



**Special Olympics**  
*Texas*

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Chapter Headquarters**

TO: Area Program Directors

CC: Certified Triathlon Coaches, Regional Managers, Field Services, Chapter SMT, John Grounds

FROM: Mark Hanken, Director of Competition and Games

DATE: April 7, 2003

RE: Unified Sports™ Triathlon Three-Person Relay Approved

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Effective immediately, the SMT has approved that athletes and unified partners can train and compete in the Unified Sports™ triathlon three-person relay event.

**The 2003 Fall Classic will offer the following three events:**

**Level 2 Individual Triathlon** – one individual competes in all three events

**Level 2 Traditional Triathlon Relay** – three SOTX athletes each competing in one leg of the three events

**Level 2 Unified Sports™ Triathlon Three-Person Relay** – two SOTX athletes and one unified partner each compete in one of the three legs of the three events.

**Unified Sports Triathlon Notes:**

- Level 2 is the only level currently conducted - 100-meter swim; 4-mile bike and 1-mile run.
  - A three-person relay team **MUST** consist of three people – this applies to both unified and traditional relays (no person can do two of the three legs).
  - A unified partner may compete in **ANY** of the three events in the Unified Sports relay.
  - Relay times are based on cumulative score – the sum of the swim, bike and run times. Entries should include individual times for each person as well as the combined score.
  - The Unified Sports™ coach may compete as a unified partner in triathlon. A non-competing adult representative must be on-site to assist with any troubleshooting that may occur while the coach is involved in competition.
  - Required certification to be a Unified Sports™ Triathlon coach:
    - Aquatics certification, Triathlon certification **AND** Unified Sports certification
- OR
- Multiple people working together to coach the relay team that have a combination that includes **ALL** of the above certifications.
- The event code for Level 2 Unified Sports™ triathlon three-person relay is: **TRIUNR**