



**MEDIA ALERT**  
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## **Special Olympics PA to Host the Somerset, Bedford and Cambria Interscholastic Unified Sports Indoor Bocce Regional Championships**

**(Norristown, PA, March 2, 2020)** – Four teams, comprised of students with and without intellectual disabilities, from four local area high schools will compete on Thursday, March 5 for the opportunity to advance to the Interscholastic Unified Sports Indoor Bocce State Championship taking place in Hershey, PA later this month.

Around the state, 17 indoor bocce regional championships are taking place to set the stage for the State Championship.

**WHO:** Four teams of students with and without intellectual disabilities from four local high schools: Bedford High School, Berlin Brothersvalley High School, Conemaugh Township High School and Greater Johnston High School.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 5  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bedford Area High School  
330 East John St., Bedford, PA

**DETAILS:** Special Olympics Unified Sports® creates an opportunity for people without intellectual disabilities to join in the sports experience by playing on a team with athletes with intellectual disabilities. Not only do the players all have fun, but attitude change and transformation happens on the playing field and the experiences create lifelong friendships.

Unified Sports® combines approximately equal numbers of Special Olympics Athletes and athletes without intellectual disabilities (called Partners) on sports teams for training and competition. Age and ability matching of athletes and partners is defined on a sport-by-sport basis.

The concept of combining athletes with intellectual disabilities and those without was first introduced in the mid-1980s to provide another level of challenge for higher ability athletes and to promote equality and inclusion.

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