

2017 High School Unified Soccer State Tournament

Saturday, May 27, 2016 Puyallup, WA

Unified Sports® is an inclusive sports program that combines an approximately equal number of Special Olympics athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) on teams for training and competition.

<u>Season Format</u>: Throughout the 2016 Soccer Season (March-May), nearly 200 Unified Soccer teams participated in 10 Leagues from across Washington. The Unified Soccer League is designed to mimic the structure of varsity sports, with weekly league play, District Tournaments, and a State Tournament.

<u>State Overview</u>: Teams that placed first in their division at one of the five District Tournaments advance to compete in conjunction with the WIAA Boys Soccer State Championships. These 10 teams will compete in either Division 1 or Division 2 for the opportunity to be state champions through quarter-finals, semi-finals, and a championship game!

State Tournament Schedule:

Saturday, May 27th

• 9:00am: Quarter-finals @ Washington Premier FC, Puyallup

- 10/11:00am: Semi-Finals @ Washington Premier FC, Puyallup
- 2:00pm: Division 1 Finals @ Sparks Stadium, Puyallup
- 2:00pm: Division 2 Finals @ Sunset Stadium, Sumner

Division 1 Schools: TBD Division 2 Schools: TBD



Transportation: School bus transportation is encouraged. Special Olympics will cover expenses if needed.

Housing: Teams traveling more than 60 miles will be provided housing in a hotel Friday night. **Meals:** Are provided for teams while they are at the games. Special Olympics does not cover traveling meals.

<u>How to Get Involved:</u> Special Olympics Washington is always looking to engage more people, whether it's families, volunteers, other organizations, athletes, unified partners, and schools. If you are interested getting involved with Special Olympics Washington in any form, please visit sowa.org and get connected today.

<u>Partners in Unified Sports:</u> 2017 marks the forth year that WIAA and Special Olympics Washington are teaming together to provide the state tournament games along with 1A-4A Boys Soccer.