



DATE: August 23, 2019
TO: Outdoor Sports Festival Coaches
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REGARDS: Schedules for Outdoor Sports Festival

Good Afternoon!

Available on the website at <https://www.soill.org/event/outdoor-sports-festival/> is a listing of your athlete's events, sports schedules, division lists, menu and information on the Opening Ceremony and the Saturday evening activities for the 2019 Outdoor Sports Festival being held in Decatur on September 7-8, 2019. The tee times and pairings for 3, 6 and 9 hole golf competitions will be posted no later than August 29.

Weather/Texting Service

Text OSF2019 to 844-393-0980 to get text alerts and updates for cancellations and schedule changes.

Softball

Registration for Softball will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday at Rotary Park. You can register later if your agency is scheduled for a later game time. Please make sure that you allow ample time to register, warm up and make your scheduled game time. Softball teams not ready to play at the end of 10 minutes from their scheduled game time will forfeit that game.

Softball team competition will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 7th and Softball skills competition will begin at 10:00 am at Rotary Park. Softball skills competition will be held on field 4 and field 5 and athletes registered for this event will need to report to the tent between fields 4 and 5 at their assigned time for that division. Athletes must report 15 minutes prior to the assigned division time or they will be scratched from the competition.

Golf – 9 Hole Traditional and Unified

Agency registration for 9 Hole Traditional and Unified will begin at 7:30am on Saturday, September 7th at Hickory Point Golf Course.

Competition will begin at 9:00 am with a shotgun start on Saturday, September 7th. Athletes will compete in two rounds of 9-hole competition: One round of competition on Saturday and one round of competition on Sunday.

Athletes and Unified teams will be re-divisioned after their competition on Saturday. Divisions will be posted on the Special Olympics Illinois website at <https://www.soill.org/event/outdoor-sports-festival/>.

Golf - 3 Hole and 6 Hole

Registration for 3 and 6 Hole will begin at 10:45am on Saturday, September 7th at Hickory Point Golf Course.

3 Hole and 6 Hole competition will compete in one round of competition on Saturday.

3 Hole will be assigned tee times and will begin at 12:30 pm. 6 Hole competition will begin at 12:30pm with a shotgun start.

Golf Individual Skills

Golf skills competition will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, September 7th. Athletes registered for Golf skills competition have been assigned a specific skill hole to report for competition. Athletes must report 15 minutes prior to the assigned skill hole or they will be scratched from the competition.

Golf General

- No carts will be allowed for athletes/unified partners unless previously approved by the Tournament Director.
- No carts will be available for spectator rental.
- All golf athletes, regardless of event, will be playing all holes from the red (shortest) tees.
- Live scoring will be conducted so spectators can see scores from their smart phone.
 - Live scores can be accessed at BirdieFire.com – choose tournament you want to follow
 - Live scores are unofficial

Caddies

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

Healthy Habits

Stop by the Healthy Habits Stations at both venues on Saturday to learn more about how to improve sport performance and everyday life! Sun Safety is at golf from 8:30am-1:30pm. Sun Safety and Hydrations Stations are at softball from 9:30am-3:30pm.

Opening Ceremony

The Parade of Athletes, the Opening Ceremony, Saturday's dinner and the dance will be held in downtown Decatur on Saturday, September 7th. Please see the document on the website titled "Opening Ceremony Info Parade Directions" for specific directions, parking locations, and information about these activities. **Please pay special attention to the time for dinner. If you arrive late you will not receive dinner.**

Souvenirs

You can save time and pre-order items and pick them up on-site. 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 <https://www.minervapromotions.com/stores/soill/illinois/outdoor-sports-festival.html> to view items and submit your preorder.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at adeerwester@soill.org or 309-888-2551.

Good luck at the 2019 Special Olympics Outdoor Sports Festival!