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Hello,

Welcome to the 2017 State Summer Games. The staff of Special Olympics Illinois, the Games Committee and thousands of volunteers extend their best wishes for your athlete’s success at this year’s Games.

The Event Handbook is designed to make your trip to Bloomington-Normal an enjoyable experience. Detailed instructions for Registration, Housing, Meals, Opening Ceremonies, Special Events, Medical Guidelines and Official Sports are contained in this handbook. Please read this handbook carefully; changes have been made from last year.

A final schedule will be mailed the week before the Games if possible. The schedule in this handbook is tentative. Changes in the schedule could be made once entries have been received. More detailed information about the Summer Games schedule will be available on the web site (www.soill.org) the week before Summer Games.

Positive attitudes will certainly help during the 2017 State Summer Games. Special Olympics Illinois wants to hear about any problems quickly and with no ill feelings toward those people and organizations donating their time and services. Please help us as we try to demonstrate our thanks to the many individuals who make this event possible. If you have any questions after you have read this handbook, please contact us.

Good luck to you and your athletes!

Sincerely,

Verlinda Sapp
Director of Competition Operations

Brianna Beers
Director of State Championships

Nate Henry
Director of State Championships
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HOW COACHES CAN PREPARE FOR THE GAMES

As you prepare for the Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games, please be sure to:

1. Step-up training programs.

2. Familiarize athletes with what is expected of them while at the Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games.

3. Prepare uniforms for athletes and agency banners for Opening Ceremonies. Be aware of the Special Olympics uniform policy to avoid violations.

4. Distribute suggested packing lists to athletes and coaches. Please include:
   a. Blanket, towels, washcloth and soap;
   b. Medication in bottles clearly marked with athlete’s name, agency and dosage instructions. Plan to bring an extra day of medication.
   c. Sun screen or sun block; and Swim suit and towel for water activities.

5. Arrange transportation for the trip to Normal. Plan to arrive at ISU in time to register (registration begins at 8:30 am and ends at 12:00 noon), check into the residence halls and eat lunch in the hall dining room prior to competition Friday afternoon.

6. Communicate with families of the athletes. Inform them of the upcoming activities and encourage them to attend the Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games. More detailed information about the Summer Games schedule will be available on the web site (www.soill.org) the week before the Summer Games.

7. Determine tentative coaching assignments. General guidelines would be to group coaches with athletes first by sport then by sex, event, and finally by age.

8. Familiarize yourself with all information in this handbook; especially the Coach’s Responsibilities (see p. 9).

9. Please be aware that Policy and Procedures and sport event rules will be enforced. Violations will be handled according to guidelines established by that sport or by the guidelines established in the Special Olympics Illinois Policy and Procedures manual.
SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

As fans (family, friends and supporters) of Special Olympics athletes, it is expected that everyone will play a positive role at Special Olympics Illinois events by following these codes for conduct:

1. Refrain from using abusive or offensive language towards anyone: officials, coaches, opponents and fellow spectators.
2. Remember that athletes are amateur athletes and the coaches and officials are volunteers.
3. An understanding of the rules may lead to a more positive experience at the event. All Special Olympics Illinois sports follow the designated National Governing Body (NGB) rules and any exceptions or modifications to those rules are included in the Special Olympics Illinois Rules Interpretations for the sport. A list of the designated NGB rules and the Rules Interpretations can be found at www.soill.org in the coach resource section.
4. Keep in mind the Special Olympics oath and remember that winning is not the emphasis of Special Olympics competition.
5. Coaches should be the ones to do the coaching. Please refrain from shouting instructions to athletes.
6. Spectators and fans are prohibited in the competition areas. Only registered coaches, athletes and officials should be in the playing area.
7. ALL CHEERS should be positive and display good sportsmanship. Derogatory comments directed to players, coaches and officials will not be tolerated.
8. Follow instructions or directives given by officials, volunteers or Special Olympics Illinois staff.
9. Special Olympics Illinois has a no tolerance policy in regard to physical altercations involving coaches, athletes, unified partners, volunteers, spectators, family members, etc.

Any spectator who fails to follow directives given by volunteers, officials or Special Olympics Illinois staff or does not adhere to the code of conduct items above will be reprimanded. A reprimand could include one of the following:

Will be escorted from the venue;
Will be banned from attending future events for a given period of time;
Will be permanently banned from attending any Special Olympics Illinois event.
### Schedule of Events

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Schedule changes, inclement weather policy and event protest procedures will be explained at the Head Coaches Meetings. **Attendance by the Head Sport Coach is mandatory.**
### TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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REGISTRATION FOR AGENCIES

Location: Horton Field House-Illinois State University
Time: 8:30 am - noon
Date: Friday, June 9, 2017
Setup: Six separate sections set up by Area

1. Only the Head Coach and one other person to help carry materials should go to the registration area. Agencies can park in the Ropp Lot next to Horton Field House while the Head Coach is completing the registration process. The head coach should bring a state- or federal-issued photo ID. All other coaches and athletes should stay out of the registration area.

2. Go directly to the section marked with your Area number and tell the registration volunteer your Area number and Agency name.

3. Verify with the registration volunteers the number of coaches and athletes who are actually attending the games. The head coach will either agree to verify the identity of all of his/her agency coaches/chaperones or each individual coach will be required to present their photo IDs for verification.

4. Tell the registration volunteer the names of those athletes registered as of the scratch deadline but unable to attend "No Shows." Wristbands, meal tickets or mementos will not be issued for any no show individual.

5. You will receive a packet containing the following:
   a. Computer printout listing all agency athletes and their events.
   b. Wristbands for athletes and coaches. **The Head Coach is required to count wristbands before leaving the registration table.**
   c. Meal tickets for athletes and coaches. **The Head Coach is required to count meal tickets before leaving the registration table.** Only agencies staying in assigned housing will be issued meal tickets.
   d. Final division schedule for sports events.
   e. Fliers with updated information and details about clinics, special events and emergency instructions.
   f. A “Housing Assignment Form” indicating your agency's housing assignment.
   g. Memento for each registered athlete, coach and unified partner.
   h. **NEW** – A link to an online Coaches Evaluation will be emailed out after the event, there will NOT be any paper evaluations in the packets.

7. Once the Head Coach has completed the agency registration, he/she will then proceed to housing registration in the east concourse at Horton Field House. Once the housing registration is complete, then the agency may check into their assigned residence hall.

8. Agencies registering after noon on Friday, June 9, must go to Tournament Central.

CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF EVENTS

In the event of rain or severe weather, the final decision to cancel or postpone an event will rest with the Games Director. Due to the size and number of events at Summer Games, cancelled events will not be made up. If in doubt call the Event Status Hotline 309-888-2000 Ext. 245 or check the Special Olympics Illinois website at soill.org. Schedule and event updates will also be shared via the Summer Games App. The residence halls are not responsible for providing activities if events are canceled.

*Event Status Hotline*
309-888-2000 ext. 245
COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

Because this is an entire weekend event, coaches must be adequately prepared to deal with their athletes for an extended period of time.

1. Coaches are responsible for their athletes 24 hours a day. They should see that the athletes’ physical and emotional needs are met during the Games.
   a. Athletes should be warmed up properly prior to competition.
   b. Avoid sunburn and heat exhaustion by using sun screen, drinking plenty of fluids and taking advantage of shaded areas whenever possible.
   c. Administer first aid promptly when needed. If possible, bring a first aid kit to treat minor problems not needing professional attention.
   d. Athletes need adequate rest. Once the Olympic Village closes, security has been instructed to report all unacceptable behavior to Special Olympics Illinois. **UHS security will have the authority to remove individuals from the residence halls if behavior is not controlled.**
   e. Athletes should eat properly; avoid overeating or missing meals. **If an athlete requires a special diet, it is the responsibility of the coach to provide for the athletes needs.** For special diets, bring a cooler with all the proper foods.
   f. The excitement of the Games may encourage strange or new behaviors. Close supervision of athletes while in the residence halls and at all activities is required.

2. The coach should be aware of the athlete’s possessions. Check for lost items at Tournament Central, residence hall desks and all bullpen areas.

3. The coach should be completely familiar with the medical conditions, precautions and medication requirements of the athletes. It is the coach’s responsibility to administer medication. Knowledge of the medication regimen (what, when and how much) is essential. Refrigerators **will not** be available for storing medications. **Special Olympics Illinois will not have volunteers available to administer medication or injections.** Arrangements should be made to have injections given by the agency’s own qualified staff or at a local hospital.

4. The coach is required to carry a copy of the valid Application for Participation for each athlete at all times.

5. The coach must ensure that wristbands are worn by athletes and coaches at all times (see **wristbands**, p. 15).

6. The coach must be totally familiar with all schedules: sports, special events and meals. **Questions regarding divisioning should be taken to Tournament Central and not venue personnel.** It is the coach’s responsibility to ensure athletes are on time for all sports competition and also have the opportunity to participate in special activities.

7. Ensure adequate chaperone coverage of athletes at all venues and in residence halls.

8. The coach is expected to be familiar with the Special Olympics sports rules. Questions or concerns about sports events should be addressed to the Sport Directors. Concerns or suggestions about other aspects of the Games should be made at Tournament Central or on the evaluation survey sent to the coaches after the event.

9. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the campus of Illinois State University, Normal West High School and by Special Olympics Illinois.**
10. **Smoking is not permitted at venue sites.** Smoking will be permitted only in designated smoking areas.

11. Agencies will be held responsible for damage to windows, rooms and floors in residence halls. If you notice damage as you check into the hall, please report it immediately to the Reception Desk personnel.

12. Agencies must stay at Special Olympics Illinois provided housing. If an agency chooses not to stay in the provided housing, the head coach must notify Special Olympics Illinois by the scratch deadline for this event. Instructions on the housing procedures are located on the Summer Games Fact Sheet in the STC Facts & Forms book. Failure to adhere to this policy will impact future team registrations to Special Olympics Illinois state events.

**EVENT/DIVISION CORRECTIONS FOR ATHLETES**

Agency printouts listing the athletes and their event information will be sent to the head coach. The head coach will be responsible for proofing the list to ensure that the athlete’s correct event information, qualifying time, age and gender are correct by the specified deadline. **Corrections to the athlete’s event information will not be made during the competition weekend.** Athletes will only be allowed to compete in those events/divisions listed on the wristband label.

**VENUE SITE RESTRICTIONS**

A closed venue policy will be enforced during all sports events. This policy allows for only authorized personnel, working volunteers and athletes to be inside the competition areas. Bleachers and seating will be arranged so that all events are easily visible. **Smoking will not be allowed at the venue sites.** Smoking will only be allowed in designated areas.

**ATHLETE RESULTS**

Agencies should keep a record of their athletes’ results for local press releases (Special Olympics Illinois will post results on the website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org) after the games). Please go to the Results Table in Horton Field House to secure an athlete’s place of finish. Do not ask event officials or awards presenters; this will delay the process of presenting awards to athletes.

**ATHLETE AWARDS VENUES**

Awards for sports events will take place immediately following the competition. In case of protests, awards for the division in question will be presented once the protest is adjudicated by the Rules Committee. Medals will be awarded to all athletes who finish first, second or third and ribbons will be awarded to 4-8 place finishers. In cases of disqualification, athletes will receive a participation ribbon. Please do not delay awards presentations for picture taking. In cases of ties, awards will be presented using the Olympic format, i.e., 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. The awards venue sites are not responsible for protests; all protests must be directed to the Venue Director.
BULLPEN PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITION

So that competition proceeds fairly and on schedule, bullpen procedures must be followed closely. It is the coach’s responsibility to ensure athletes report to event bullpens on time. Once a division has begun competition, no late arrivals will be allowed to compete. Horton Complex does not open until 7:15 am Saturday and Sunday.

AQUATICS/SWIMMING: Athletes should report to the staging area located in the gym next to the pool at Normal West High School.

BOCCE: Athletes should report to the ISU Soccer Stadium at the venue table.

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS: Gymnasts should report to Horton Field House in their leotards, ready to compete. Female floor exercise gymnasts (level 3 & 4) must bring their music on a CD. Please have only 1 athlete’s music on each CD. Mark CD’s with athlete name, agency and title of song.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS: Gymnasts should report to the main gym at Normal West High School. Level 4 gymnasts must provide their own music on a CD or Itunes. A music system will be provided.

POWERLIFTING: All athletes should report to Main Gym inside Kingsley JHS.

SOCCER: All athletes (including Individual Skills) should report to ISU Intramural Soccer Fields on Gregory Street.

ATHLETICS: (SOME BULLPEN ASSIGNMENTS HAVE CHANGED FOR 2017)
50-Meter Run—All athletes will report to the northeast bullpen
100-Meter Run—Female athletes report to the northeast and Male to the northwest bullpen
200-Meter Run—All athletes report to the west bullpen.
200-Meter Wheelchair—All athletes report to the west bullpen.
400-Meter Run—All athletes report to the northeast bullpen.
Relays—All athletes report to the northeast bullpen.
800-Meter Run—All athletes report to the northeast bullpen.
1500-Meter Run—All athletes report to the northeast bullpen.
3000-Meter Run—All athletes report to the northeast bullpen.
Assisted Events—All athletes report to the west bullpen.
High Jump—All athletes report to the south bullpen.
Pentathlon—All athletes will meet the pentathlon official at 11:30am Friday at the northeast bullpen.
Running Long Jump—All athletes report to the east bullpen.
Shot Put—All athletes report to the shot put bullpen behind the northeast bullpen.
Mini Jav—All athletes report to the north/west bullpen of Hancock Stadium.
Softball Throw—All Softball Throw Athletes should report to the U-High practice field.
Standing Long Jump—All athletes report to the south bullpen of the ISU Soccer Field.
Tennis Ball Throw—All athletes report to the north/west bullpen of Hancock Stadium.
Walk Races—All athletes will report to the south, west, northeast or northwest bullpens based on the final schedule.
Wheelchair Races—All athletes report to the west bullpen.
Wheelchair Shot Put—All athletes report to the northeast bullpen for entrance to the track
Wheelchair Relay—All athletes report to the west bullpen.
DISQUALIFICATIONS OF ATHLETES

Disqualifications will be handled in accordance with Special Olympics Illinois’ Disqualification Process:

1. It is the coach’s responsibility to be aware of disqualifications at all times. Event officials will be signaled of infractions by course judges. Event officials will not announce disqualifications to the general audience.
2. Disqualified athletes will be given notice of rule infraction upon completion of the event.
3. A Sports Rules Committee will be available to hear questions concerning disqualified athletes.
4. Awards will be presented upon completion of events which will include:
   (a) running of event;
   (b) notice of disqualification if necessary;
   (c) appeal of disqualification if brought forth; and
   (d) final decision of Sports Rules Committee.
5. Decision of the Sports Rules Committee will be final and binding.
6. Disqualified athletes* will receive a participation ribbon.
   *An athlete who has been disqualified from competition for unsportsmanlike conduct and any team found using an ineligible or illegal player will forfeit all awards.

SPORT COACHES FILING PROTESTS

1. Protests to the Games Rules Committee may be made concerning only Games presentation, structure and conduct.
2. Protests to the Sports Rules Committee may be made concerning only competition of athletes within a venue, where within that competition; rulings are either made or not made in regard to the fairness and equity of the competition. Procedural or technical issues may be protested. Judgment calls made by the officials may not.
3. Protests must be presented by the Coach or Head Coach of the event immediately in an oral fashion at the venue so that the event officials may be made aware of the appeal. Do not go to Tournament Central to file a protest. Any verbal protests should be made prior to the presentation of awards.
4. If the awards presentation has taken place the registered sport coach has 30 minutes after the awards presentation to file a protest. A corrected awards presentation will be made to that athlete if needed.
5. The Event Official may rule on appeals immediately, but if the response of the Event Official does not resolve the protest, a formal protest may follow.
6. All formal protests must be made by the registered sport coach within one hour of the event in question.
7. Protests must be made on the specified form (available from the Event Official).
8. All protests will be brought to the attention of the Sports Rules committee for a final resolution. The decision of this committee shall be final and binding unless this committee concludes that the protest concerns Games presentation, structure or conduct, and refers the protest to the Games Rules Committee.
9. All questions regarding the protest process will be answered only at the Head Coaches Meeting. Questions regarding the protest process will not be discussed at the venue site.
HOUSING FOR ATHLETES & COACHES

Special Olympics Illinois attempts to rotate Areas from hall to hall each year. Your agency might not be staying in the same residence hall as last year. Your Area Director has assigned your rooms. Residence hall check-in will be at Horton Field House in the east concourse during registration for agencies assigned to Illinois State University housing.

Residence Hall Check In
1. The Head Coach must complete the registration process at Horton Field House prior to hall check in.
2. Give the residence hall staff the “Housing Assignment Form” received at registration.
3. You will receive an envelope containing one key for each room assigned to your agency.
4. Check the keys at the Housing Table to ensure that you have received all your keys. Sign the “Key Check Form” to show you received the keys and return the form to the Housing Table. The head coach is responsible for all keys signed out; please do not give keys to athletes.
5. Fill rooms to capacity (one person per bed).

Residence Hall Living
1. In compliance with the State of Illinois’ Smoke-Free Campus Act and other applicable state laws, Illinois State University became a smoke-and tobacco-free campus. This law prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco on campus property. Campus property includes buildings, grounds, parking lots and vehicles that are owned or operated by state-supported institutions of higher education.
2. Sheets, pillow and pillowcases will be provided; beds will not be made.
3. Athletes and coaches should bring towels, washcloths, blankets and soap.
4. Other electrical appliances are prohibited.
5. Bathrooms on each floor will be identified for men or women using picture signs.
6. Special Olympics may not be the only group in the residence hall. Please be considerate of others.
7. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited by Illinois State University and Special Olympics Illinois.
8. Agencies will be held responsible for damage to rooms or halls.
9. All athletes and coaches must adhere to all capacity limits for the elevators in each residence hall. Failure to do so will result in fines to the agencies.
10. Do not lean against windows or stand on structures (heating units, crates, books, etc.) in front of windows. A $200 fine will be assessed for tampering with or removing a window screen, damaging a window screen, or for throwing, dropping or allowing an item to fall from a residence hall window. Fines will apply to each violation and an individual may be asked to leave the residence hall.
11. University housing security has been instructed to identify problem athletes, coaches and/or rooms. UHS security will provide Special Olympics Illinois with incident reports.
12. University housing security and residence hall staff has been instructed to allow only registered coaches and athletes into the halls. Special Olympics wristbands, room key and access cards will be used as identification and authorization into the halls. All campus buildings will have a 24 hour limited access. Only individuals with room keys and access cards will be allowed into the residence halls. Unauthorized agencies having individuals in the residence halls after the designated closed hours will be punished according to the guidelines established in the Policy and Procedures manual.

13. From 11:00 pm to 7:00 am is designated as quiet hours. Coaches will be required to sign out after 11:00 pm and proper identification (Special Olympics Illinois wristband, room key, access card and photo ID) will be required for re-entrance into the residence hall. Proper coverage of athletes must be maintained.

14. In case of a tornado or fire, an alert will be broadcast over the hall loudspeaker. Follow instructions completely. During a fire, do not use elevators—use stairs and proceed out of the building to the designated waiting area. Please do not attempt to carry athletes down the stairs. If it is safe, stay in your room until personnel are able to reach you. During a tornado, do not use elevators use stairs and proceed to the designated area. All residents are instructed to go into the stairwells and go to the lowest floor possible. No one is instructed to go into the basement area. Review the emergency instructions in your registration packets.

15. Laundry facilities are available in each hall. Please check with the Reception Desk for the location. A load of wash requires five quarters; the dryers use five quarters.

16. Check at the front desk if you are expecting any type of messages.

17. Bring trash bags for rooms; wastebaskets are not provided.

18. No pets are allowed in the Residence Halls.

Residence Hall Check Out
1. Check out on Sunday morning must be done prior to 10:00 am.
2. Shut all windows before leaving. **Double check rooms before leaving to ensure no personal items are left.**
3. Leave linens on the beds.
4. Lock all room doors.
5. Take all trash to utility rooms and place in trash chutes.
6. The Head Coach must return all keys to the staff at the reception desk. *Once it has been verified that all keys are returned, both the hall staff and Head Coach should sign the “Key Check Form.” The Head Coach should keep the pink copy of the “Key Check Form" to prove all keys were returned.*
7. A $75.00 fee per key will be charged to the Agency for each key not returned before 10:00 am Sunday, June 11.
   *Please place keys on ring in room number order.*
WRISTBANDS/MEAL TICKETS FOR ATHLETES & COACHES

Identification wristbands and meal tickets (provided for each registered athlete and registered coach) will be coded by color:

**RED:** Coaches and athletes assigned to sleep in Wilkins, Wright and Haynie.

**YELLOW:** Coaches and athletes assigned to sleep in Watterson Towers

**ORANGE:** Coaches and athletes assigned to sleep in Hewett or Manchester.

**WRISTBANDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES!**

Wristbands and meal tickets will be used as identification and authorization at dining rooms, residence halls and sports venues. This label gives all the information needed for sports competition. An athlete not wearing a wristband containing a readable label will be barred from competition. Exact counts will be made at registration.

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure he/she has the proper number of wristbands and meal tickets before leaving the registration table.

Entrance to a food service site will be only by that site’s specific colored meal ticket. If you don’t have the required credentials, you will be asked to get them.

If a label is lost or becomes unreadable, the coach and the athlete should report to Tournament Central. If a wristband breaks, the broken wristband must be taken to Tournament Central for replacement.

The athlete information label will look like this:

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1. Athlete’s name (last name first).
2. Athlete’s ID number. The first two digits of this number indicate the area; the second three, the agency.
3. Agency name. The athlete’s sponsoring organization.
4. Events in which the athlete is entered.
5. Division: The division in which the athlete is to compete. A complete explanation of division codes will be contained in the Division Schedule contained in the registration packet.
MEAL PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENCE HALLS

1. You must eat in the dining room which serves the hall in which you are assigned to sleep.

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2. Dining rooms **cannot** seat all athletes and coaches at one time. Plan meal times according to your schedule.

3. Campus Dining Services prohibits the removal of food, china, glassware, silverware, etc., from the dining room. Smoking is prohibited in all dining rooms.

4. Remember, it is the coach’s responsibility to ensure athletes eat properly. Provisions for special diets cannot be made. Menus are subject to change without notice.

RESIDENCE HALLS MEAL MENUS

**Friday Lunch 11:00 am - 1:30 pm**
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich*, Chips, Salad Bar, Sugar-free Gelatin, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Beverages

**Friday Dinner 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**
- Lasagna*, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Breadsticks, Fresh Fruit, Cake and Beverages

**Saturday Breakfast 6:00 am - 8:30 am**
- Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Diced Hash Browns, Cereal, Donuts, Fresh Fruit and Beverages including Orange Juice

**Saturday Lunch 11:00 am - 1:30 pm**
- Ham & Swiss Cheese Sandwich*, Chips, Salad Bar, Sugar-free Gelatin, Fresh Fruit, Sugar Cookies and Beverages

**Saturday Dinner 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**
- Breaded Chicken Breast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad Bar, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit, Brownies and Beverages

**Sunday Breakfast 6:30 am - 9:00 am**
- Pancakes*, Sausage, Cereal, Donuts, Fresh Fruit, and Beverages including Orange Juice

*Gluten Free bread and Pasta will be available upon request

The Bone Student Center location will offer waffles in place of pancakes on Sunday.

**GUEST MEAL TICKETS**

Parents, guests and day coaches may purchase individual meal tickets in any hall during the State Summer Games. Please pay the cashier at the dining room; **NO CASH ACCEPTED**, please pay with a credit or debit card.

Prices are:
- Breakfast - $6.15
- Lunch - $8.65
- Dinner - $10.00
TRANSPORTATION

The Special Olympics transportation system will operate 10:30 am-7:30 pm and 9:00 pm-10:30 pm on Friday and 6:30 am-10:00 pm on Saturday.

The buses will follow a circular route and will stop to unload passengers only at designated bus stops.

Designated bus stops will be (see center map):

1. Circle drive at Hewett/Manchester Residence Halls
2. Circle drive in front of Watterson Towers
3. Fairview Aquatics Park and Waterslide
4. Redbird Arena
5. ISU Soccer Fields
6. ISU Intramural Fields
7. Normal West High School

* Buses will run Saturday evening starting at 6:30 pm from Redbird Arena to transport passengers to Uptown Normal for Victory Dance.

Buses are scheduled to arrive at designated bus stops every 20 minutes. When using the Special Olympics transportation system, please leave ample time for travel as well as loading and unloading.

School buses will be used for Special Olympics transportation. Standard school bus rules, including no standing and nothing out the windows, will be enforced. When entering the bus, please allow passengers to exit the bus first.

*Remote parking with shuttle service will be available at the Bill Waller Parking Services Building located at 709 N. Main St next to the Fairview Aquatics Center.

At least one bus on the shuttle route will be handicap accessible.
MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR ATHLETES & COACHES

1. For any injury or medical problem, contact appropriate medical personnel (agency personnel, Special Olympics Illinois medical personnel, hospital personnel) to ensure prompt, timely and complete care.

2. Medical personnel will be set up at the following sites:
   - Softball Throw Area
   - ISU Soccer Stadium
   - Powerlifting (Kingsley JHS)
   - Hancock Stadium (Opening Ceremonies)
   - Inside Horton Field House
   - Inside Normal West Pool
   - Track Infield
   - North outside wall of North Gym
   - ISU Intramural Fields

3. Nurses, athletic trainers and/or EMTs in easily identified shirts will be available at all times during competition.

4. Medical personnel will be available in the residence halls during the evenings.

5. In the event of a serious emergency or if you are unable to locate Special Olympics medical personnel, you should call the medical emergency number.

6. Special Olympics Illinois has an accident insurance policy which provides secondary coverage for all athletes, coaches and volunteers registered for Summer Games. This is provided as a backup coverage to your personal insurance. Accident claim forms will be available at the Medical Tent and Medical Rooms in the residence halls.

7. BroMenn Hospital is aware the State Summer Games are being held and are prepared to help should Special Olympics Illinois medical staff determine an athlete or coach requires hospital care.

8. To facilitate medical care, all coaches are required to carry copies of valid Applications for Participation for their athletes at all times.

MEDICAL GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETES

1. Know the athlete's medical conditions (heart problems, epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, allergies, etc.) and medication regimen. It is the coach’s responsibility to administer medication.

   **Refrigerators for storing medications will not be available.** Agencies will need to make their own arrangements for storing medications that need to be refrigerated.

   **Special Olympics Illinois will not have medical staff administer medications or injections.** Arrangements should be made to have injections given by the agency's own qualified staff or at a local hospital.

2. Protect against sunburn, heat cramps and heat exhaustion. Make use of shaded areas and sun protection products.


4. If convulsive seizures occur, attempt to prevent the person’s head, arms or legs from striking hard or sharp objects. Stay with the athlete while sending someone for medical personnel.

5. Treat simple contusions, bruises, abrasions and lacerations promptly. Take the athlete to a Medical Tent if needed. If an injured athlete is unable to walk, stay with that athlete while sending someone for medical personnel.

6. Identify attention-getting behaviors and address them accordingly.
REPORTING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTS

The following actions should be taken if a coach, chaperone, athlete, family member, spectator or volunteer witnesses an alleged criminal act, is informed that an alleged criminal act was committed or is the victim of an alleged criminal act:

a. If the alleged criminal act occurs at any venue not located in an Illinois State University Residence Hall, then the individual should immediately contact a Special Olympics Illinois staff member or the venue director closest to the place of the alleged incident. The venue director will immediately contact a Special Olympics Illinois staff member. A staff member will immediately call the local police agency with jurisdiction.

b. If the alleged criminal act occurs in an Illinois State University Residence Hall, then immediately notify the residence hall's main desk staff. The Illinois State University desk staff member will immediately call the Illinois State University Police Department and contact a liaison from University Housing Services. The University Housing Services liaison will contact appropriate Special Olympics Illinois personnel.

CONCEALED CARRY & PROHIBITED WEAPONS

Both Illinois State University and Normal Community West High School have a weapons policy for their campuses. All visitors, faculty, staff and students on both campuses are prohibited from possessing, storing, carrying or unlawfully using any weapon or firearm on University property even if that person has a valid federal or state license to possess or carry a firearm. The policy applies to those with concealed carry permits. Violations of the policy will immediately be reported to the appropriate police department for investigation and probable criminal charges.

ANIMALS AT THE VENUE

The only animals allowed inside the residence halls, Olympic Village and sports venues will be certified service animals. These animals must be appropriately identified as a service animal. No other animals, regardless of size or type of specialized training, will be permitted in the venues.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 8:00 pm Friday, June 9, at Hancock Stadium and will include the Parade of Athletes, National Anthem, a live band performance, Athlete Oath, lighting of the Special Olympics Flame of Hope and a dance after the Ceremony.

1. Athletes and coaches should wear uniforms.
2. At 7:00 pm Friday, June 9, agencies can begin assembling in Hancock Stadium. There will be some assigned seating this year; however, NO athletes or coaches may sit on the turf. Wheelchairs and escorts will be seated in the East Bleachers in the handicap accessible seating.
3. Please see flyer in coach’s packet for specific information about athletes participating in the parade and their assigned seating in the stands. It will be limited to FOUR (4) total participants. Volunteers will assist agencies with the staging arrangements.
The Victory Dance, presented by Hy-Vee, will once again take place in the heart of Uptown Normal (see map). This joint venture between Special Olympics Illinois, the Town of Normal and Hy-Vee will be held from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Saturday, June 10. Candid Clicks Photo Booths will also be on-hand to help capture the smiles of our athletes and their friends throughout the event. The Normal Theatre will be showing short G-rated films at no charge. Popcorn and pop will also be available for $1.00 each. Parking decks will be open and available for regular sized passenger vehicles. It is recommended all attendees take the provided shuttles to the dance as there is no designated parking available for oversized buses or vans. If there is a severe weather watch or warning, the dance will be canceled, and it will be the coach’s responsibility to provide indoor activities for his/her athletes.

**OLYMPIC TOWN**

Olympic Town is located on the blacktop west of the track and will be open from 9:00 am-3:00 pm on Saturday. This year, Olympic Town will host a variety of activities/entertainment, including: LETR squad cars, Radar Toss, Chili’s samples & coupons, Children’s Discovery Museum, Everything is $1 Table, and the ever popular Dunk Tank.

**HOSPITALITY TENT**

An American Legion & Auxiliary Hospitality Tent will be located at the south end of the ISU Track. Athletes, families and coaches are welcome from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm for both Friday and Saturday. Refreshments including fresh fruit, vegetable trays and fruit juices will be served courtesy of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliaries of Illinois. The Hospitality Tent provides snacks; it does not serve meals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals are available for registered athletes and coaches at the dining room in their assigned residence hall.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Plans are underway to offer several special activities to Special Olympics athletes and their coaches at reduced or no cost. Opportunities could include Fairview Park Pool & Waterslide, Miller Park Zoo (Bloomington), Children’s Discovery Museum (Normal), Normal Theater and various Healthy Athlete Programs. The zoo will offer a reduced rate of $4.50 per person for entrance into the zoo. Look for fliers and directions in your registration packet.

**SPECIAL OFFERS**

A number of local businesses have provided vouchers and coupons for athletes, coaches, volunteers and families to enjoy during the weekend. These offers will be located at Family Registration, Tournament Central and Volunteer Check-in.
SOUVENIRS

The Cubby Hole will be selling souvenirs at ISU in the North Gym from 11:00 am-4:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am-4:00 pm on Saturday. Souvenirs will be sold at Normal West High School Friday Noon – 4:00 pm and on Saturday only from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. You can purchase all your Special Olympics Illinois and Summer Games specific swag here. For an additional fee, many items can be personalized by adding names, sports, etc. to the back. The Cubby Hole accepts cash, checks and all major credit cards except American Express. After the event, if you were unable to buy an item at the Games then you can go to the Special Olympics Illinois website and follow the link to the Cubby Hole and order your item on-line.

Avoid the Lines & New this Year: The Cubby Hole is offering pre-events sales. Visit the Summer Games events page on the Special Olympics Illinois website for the order form that will be available after May 12. You can preorder your items and then just pick them up at Summer Games to avoid the lines and shipping costs.

There will be a Sale Table at the North Gym venue. The sale table will have a separate line and items must be paid for separately. The Sale Table accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express. Cubby Holes does NOT accept checks.

Olympic Town will also feature a $1 Tent which will sell a variety of shirts for just $1. The $1 tent is cash only and will rotate stock throughout the day.

If you just want the Summer Games event specific shirt then avoid the line and visit the Cubby Hole trailer that will be in Olympic Town and open on Friday and Saturday. This location will only sell the event specific shirt.

SUMMER GAMES MOBILE APP

A Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games mobile app will be available to download for Android and iPhones the week before the games. The app will include maps, activities and other general information.
The Healthy Athletes® program offers health services and information to athletes, families and coaches in need. Participants are encouraged to attend this **FREE** event located in Redbird Arena on the lower level concourse.

**OPENING EYES  Friday Noon-4 & Saturday 8-4**

The Opening Eyes program is a vision and eye health screening in partnership with the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Led by volunteer vision care professionals, Opening Eyes offers prescription eyewear, sunglasses, and sports goggles to Special Olympics athletes.

**HEALTHY HEARING  Friday Noon-4 & Saturday 8-4**

The Healthy Hearing program provides free ear and hearing screenings designed to ensure proper audio logical care for Special Olympics athletes.

**SPECIAL SMILES  Friday Noon-4**

Special Smiles provides comprehensive oral health care information, including free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing techniques to participating Special Olympics athletes. This also includes issuing preventative supplies like toothpaste and toothbrushes and fluoride varnish.

**FUN FITNESS  Saturday 9-4**

This Healthy Athletes discipline provides free screenings to measure athletes' flexibility, strength, balance, and aerobic fitness.

**HEALTH PAVILION  Friday Noon-4 & Saturday 9-4**

Just added! Be sure to visit this air-conditioned tent just outside Redbird Arena where athletes, families and coaches can learn about preventive healthcare. Professionals will be on hand to share information on Sun Safety, Nutrition, Hygiene, Heart Health, Personal Safety, Stress Relief, First Aid and General Fitness.

*For more information contact, Jeremy Davidson at jdavidson@soill.org or 309-888-2569.*
The Law Enforcement Torch Run will run the Flame of Hope into Opening Ceremonies at Hancock Stadium at Illinois State University. Approximately 100 Law Enforcement Officers from around the state will run the Final Leg. Below is a timeline of the Final Leg run through Normal.

*All times are approximate*

6:30 pm-6:35 pm  Final Leg begins run from The Shoppes at College Hills to Summer Games Reception (about 2.5 miles)

6:55 pm-6:58 pm  Final Leg arrives at Reception in Redbird Arena

7:00 pm-8:35 pm Final Leg participants remain at Reception

8:00 pm   Opening Ceremonies begin, Hancock Stadium

8:35 pm   Final Leg proceeds to Hancock Stadium

9:00 pm - 9:15 pm   Final Leg enters Hancock Stadium

Q: What is the Final Leg?
A: The Final Leg is the culmination of all the Torch Run legs throughout the state. The Final Leg is a run of approximately 2.5 miles from the Shoppes at College Hills to the Special Olympics Illinois Reception. After the reception, the Final Leg carries the torch into a packed Hancock Stadium and passes the torch to a Special Olympics Illinois athlete, who then lights the cauldron to officially open the games. All Torch runners and volunteers are encouraged to join the Final Leg to celebrate the culminating event of the Torch Run!

Q: Who participates in the Final Leg?
A: The Final Leg is open to all Torch Run volunteers across the state; both rookies and veterans alike! The larger the group for the Final Leg, the better!

Q: Where will the Law Enforcement Torch Run Officers be during Summer Games weekend?
A: Officers will be awarding medals, participating in the Honor Guard for Friday's Opening Ceremonies, selling Harley- Davidson and UTV raffle tickets, and volunteering to get soaked in the dunk tank at Olympic Town!

- Stop by Torch Run Central, located at Olympic Town; Greet law enforcement volunteers, and check out the squad cars. Torch Run Central hours are on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm.
- Harley- Davidson raffle tickets can be purchased outside of Horton Field House for $10. Winners will be drawn October 14th. Can-Am Commander Utility Vehicle raffle tickets will also be available for $10 each; drawing will be October 20th.
- Eat at Chili’s, located at 2107 N. Veterans Parkway in Normal, during Summer Games weekend. Simply mention Special Olympics Illinois and 15% of your bill will benefit SOILL athletes.
FAMILIES & FRIENDS CENTER

Families are a very important part of our organization and many great activities are planned for families while they are at Summer Games. Family members should stop by the Family Center to pick up the family welcome packet and giveaway. There will be a special raffle for the family members who wear their credentials! Additionally, tickets for the Saturday Family Tailgate Picnic will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday morning on a first come, first serve basis. Watch for additional information for families on the Special Olympics Illinois website at www.soill.org.

Family Center hours are:

ISU and Normal West High School
Friday, June 9, 2017  9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Saturday, June 10, 2017  8:00 am - 3:00 pm

ABLE Act – INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Saturday, June 10th
8:30am-9:30am
8:00am – continental breakfast
Kaufman Football Building (off of Hancock Stadium)

A short 45-minute presentation on the ABLE Act (Achieving a Better Life Experience), which provides an opportunity for qualified individuals with special needs to have a tax-free savings account that will support their health and independence while preserving their government benefits. Professionals with Protected Tomorrows, Rubin Law and the State Treasurer’s office will cover topics such as: What is an ABLE account; Eligibility; Impact to other resources/government benefits; current state of Illinois implementation; How much can you save; how to set up your account and much more. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions that are unique to your needs. The session will take place first thing Saturday morning and will include a continental breakfast. Watch for more details on the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games website – soill.org.

ALEXANDER’S FAMILY TAILGATE PICNIC

The 29th annual Alexander’s Families Tailgate Picnic sponsored by Alexander’s Steakhouse will be held on Saturday, June 10. This is a special opportunity for the FAMILIES of registered Summer Games athletes to relax, meet families from all over and enjoy some music! Hamburgers for the Family Tailgate Picnic are generously donated and prepared by Alexander’s Steakhouse in Normal. Show Alexander’s your appreciation by choosing them for dinner while you are here in town.

*Please note that this event is offered to family members only. Athletes have opportunities for lunch with their agencies.
Inspiration Network, in conjunction with XFinity, presents the #SOLimitless photo booth that will be set up in sponsor row just outside of Horton Field House.

Come by Friday 11:00 am – 5:30 pm, Saturday 7:00 am – 3:00 pm or Sunday 7:30 am -12 noon. Props will be available and a photographer will take up to 4 photos that will be printed for you! Plus, you can take your own photos. There will be a website you can access to download more prints when you get home. These photos will be lasting memories of the 2017 Summer Games.

Families are encouraged to use Special Olympics Shuttle Buses. See Transportation section for specific information.
Take the appropriate route to the 2017 Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games at Illinois State University in Normal-Bloomington.
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   Manchester 438-4519
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   Wilkins 438-1639
   Wright 438-4429

ISU EMT Rooms
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   Hewett 208 438-8631
   Manchester 209 438-8631
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