate in the development of a coach workforce, and promotion and delivery of programs and events. This partnership provides increased quality participation opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, enhancements in the inclusivity of mainstream club environments and increased competition pathway options.

Gymnastics Australia and Special Olympics Australia will work together in the following areas:

- 1) GA and SOA will foster links between clubs and coaches nationally. GA and SOA will work together to increase the number of SOA affiliate programs delivered by GA coaches. GA will inform all club coaches nationally about the opportunity to get involved with SOA.
- 2) GA and SOA will continue joint membership agreement and promote this through club networks.
- 3) SOA and GA will work together to promote and deliver the Young Athletes program through gymnastics clubs and schools, encouraging transition of participants into community gymnastics programs such as KinderGym.
- 4) Gymnastics Launchpad delivery will be incorporated into SOA's Inclusive Sport In Schools program. GA and SOA will collaborate to leverage the Sporting Schools program and provide an offering tailored to students with intellectual disability. GA will support connection of SOA schools and staff with state based Gymnastics staff and local coaches.
- 5) SOA and GA will provide access to coach development opportunities and accreditation courses. GA coaches will have access to courses on SOA Learn, including courses about Intellectual Disability, Autism and Young Athletes accreditation. SOA gymnastics coaches will be required to complete GA coach accreditation.
- 6) GA and SOA will collaborate on cross promotional opportunities through social media, websites and promotional material. GA logo and information will feature on SOA website Partners page and Schools page.
- 7) GA and SOA will share relevant data that reflects joint outcomes. Data may include, but not be limited to, programs, participants, clubs, coaches/teachers, and a summary of the key stakeholders involved in programs and initiatives.
- 8) GA and SOA will work together to promote participation pathways. GA will encourage states to incorporate Special Olympics competitions into state gymnastics competitions where possible.
- 9) SOA and GA will create and share best practice case studies to increase programs and enhance club and state engagement.

#### **Further Conditions**

1. This MoU outlines the framework of a working relationship between the parties. It is not intended to constitute a contract but is built on goodwill and binding in honour only.
2. Where an activity may give rise to obligations between the parties that go beyond this MoU, a separate legally binding agreement shall be entered into for each activity.
3. Nothing in this MoU alters or affects the ownership of any intellectual property which remains the property of the rightful party.
4. No party shall use the name or logo of the other party without first obtaining consent.
5. This agreement will be reviewed at the conclusion of the project on the June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.



**Signed:**

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**Date:** 07/09/2020



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