



## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

### Special Olympics Asia Pacific and Badminton Oceania Confederation

#### Background

Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) and Badminton Oceania Confederation, hereafter referred to as The Parties, establish this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a means to enhance their mutual collaboration and agree upon a framework for long-term, strategic cooperative support. This document expresses the intent of The Parties to establish a long-term cooperation based on the elements listed below:

#### Shared Values

The Parties share common values, which place a strong focus on providing high quality sporting experiences and opportunities for all (age, gender, race & ability). The Parties recognise and understand the power of sport and the positive impact badminton can have on the lives of people with Intellectual Disabilities (ID).

#### Badminton Oceania Confederation Pledge

To advocate cooperation between SOAP's National Programs and Badminton Oceania Confederation's Member Associations to promote badminton as an inclusive sport by:

- Facilitating ongoing development of Badminton Coaches and shuttle time workforce.
- Facilitating the development of Special Olympics Badminton Competitions at National levels.
- Raising awareness of strategic collaboration through a Special Olympics page on the BOC website.

#### Special Olympics Asia Pacific Pledge

To endorse Badminton Oceania Confederation's efforts to create avenues for participation for all as an example of best practices through:

- Recognising BOC as an official partner of SOAP.
- Developing shared media assets to champion and publicise the partnership, leading to increased and sustained growth of new badminton athletes and competitions
- To endorse BOC's development pathways as examples of best practices in supporting the growth and development of Badminton Coaches across the Oceania region.

The parties establish this MOU to enhance their mutual interests and agree upon a framework for cooperative support. This MOU is made and entered into effective from 24 January 2022 for a period of three (3) years.

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