

Special Olympics Minnesota 2017 State Unified Flag Football

Facts at a glance

DATES:	Saturday, Oct. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 29
LOCATIONS:	unified flag football tournament HealthEast Sports Center 4125 Radio Drive Woodbury, MN 55129
GAMES FEES:	\$20 per athlete/Unified Partner and \$15 per coach/chaperone.
QUOTA & REGISTRATION:	Quota is due to the state office by noon on Friday, September 29. Registration will be open online from October 1 through midnight on Sunday, October 8. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

WEBSITE: <http://specialolympicsminnesota.org/events/games/state-unified-flag-football/>

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

sports specific guidelines

- Unified Flag Football Rules can be found on somn.org
- Athletes can participate in individual skills OR team play, but not both.
- Individual skills will be held on Saturday morning
- Tournament Games – all teams will play both days. Teams are guaranteed three games.
- Coaches – All coaches have to coach from their bench area. The only exception is when a team is on offense, one coach from that team may call a play from the huddle and then quickly return to the bench. This must be done in the 40 second possession clock.

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sports specific guidelines continued

-Unified Partner vs Coach Role – Whatever role an individual registers for is the role they must compete in. If you register as a coach you cannot sub in and play at any point.

-Teams will also indicate which specific color model their team fits into. These models are meant to offer different types of sport experiences and levels. With the increase in participants we have seen a wide variety of approaches to what Unified means to each individual and team. To some Unified Sports is a chance to play sports at high level and showcase the equal abilities between athletes and partners. To others Unified Sports is a place to play alongside an athlete or partner with a different skill level and to coach and mentor while participating in the same game.

Green: no restriction

Partners and athletes both play at a high level of play. The quarterback can throw to anyone regardless of being a partner or an athlete

Yellow: competitive experience

Currently what we do along with adding--unified partner dominance will be monitored

Red: player development

Currently what we are doing along with adding—unified partners should serve as mentors for athletes—more for teams looking for the team experience and not as much winning and losing.

Teams may be moved to make appropriate divisions

State Unified Flag Football Schedule of Events (updated 10/10/2017)

NO food or drink is allowed inside the field house except water. Please bring a refillable water bottle.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL - HEALTHEAST SPORTS CENTER

7 a.m.	Delegation Registration
8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Tournament Games
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	FANstop Merchandise Store
9 a.m.	Individual Skills check-in
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Individual Skills
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch
12 - 12:30 p.m.	Celebration Ceremonies in the field house
1 - 5 p.m.	Healthy Athletes Special Smiles
1 - 5 p.m.	Activity Zone

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL - HEALTHEAST SPORTS CENTER

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Tournament Games
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	FANstop Merchandise Store
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Activity Zone
11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Awards as divisions finish