



# Special Olympics CT Unified Sports® Team Golf Croquet Tournament August 15, 2015 Hartford, CT



On Saturday, August 15, SOCT, a USCA club, held its 6th annual 6-wicket Golf Croquet Invitational tournament at Elizabeth Park. It is an all "doubles" competition, joining people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. The Unified Sports® concept is inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a path to friendship and understanding. Teams practiced for weeks prior to entering the competition.

Because of growing number of croquet teams, the tournament was held in two shifts: 27 teams competed in the morning and 25 teams competed in the afternoon.



Morning Group



Afternoon Group

The Regions represented were Glastonbury, Hartford, Mansfield/Tolland, North Haven, Oxford, Windsor Locks and Quinebaug Valley.

Coaches use the Elizabeth Park tournament as either a qualifier for the Croquet Olympics, September 19 and 20 at Ocean House hotel in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, or as a competition for those teams that cannot go on to the Olympics. Each team was guaranteed three 20-minute games. Block place ribbon awards were calculated using wins, net points and gross points.

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