

# News & Recognition

## Holiday Sports Classic: A Weekend of Playing Unified, Celebrating Champions



The Special Olympics Connecticut annual Holiday Sports Classic presented by the Connecticut Elks Association provided athletes of all abilities the opportunity to participate in athletic competition with their peers in a supportive, inclusive and celebratory atmosphere! This year, 2,366 athletes and Unified Sports® partners demonstrated their strengths as competitors in Unified Sports® Powerlifting, Unified Sports® Volleyball, Unified Sports® Basketball and Traditional and Unified Sports® Bowling. Although the weekend featured some intense sports competition, it was about so much more! Highlights also

included both individual and team achievements and attaining personal bests. It was about friendships - old and new - and the bonds that participants and their peers share. It was about the volunteers and sponsors who gave their all to provide great experiences for participants, and families coming together to cheer on their star athletes. It was also about getting healthy! Through our Healthy Athletes Program, athletes benefited from free dental screenings by UCONN dental students, enjoyed Zumba and fitness activities, and also got advice about healthy eating practices and good nutrition throughout the weekend.

We congratulate the athletes and partners who participated and thank all the coaches, volunteers, referees, and fans who helped make this year's Holiday Sports Classic, "classic"! We also thank our caring and generous sponsors. In addition to Presenting Sponsor, the Connecticut Elks Association, these sponsors include:

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