

Unified Sports Experience - FACT SHEET

What are Unified Sports Experiences?

Special Olympics Unified Sports® Experiences (USE) bring together Special Olympics athletes, professional and Olympic athletes, honored guests and celebrities for participation in a competitive environment. The purpose of this event is to showcase the talents and abilities of Special Olympics athletes, while simultaneously providing an opportunity to raise much-needed awareness and funds for Special Olympics Programs.

Inspired by Unified Sports®, Unified Sports Experiences will provide a memorable opportunity for the athletes and guests to spotlight the importance of inclusion, sportsmanship, and friendship to the rest of the world. This first-hand experience aims to change perceptions and break down barriers for people with intellectual disabilities, by uniting people in the joy of competition.

What is the schedule?

During the Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi 2019, 15 Unified Sports Experiences will take place. These events include matches, races, tournaments, and team competitions.

Wednesday, March 13th

Golf (Yas Links: 07:30 - 14:00)

Friday, March 15th

Football (Zayed Sports City, 16:00 - 18:00)

Saturday, March 16th

Table Tennis (ADNEC: 17:30 - 19:00)

Beach Volleyball (Corniche: 20:00 - 22:00)

Sunday, March 17th

Handball (ADNEC: 14:00-16:00)

Kayaking (Sailing & Yacht Club: 14:00-16:00)

Football (Zayed Sports City, 16:00 - 18:00)

Basketball (ADNEC: 18:30 - 20:30)

Monday, March 18th

Badminton (ADNEC: 13:30 - 15:00)

Football (Zayed Sports City, 16:00 - 18:00)

Tuesday, March 19th

Tennis (Zayed Sports City: 14:00 - 16:00)

Bowling (Zayed Sports City: 16:00 - 18:00)

Football (Zayed Sports City, 16:00 - 18:00)

Volleyball (ADNEC: 19:00 - 21:00)

Wednesday, March 20th

Bocce (ADNEC: 13:30 - 15:30)

Note: check in opens one hour before USE start time

Who will be competing?

Unified Sports Experiences participants include Special Olympics athletes, former Olympic and professional athletes, corporate executives, youth leaders, volunteers, Special Olympics coaches, and fans from the crowd.

