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Illinois

MEMORANDUM

TO: Summer Games Coaches
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REGARDS: SUMMER GAMES

Congratulations on your athlete's success and his/her advancement to this year's Summer Games! A copy of the 2018 Summer Games Event Handbook is available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at www.soill.org.

You can click on this link <https://www.soill.org/event/summer-games/> and it will take you directly to the information on the website. Please read the materials carefully since there have been many changes made from last year.

Also available on the website is a memo outlining the basic rules for disqualification of athletes in an event/sport. **The specific sport schedules will not be available until June 8.** A tentative schedule of events is located on page 7 of the event handbook.

Attached with this e-mail is your agency's listing of athletes and their events. Please look over the list carefully to make sure that we have the athlete's correct event information, qualifying time, level, age and gender. For any corrections that need to be made, please e-mail or call Aubrey Deerwester at 309-888-2567 or adeerwester@soill.org. **All changes must be made by Wednesday, May 31, 2018.** Changes **will not** be made after this deadline regardless of the circumstances.

As a reminder, registration is from 8:30 am until noon on Friday, June 15. All coaches checking in at the registration table will be asked to provide a photo ID. All coaches/chaperones are required to have a completed Class A form on file with Special Olympics Illinois and to have completed the Protective Behaviors and Concussion Awareness Training requirements. You can contact your Region Director or the Special Olympics Illinois office to verify that the coaches who are attending the Summer Games with your agency have completed all the necessary requirements.

Sport coaches' meetings times and locations for Friday, June 15 are:

Venue	Coach Meeting Time	Coach Meeting Location
Artistic Gymnastics	10:30 am	Horton Field House
Rhythmic Gymnastics	10:30 am	Normal West High School Main Gym
Athletics	11:00 am	ISU Track
Bocce	11:30 am	Soccer Stadium
Soccer	11:30 am	ISU Intramural Soccer Fields
Aquatics/Swimming	11:30 am	Illinois Wesleyan Pool Bleachers
Powerlifting	11:30 am	Kingsley Jr High Main Gym

Attendance by the Head Sport Coach is mandatory.

For sport/venue, specifications please see information below.

Sport and/or Event changes:

1. **Aquatics/Swimming** - competition will be held at Illinois Wesleyan University and will take place on Friday and Saturday. Coaches must pre-order lunch for Friday and Saturday for this venue. A lunch order form will be e-mailed to the Agency Head Coach registered for the Summer Games after the scratch deadline. Lunch is only available to athletes and coaches who stay in the residence halls.
2. **Standing Long Jump (Athletics)** - competition will be held on Friday and will be conducted inside the ISU Soccer Stadium (same venue as Bocce competition). Mats will be set up in the Southwest corner of the stadium.
3. **Tennis Ball Throw and Mini Javelin (Athletics)** - competition will be conducted inside Hancock Stadium on Saturday. All softball throw competition will be conducted on Saturday on the U-High Practice Field.
4. **Rhythmic Gymnastics** - competition will be held at Normal West High School and will take place on Friday and Saturday. Warm up will begin at 10:30am and competition will begin at 11:30am. Coaches must pre-order lunch for Friday and Saturday for this venue. A lunch order form will be e-mailed to the Agency Head Coach registered for the Summer Games after the scratch deadline. Lunch is only available to athletes and coaches who stay in the residence halls.
5. **Artistic Gymnastics (Male & Female)** - will compete inside Horton Fieldhouse on the main floor. Warm-ups begin at 10:30am and competition will begin at 11:30am. Coaches must pre-order lunch for Friday and Saturday for this venue. A lunch order form will be e-mailed to the Agency Head Coach registered for the Summer Games after the scratch deadline. Lunch is only available to athletes and coaches who stay in the residence halls.
6. **Soccer** - team competition will be held at the ISU Intramural Fields located on Gregory Street on Friday and Saturday. Individual Skills competition for soccer will be held at the ISU Intramural Fields on Saturday morning. There will not be spectator seating at this venue. All spectators will need to bring chairs or blankets to watch the competition.
7. **Powerlifting** - competition will be held at Kingsley Junior High School. All athletes will be required to weigh in on Friday, June 9. Competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Coaches must pre-order lunch for Saturday for this venue. A lunch order form will be e-mailed to the Agency Head Coach registered for the Summer Games after the scratch deadline. Lunch is only available to athletes and coaches who stay in the residence halls.

A map of the venues and the shuttle bus transportation is located on pages 26-29 in the event handbook.

Housing procedures and/or changes:

8. Housing for registered athletes and coaches will be located:
 - a. Illinois State University: Wilkins, Wright, Haynie, Hewett and Manchester, Watterson Halls
 - b. Illinois Wesleyan University: Pfeiffer and Gluck Halls
 - c. Hotels on Veterans in Normal: Chateau, Hampton Inn and Suites and Eastland Suites
 - d. **Please see handbook for dining locations.**
9. To protect all individuals staying in the residence halls and hotels **“wristbands must be worn”** at all times and this includes both coaches and athletes. “Wristbands must be worn” will be enforced for access into the residence halls, along with the residence hall room key, access card and a photo id. All residence halls will have limited access 24 hours a day to only individuals who have a wristband, access card and room key.
10. **Pets are not allowed in the residence halls, hotels or on the campus of ISU or IWU.** Only official working and trained guide dogs will be allowed during the 2018 Summer Games weekend. Please remind all families and friends not to bring dogs to the Summer Games.
11. Please remember agencies will be held responsible for damage done to the rooms, which they are assigned. If an athlete needs to have a mattress pad put on their bed, please notify the residence hall staff upon check in at your assigned hall. Agencies will be charged for any damage such as soiled bedding, moved furniture, removed screens, broken windows, missing fans.

12. Minerva Promotions is 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 Illinois Wesleyan Shirk Center Friday Noon – 4:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Avoid the Lines this Year: Minerva Promotions is offering pre-events sales. Go directly to the online store at <https://www.minervapromotions.com/stores/soill/illinois/summer-games.html> or visit the Summer Games events page on the Special Olympics Illinois website for the link to the online site to order your merchandise after May 12. You can preorder your items and then just pick them up at Summer Games to avoid the lines and shipping costs.

13. 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.
14. There is a great deal of road construction around the Bloomington-Normal area that is causing traffic delays. Please plan your travel arrangements around the construction and plan to arrive early to prevent your agency from missing competition or meal accommodations.
15. Changes to the athlete's events will not be made after the deadline and **will not** be made during the weekend regardless of any errors. Please proof the athlete printout sent to your agency.
16. Please notify your Region Director of any scratches before the scratch deadline. Please contact your Region Director for the scratch deadline in your Region and report any scratches (athletes & coaches) before the deadline.

If a severe weather watch or warning is issued, events may be canceled or rescheduled depending upon the time and the event. Because of the size of the Summer Games, some events cannot be moved because there is not an alternate facility. Please plan activities for the athletes if this should occur. The Residence Halls are not responsible for providing entertainment if events are canceled due to weather conditions.

Shuttle buses will be available to the public. Feel free to share this information with the families and spectators attending the games.

Please read the materials in this packet carefully. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (309) 888-2551.

See you at Summer Games!