

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE – JUNE 29, 2020**

Greetings Raider Nation! We hope that as you are reading this message you ALL are safe and healthy. 2020 is definitely a year that none of us will soon forget. Here is an update for all Murray Ridge Raiders Special Olympics athletes on the status of our program at this time.

Special Olympics Ohio announced several weeks ago that it was planning to allow organized activities (practices) to restart on Monday, July 6, 2020. Because of COVID-19 there are many rules and guidelines (posted on the Special Olympics Ohio website) that must be followed in order to conduct any practices or competitions. Although we at Murray Ridge want to get back to sports and competition as much as you – our athletes – want to play, we have made the difficult decision to NOT organize and field our Softball and Soccer Teams for the 2020 season.

Please know that you, the Murray Ridge Raider athlete, and your health and safety are our primary concern. We will return to team sports when the time and conditions to do so favor your health, and your safety.

To end this update on a positive note, we are very excited to announce that we are planning to have Unified Golf this year! A link to the golf registration sheet is posted on the Special Olympics page of the agency's [murrayridgecenter.org](http://murrayridgecenter.org) website.