

PARTNER DOMINATION

- Partner Domination is directly related to coaching styles and techniques. Partners should be coached to play to the athletes' skill level and to engage them in "meaningful inclusion" at practice and competitions. Coaches need to provide orientation to partners prior to and during the sport season
- Partners are to play the game according to the NGB (National Governing Body) rules but they should be pulled out of the game if an official determines that they are dominating any portion of said game. Athletes and partners are to be taught to play clean and properly, keeping good sportsmanship in mind at all times.
- Division 1 athletes need to know the sport well enough to be placed in that division.
- Officials are to address issues of domination as they arise.
- All uniforms need to reflect partner identification through the #s on the uniforms. All partners are to have odd numbers. All athletes are to have even numbers. Positions are to be designated on rosters by A or P. In a relay, the order of participation will be Partner – Athlete – Partner – Athlete.
- Divisioning Tournaments are designed to provide additional competition opportunities and to evaluate where teams will play in final competition.
- The definition of partner domination is in the rule books and the coach's handbooks.
- Continued issues with partner domination and/or unsportsmanlike behaviors may result in Special Olympics Connecticut issuing a reprimand with consequences of not being allowed to participate in future competitions.