



Special Pops Tennis Unified Partner Letter

We're excited that you will be joining us, as a Unified Partner, as we host our 14th Annual Fall Classic Tournament! We look forward to sharing an exciting weekend with you and thank you for sharing your time with Special Pops Tennis. Some of you are returning partners while others are new to our SPT family. **Attached** you will find some information regarding unified play that may be helpful and is worth reviewing. You should also review our unified partner video on our website (<http://www.specialpopstennis.org/resources/video-library/>)

The 2019 Match Play rules are aimed at allow for more time playing tennis. Included with this letter is a print out of the Rules of Play - Scoring that will be followed this year.

Unified Partner Role. Unified partners should play at the level of the athletes that they are on the court with. Your goal is to help facilitate the match. The athletes must be the main focus of the match and should be the ones to determine the outcome of the match. General rule of thumb is that the athlete playing the better match should win. If at any time a unified partner is observed to be repeatedly dominating play/playing at a higher level than the athletes on the court he/she will be addressed by the umpire and/or tournament director. We understand the challenges and temptations faced in being a unified partner. SPT recognizes that being a successful unified partner is the most critical, challenging, and difficult role as a volunteer.

SCHEDULE:

Unified Play is Saturday & Sunday. You will receive your check- in time via email from the Unified Partner coordinator the week of the tournament.

CHECK IN:

Lifetime Athletic & Tennis
6350 Courtside Drive
Peachtree Corners, 30092

1. Please park in the lot on the right as you enter the facility. (please allow for traffic)
2. Please sign Lifetime waiver (each day) and proceed through the outside gate to get your t-shirt and then report to the Unified Partner table to get your credentials/lanyard.
3. If you are helping in other tasks during the day you will receive a complimentary lunch.
4. We will have a hospitality area set up near Court 6 for your snack and drink needs.
5. Lifetime does not allow outside food to be brought in from other restaurants.

“Success as a unified partner occurs when the outcome of a point or match is determined by the quality of play and effort of the athlete...not the partner!”

During the tournament please feel free to direct any questions, suggestions, or comments to Jim Hamm.