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**Special Olympics Illinois athletes to Compete in State Floor Hockey Tournament on  
Saturday, November 17**

**CHICAGO, IL.** – On Saturday, November 17, over 430 Special Olympics Illinois athletes will compete in the 2018 State floor hockey competition. The tournament is hosted at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago (3600 West Foster Avenue Chicago, IL 60625).

State floor hockey is one of nine state competitions and is the final competition for those participating in floor hockey. Floor hockey is a stand-alone competition and serves as a showcase for athletes to demonstrate the skills they have learned throughout the year. Athletes may compete in team competition or individual skills.

The competition will begin on Saturday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m. There are 30-floor hockey teams registered for the tournament and around 435 athletes will compete in team play. Over 60 Special Olympics Illinois athletes will compete in the Individual Skills competition on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony begins at 8:15 a.m. in the main gym. A family hospitality area will be available at the front lobby from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

***For the first time, Special Olympics Illinois will be offering Healthy Habits stations at State floor hockey. Healthy Habits will be offered on Court 5 from 11:00am-3:30 pm (after Individual Skills Competition).***

Various interactive stations will be set-up. Athletes will have the opportunity to learn about proper hydration, game day nutrition, competition readiness/strong minds & warm-up/recovery techniques. Be sure to stop by and check out this new initiative.

**About Special Olympics Illinois:**

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 18 sports for more than 23,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 20,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org). Follow Special Olympics Illinois on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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