

Press Release

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Dodging for Dollars ***UCONN Students to Raise Funds for Special Olympics Connecticut***

STORRS, CT – It's time to get your game face on! Students at UCONN have put up the challenge to other students and members of the Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT) community to face off in a dodgeball tournament. UCONN Greek Life and student organizations, members of the SOCT community, and local law enforcement are just some of the groups slated to compete in the fourth annual tournament.

The UCONN Office of Community Outreach is hosting "Dodging for Dollars" to benefit SOCT on Saturday November 3rd at the UCONN Rec Center. Teams will compete in male, female and co-rec divisions. Four members will play at once with the option for up to 2 additional team members as alternates or substitutes. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers as well as prizes for the best team name and best dressed team. Teams are also encouraged to generate pledges, with an award going to the top fundraising team. Teams can register online and start fundraising today, visit: www.dodgingfordollars.weebly.com.

Registration fees, pledges and event sponsorships will all support local Special Olympics Connecticut Eastern Region programming initiatives. Sponsorship packages are currently available starting at \$100.00. For more information about sponsorships, contact Jackie Turro via e mail at jackiet@soct.org or call (860) 887-1555. Contact Catrina Shea at uconn.co.sododgeball@gmail.com for registration information and to reserve your spot today!

Event Details

- Dodging for Dollars
- Registration: www.dodgingfordollars.weebly.com
- Saturday November 3rd
- Registration 9:00 am
- Tournament play 10:00am – 5:00 pm
- UCONN Rec Center
2111 Hillside Rd
Storrs, CT 06268

About Special Olympics Connecticut

Since 1969, Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT) has been *changing attitudes and changing lives* through year-round sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SOCT currently serves 13,180 athletes (with intellectual disabilities) and partners (without intellectual disabilities) from across the state. Athletes and partners compete in 26 different Olympic-type sports thanks to over 100 local coordinators, 900 coaches and 10,000 additional volunteers.

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