



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Australian Powerlifting Union

and

Special Olympics Australia

1/09/2018 – 31/8/2022

Australian Powerlifting Union (APU) and Special Olympics Australia (SOA) agree to co-operate in the provision and development of services and Powerlifting opportunities for people with an intellectual disability in the following areas:

- 1) APU and SOA will work together, and with their respective State Representatives and coaches, to foster the development of Powerlifting for people with intellectual disabilities at all levels.
- 2) SOA will provide APU with a list of SOA Powerlifting programs operating in Australia.
- 3) APU will identify gym/physical fitness centres currently providing opportunities to people with disabilities and share with SOA. SOA to support APU by identifying currently registered athletes participating in Powerlifting and, in turn, converting participation to APU-recognised centres where possible and practical.
- 4) APU will continue with the implementation of strategies to develop opportunities for all Australians to participate in Powerlifting to the level of their choice and ability. SOA will provide assistance with these strategies.
- 5) APU and SOA will collaborate to develop, where required, and maintain modified rules known as Special Olympics Powerlifting Sport rules and confirm the prioritisation of these rules to accompany International Powerlifting sport rules and regulations. International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) Sport rules and regulations will apply unless there is a conflict with necessary modified rules for SOA events, a requirement of the Special Olympics International competition pathway.
- 6) APU and SOA will collaborate to provide opportunities for coaches and centres to undertake professional development (including, but not limited to, accreditation, clinics and disability awareness courses) to provide quality accessible Powerlifting programs, recognising and supporting athlete's individual motivations and aspirations.

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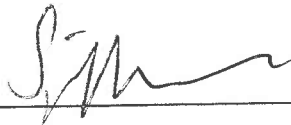
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- 7) APU and SOA will collaborate on cross-promotional opportunities on respective organisations' websites and membership communications.
- 8) A level of cooperation shall exist between SOA and APU in the organisation of competition pathways at State, National and International levels.
- 9) APU, and where possible relevant State representatives, will provide a level of assistance at SOA National competitions.
- 10) APU and SOA will collaborate to introduce Powerlifting as an official Special Olympics Australia Sport under the governance of IPF rules and regulations for the sport.
- 11) APU and SOA will collaborate to develop an accessible competition pathway that provides a clear and transparent process for advancement in preparation for potential inclusion as a demonstration sport in national competition to be held at the 2022 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

This agreement is for 4 years and will be reviewed annually each year in August with any amendments noted (if required).

Signed:



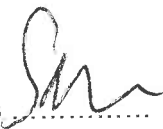
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