

# **Special Olympics Illinois**



TO: Head Coaches for Fall Games  
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REGARDS: Fall Games Competition

Congratulations on your athlete's qualification to the 2019 Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games that will be held in Rockford at Harlem High School (Volleyball) and BraveHearts at Bergmann Centre (Equestrian) on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, 2019. Available on the website at <https://www.soill.org/event/fall-games/> is a copy of the event handbook, a hotel listing for the area and a copy of your agency's list of athletes and the events that they will be competing in. Please look over the list and contact Tracy Hilliard at 309-888-2554 or [thilliard@soill.org](mailto:thilliard@soill.org) if there are corrections to be made. Changes to the athlete's events **must be made prior to Thursday, October 10, 2019**. *Changes will not be made after this date and will not be made at the competition.*

Copies of the schedules, division list, brackets, and the equestrian class list will be available on the website after October 11<sup>th</sup>.

A map of the Rockford area and directions to Harlem High School and the Bergmann Centre are located on page 13 in the handbook.

Registration for Volleyball begins at 8:30am on Saturday, October 26. If your team is not playing until later in the day, you can register your team closer to your scheduled game time. (Please allow at least ½ hour).

A coaches meeting is scheduled at 6:00pm on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for the Equestrian coaches at Bravehearts and registration will be completed after the meeting on Friday. Competition will begin at 8:00am on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Souvenirs will be sold on Saturday ONLY at both the equestrian and volleyball venues. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted for souvenir sales. CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. **\*\*\*You can save time and pre-order items and pick them up on-site. Receive 15% off of all preorders when you spend \$50 or more.** If you want to personalize any items then you must pre-order them. On-site customization is not offered at the tournament. Please go to [www.soillstatestore.com](http://www.soillstatestore.com) to view items and submit your preorder.

You need to make hotel arrangements for the Fall Games as soon as possible. There are other large events in the Rockford area besides the Special Olympics Fall Games, so the hotel rooms are at a premium. Please make sure that you ask for a confirmation number when you make arrangements to ensure that you have the rooms that you asked for.

For weather and other important updates regarding the 2019 Fall Games please register for text alerts by texting FallGames to 844-393-0980.

If you have any questions please email me at [thilliard@soill.org](mailto:thilliard@soill.org) or call me at 309-888-2554.

See you there!