

# Champions Together



## LAST YEAR . . .

During the 2015-16 school year, 70 schools were awarded the Champions Together "Unified Champion School" banner for achieving all 4 of the Project Unify goals, 54 schools participated in the second annual IHSAA Unified Track and Field State Championship, participating schools raised in excess of \$170,000 for the support of Champions Together activities and 264 schools achieved at least one of the Project Unify goals.

## CHAMPIONS TOGETHER BANNER PROGRAM (2016-17 school year)

The Champions Together partnership will provide an "Unified Champion School" banner to all IHSAA member schools that meet the following Project Unify goals:

1. All school sponsored activities must be planned, organized and administered by an **Inclusive Student Leadership** team that strives to do things WITH students with intellectual disabilities NOT FOR them.
2. The school must participate in at least one activity designed around **Whole School Engagement** that promotes and encourages awareness, respect and inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities.
3. The school must organize and participate in at least one **Unified Sports** activity such as IHSAA Unified Track & Field or Unified Bocce, a Unified practice or clinic, or a Unified competition with students with intellectual disabilities OR local Special Olympics athletes.
4. **Fundraising** - the school must raise a minimum of \$1500 for the Champions Together project.

## IHSAA SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

*Here are some simple rules for IHSAA member schools that conduct Special Olympics fundraisers.*

1. Please contact Jeff Mohler (jmohler@soindiana.org) or Lee Lonzo (LLonzo@ihsaa.org) as soon as you plan a fundraising event so that they can establish a Champions Together fundraising page to monitor your donations and credit your school towards the Champions Together banner award.
2. All funds collected should be deposited in a school account immediately following any event.
3. Within two weeks of the event, a check payable to **SO Indiana** should be mailed to:

Special Olympics Indiana

Attn: Jeff Mohler, Champions Together  
6200 Technology Center Drive, Suite 105  
Indianapolis, IN 46278

The tax ID number is: 35-1262574

Be sure to include your school name on a note with the check to ensure proper credit.

4. If a school receives a check from a donor payable to Special Olympics, that check should be enclosed with the school check.
5. If the fundraiser includes the sale of merchandise, all proceeds above the cost of the merchandise should be sent to SO Indiana at the address above. Neither the IHSAA nor SO Indiana can be responsible for any expenses associated with fundraisers, including, but not limited to, unrecovered costs of unsold merchandise.
6. Questions? Contact Jeff Mohler (jmohler@soindiana.org) or Lee Lonzo (LLonzo@ihsaa.org).

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CHAMPIONS TOGETHER

The primary purpose of IHSAA school fundraising for Special Olympics is to support the continued growth and operation of the Champions Together partnership. These funds help support schools by providing grants for Unified Sports, sponsorship of the IHSAA Unified Track & Field Championships, providing the Champions Together School Assembly, hosting school workshops and general support of schools establishing Champions Together Clubs. Through fundraising schools has the power to "pass it forward" by providing additional opportunities for more students to become involved in the #InclusionRevolution.

If schools wish to make a ceremonial check presentation SO Indiana will attempt to have a representative in attendance.

**Questions? Contact Lee Lonzo, Champions Together Director and IHSAA Educational Consultant (LLonzo@ihsaa.org).**

## FOLLOW CHAMPIONS TOGETHER

Here are the various ways to follow Champions Together through social media.

- FACEBOOK: facebook.com/ChampionsTogether
- TWITTER: @champstogether
- INSTAGRAM: championstogether
- SNAPCHAT: @champstogether
- YOUTUBE: Champions Together

### 2015-16 Unified Champion Schools (70)

Angola  
Bedford North Lawrence  
Beech Grove  
Blackford  
Bloomington North  
Boonville  
Borden  
Brebeuf Jesuit  
Bremen  
Canterbury  
Carmel  
Carroll (Fort Wayne)  
Cathedral  
Castle  
Clarksville  
Clinton Prairie  
Columbus East  
Columbus North  
Danville  
Decatur Central  
Edgewood  
Edinburgh  
Elkhart Central  
Evansville Central  
Evansville North  
Fishers  
Floyd Central  
Fort Wayne North Side  
Goshen  
Guerin Catholic  
Harrison (West Lafayette)  
Homestead  
Indian Creek  
Jeffersonville  
Kankakee Valley  
Lakeland  
LaPorte  
Lawrenceburg  
Lowell  
Marion  
McCutcheon  
Michigan City  
Monroe Central  
Monrovia  
Mooresville  
Mt. Vernon  
Muncie Central  
Munster  
New Palestine  
Noblesville  
North Putnam  
Northwestern  
Perry Meridian  
Plainfield  
Portage  
Princeton  
Rensselaer Central  
Salem  
Shelbyville  
Saint Joseph (South Bend)  
South Ripley  
Terre Haute North  
Terre Haute South  
Tri-West (Hendricks)  
West Lafayette  
Westview  
Westville  
White River Valley  
Whiteland  
Whitko

# IHSAA Unified Track & Field

2017 will mark the fourth year of Unified Track & Field as a sanctioned IHSAA sport.

Prior IHSAA State Champions are:

2016 State Champions: Warsaw Community

2015 State Champions: Lafayette Jefferson

2014 State Champions: Warsaw Community

Runner-up: Noblesville

Runner-up: Kokomo

Runner-up: Mount Vernon (Posey)

## UNIFIED TEAMS

UNIFIED SPORTS® combines students with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team for sports training and competition. SO Indiana is considered a world leader in development of these programs having conducted the first-ever pilot test in 1989 and has since instituted competitions in virtually every sport.

- Teams consist of an approximately equal number of athletes with intellectual disabilities (student athlete) and athletes without intellectual disabilities (student partners).
- These distinctions will be for entry purposes only. There will be no other distinction between athletes in practice or competition.
- Teams are coed and competition is coed.
- Teams have between 12 and 20 members with approximately 50% being Student Athletes.

## UNIFIED EVENTS

- 100m Dash
- 400m Dash
- 4 x 100 Relay
- Shot Put
- Long Jump
- During interscholastic (regular season) meets, IHSAA member schools are encouraged to include other traditional IHSAA track & field events.

## TOURNAMENT DATES

Sectionals: Saturday, May 20, 2017  
8 Sectionals (sites TBD)

Regionals: Saturday, May 27, 2017  
2 Regionals (sites TBD)

State Finals: Saturday, June 3, 2017  
Indiana University



## SCHOOL GRANTS

Schools that compete in the Track & Field Sectionals will be eligible for three (3) one-year grants of \$1500.

## GOVERNANCE AND RULES

For specific rules and regulations concerning this tournament check IHSAA By-Laws (Rules 200, 201, 202) and IHSAA Spring Bulletin 2016-2017 (Unified Track & Field).

Questions? Contact Lee Lonzo (llozo@ihsaa.org) or Jeff Mohler (jmohler@soindiana.org).

## 2017 Unified Track & Field Schools (87)

Anderson  
Avon  
Bedford North Lawrence  
Ben Davis  
Blackford  
Bloomington North  
Boonville  
Borden  
Bremen  
Brownsburg  
Carmel  
Carroll (Fort Wayne)  
Castle  
Columbus East  
Columbus North  
Crown Point  
Decatur Central  
Delta  
East Noble  
Edgewood  
Elkhart Central  
Elkhart Memorial  
Elwood  
Evansville Bosse  
Evansville Central  
Evansville Harrison  
Fishers  
Floyd Central  
Fort Wayne North Side  
Franklin Central  
Franklin Community  
Franklin County  
Gary West Side  
Goshen  
Griffith  
Hamilton Southeastern  
Harrison (West Lafayette)  
Homestead  
Indian Creek  
Indianapolis Washington  
Jasper  
Jeffersonville  
Kankakee Valley  
Kokomo  
Lafayette Jefferson  
Lake Central  
LaPorte  
LaVie  
Lawrence North  
Marion  
McCutcheon  
Merrillville  
Michigan City  
Monroe Central  
Mooreville  
Mount Vernon (Posey)  
Muncie Central  
New Albany  
New Castle  
New Palestine  
Noblesville  
North Harrison  
North Knox  
Pendleton Heights  
Perry Central  
Perry Meridian  
Plainfield  
Rensselaer Central  
Salem  
Scottsburg  
Seymour  
Southport  
Southridge  
Terre Haute North  
Terre Haute South  
Twin Lakes  
Valparaiso  
Vincennes Lincoln  
Warren Central  
Warsaw  
Wawasee  
West Lafayette  
Western  
Westfield  
Wheeler  
White River Valley  
Zionsville

