

Shot Ideas for Photographers & Videographers

- Competitions, candid action, live events, and natural reactions
- Receiving awards, celebrations, laughing, high fives, and engagements with others
- Coaching and mentor moments, teamwork
- Pre competition warm up/ post competition cool down
- Volunteer and partner interactions, donations, community engagement
- Athlete Leadership, health screenings, education, treatments, giveaways
- Candid and staged shots of happy attendees with one another
- **Avoid participants not wearing appropriate uniforms or SOAZ branded attire**

Tips for Interviewees

- Do not refer to athletes as “kids”, “special needs” or “disabled”
 - When referencing someone’s abilities, use “intellectual disability”
 - Those **WITH** an intellectual disability should be referred to as **athletes**
 - Those **WITHOUT** an intellectual disability should be referred to as **Unified partners**
 - If you need to generalize a group, you can say “players”, “teammates”, “participants”, or “athletes and partners”
- Start your answer to each question by repeating the main point of the question:**
- For example:
 - Question – What is Unified Sports?
 - Response – *“Unified Sports combines people with and without intellectual disabilities on sports teams”*

ATHLETE QUESTIONS**General**

1. How long have you been a Special Olympics athlete & what sport are you competing in today?
2. What do you love most about being a Special Olympics athlete?
3. What are three things you enjoy most about Fall Games?
4. Describe your proudest moment this season competing in (sport).
5. Why/ How did you choose (sport)?
6. Do you have any pre-game rituals or routines before competition?
7. How does your coach inspire you before competition?
8. How do you and your teammates help each other get better?
9. If you win, how will you and your friends/ family celebrate?
10. What do you hope to achieve in your sport during Fall Games? (Ex. Win, new record, etc.)
11. If you have to “caption” your experience at fall games, what would it say?

Unified Sports

1. What do you love most about competing in Unified (sport)?
2. Why do you play Unified Sports?
3. How does playing Unified Sports make you feel?
4. How does Unified Sports change the lives of Special Olympics athletes?
5. How does Unified Sports change the lives of people without intellectual disabilities?
6. How does Unified Sports bring people together?
7. Why should other teams start Unified Sports?
8. What is the most important thing for people in this world to remember, no matter if they have a disability or not?

UNIFIED PARTNER QUESTIONS

General

1. How long have you been a Unified Partner & what sport are you competing in today?
2. What do you love most about being a Unified Partner?
3. What are three things you enjoy most about Fall Games?
4. Describe your proudest moment this season competing in (sport).
5. How do you and your teammates help each other get better?
6. If you win, how will you and your friends/ family celebrate?
7. What do you hope to achieve in your sport during Fall Games? (Ex. Win, new record, etc.)
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COACH QUESTIONS

General

1. How long have you been coaching Special Olympics & what sports are you coaching today?
2. Why did you decide to start coaching Special Olympics?
3. What do you love about coaching Special Olympics?
4. Describe your proudest moment from today or this sports season.

Unified Sports

1. How has Unified Sports impacted your athletes?
2. How has Unified Sports impacted your Unified partners?
3. What changes have you noticed in the relationships between your players with and without intellectual disabilities?
4. How has Unified Sports impacted your delegation / school community as a whole?
5. How does Unified Sports work to improve attitudes and build inclusion in your community?
6. Can you describe what Unified Sports offers those with and without intellectual disabilities?

Volunteer Questions

GMT / Delegation Volunteers

1. How long have you been volunteer with SOAZ?
2. What is your volunteer role at Fall Games?
3. What has been your favorite part about volunteering at Fall Games so far?
4. Why do you volunteer for SOAZ?
5. How has your life been impacted by volunteering for SOAZ?
6. How does SOAZ impact the lives of others?
7. Tell us about the first time you volunteered with SOAZ.
8. What's the most rewarding part about volunteering with SOAZ?
9. What was it about SOAZ that inspired you to volunteer?
10. There are a lot of nonprofits out there — what is so special to you about SOAZ?
11. Tell us about the people SOAZ serves and why it's so important.
12. What kind of relationships and connections have you built through SOAZ?
13. What gap does SOAZ fill in our community?
14. What makes volunteering with SOAZ worth it?
15. What advice do you have for people who are interested in learning more about SOAZ?

Day-of Volunteers

1. Is this your first time volunteering with SOAZ?
 - a. If no, how long have you been volunteering?
2. What is your volunteer role at Fall Games?
3. What has been your favorite part about volunteering at Fall Games so far?
4. What was most surprising to you about volunteering at Fall Games?
5. Why do you volunteer for SOAZ?
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7. What's the most rewarding part about volunteering with SOAZ?
8. There are a lot of nonprofits out there — what is so special to you about SOAZ?