



**Special  
Olympics**  
*Illinois*

TO: Outdoor Sports Festival Coaches  
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Congratulations and welcome to the 2019 Special Olympics Illinois Outdoor Sports Festival! The competition will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 and Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Rotary Park (Softball) and Hickory Point Golf Course (Golf) in Decatur, Illinois.

Now available on the SOILL website at <https://www.soill.org/event/outdoor-sports-festival/> is the event handbook and an agency list of athletes and their events. A tentative schedule for the weekend is located on page 2 of the event handbook. **Final event divisions and sports schedules will be sent after the scratch deadline (August 22).** A map to Decatur and the venues is located on page 12 of the handbook.

Please look over your agency's list of athletes and the events that they will be competing in and contact Aubrey Deerwester at 309-888-2567 or [adeerwester@soill.org](mailto:adeerwester@soill.org) if there are corrections to be made. Changes to the athlete's events **must be made prior to Thursday, August 22, 2019. Changes will not be made after this date and will not be made at the competition.**

All competitions (Softball and Golf) will take place on both Saturday and Sunday. Registration for Softball will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday at Rotary Park. Registration for Golf will begin at 7:30 am on Saturday, September 7th at Hickory Point Golf Course.

Athletes competing in 3 or 6 hole competition will play one round on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with awards being presented at the completion of the event. Athletes/Partners competing in 9 hole competition or Unified competition will compete on both Saturday and Sunday.

All golf athletes, regardless of event, will be playing all holes from the red (shortest) tees.

**Caddies:**

**Special Olympics Illinois will not provide caddies for the competition.** Athletes are free to bring their own caddy but appropriate volunteer paperwork must be completed to be eligible. All caddies must pre-register by filling out the caddy registration form that is on the website. The caddy form **must be completed by September 3, 2019** and sent to Brianna Beers at [bbeers@soill.org](mailto:bbeers@soill.org).

The Opening Ceremony and Saturday's dinner and dance are being held in downtown Decatur. Teams can drop off athletes at Central Park. Following the Opening Ceremony, athletes will parade to the Decatur Civic Center to enjoy dinner and then the dance. Maps and more details regarding downtown parking and event locations will be included in the next mailing.

If you have any questions, please call Nate Henry at 309-888-2574.

Good luck at the Tournament!