

How to Register

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2017 Special Olympics Unified Robotics season! We hope you and your team is just as excited as we are in inspiring students of all abilities through the world of STEM and robotics.

For the 2017 season, the registration process has become more streamlined. We have implemented an online system to aid the basics and will provide any additional forms in one place. Please note, however, that although an online system has been implemented, **some forms are required to be printed, signed, and scanned.**

Register Online at unifiedrobotics.org/register

💡 What You Need to Know Prior to Registration

- Contact information for the Unified Robotics Coach and Student Representative.
- Your school's *FIRST*® Team information, if applicable.
- The number of Unified Robotics teams, athletes, and partners that will participate this season.
- The number of LEGO MINDSTORMS® Robotics Kits and Computers needed.
- Consent and contact from your school's Special Olympics Unified Sports liaison, if you have one.
- An estimated needed budget for the team, if required.
- Total school enrollment.



Basic Info



Additional Forms



Coach Training



Step 1: Basic Info

unifiedrobotics.org/register/basic-info

After clicking "Start Registration" on the Registration page, enter your information into the fields provided. Any fields that have a red asterisk (*) are required. Otherwise, you may leave the field blank. However, please enter as much information as you can.

There are a total of 3 pages of information to fill out: the School & Team Contact page, the *FIRST*® Team Contact page, and the Materials page. As you place your cursor over certain fields, an information box may appear on the right side of the page. These are displayed to clarify terms or requirements for certain fields.

After you submit the form, you will receive a copy of the form to the email entered in the Coach section and will be automatically redirected to the next step of the process.

Terms to Remember:

- **Unified Robotics Coach:** Can be a teacher, parent, or adult that supervises the school's Unified Robotics club. The Coach must fill out any forms that are requested by us or Special Olympics WA.
- **Unified Robotics Team:** Consists of at least one athlete and one partner, but no more than six total per team. It is best to have an equal number of athletes and partners in a team.
- **Athlete:** A student with a disability, typically in the special education population.
- **Partner:** A student without a disability, typically in the general education population.

Step 2: Additional Forms

unifiedrobotics.org/register/additional-forms

The next step lists important forms that you, your team athletes, and partners must fill out as part of the registration process. To download the forms, visit the URL mentioned above.

Important!

Any forms that you print and scan please send to **Morgan Larche** (Special Olympics Washington Director of Unified Schools) at mlarche@sowa.org.

Below are descriptions of the forms:

- **Commitment to Inclusion (Required)**
This registers your school with Special Olympics to participate in Unified School programming. If your school currently offers Unified Sports, Inclusive Clubs, etc. with Special Olympics, please check with your school's Unified Liaison. This form registers your school for **all** Unified programming that your school will offer.
- **Participant Paperwork (Required for All Athletes and Partners)**
This form is required to be completed for each student. An online version is available for students to conveniently submit without the need to print and scan each form. If your school has jumped on board following the Kickoff event, please have students complete these forms before their first build session.
Online Link: unifiedrobotics.org/participantpaperwork
- **Budget Request (Optional)**
This form should be used if your school needs financial assistance. Please note that not all funds asked for will be provided. Special Olympics Washington will work with each school individually to assess financial needs. Again, if your school has a current Unified program, please talk this over with the liaison, as they might have requests/needs as well. Funds projected for the entire year will need to be included in this document. If you are not sure if your school has additional Unified School opportunities, please contact Morgan Larche at mlarche@sowa.org.

Step 3: Coach Training

unifiedrobotics.org/register/coach-training

The next step is required for Unified Robotics coaches, who must pass the training process to officially be a coach for any Special Olympics Unified Sports program, including robotics. Visit the URL mentioned above to perform the training.

The training consists of:

1. **General Orientation.** An 11-minute video that describes the Special Olympics mission and philosophy and the administrative duties of the coach.
2. **Protective Behaviors Training and Quiz.** The goal of this presentation and quiz is prevention of sexual abuse of Special Olympics athletes. It also addresses physical and emotional abuse.
3. **Online Background Check.**

Step 4: You're All Set!

Thank you for your registration for the 2017 season of Unified Robotics! Please make sure that any additional required forms are filled out, and coaches perform the required training. We hope you enjoy this season!