

# MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2020  
TO: Winter Games Coaches  
FROM: Special Olympics Illinois  
REGARDS: Coaches Information



Available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at <https://www.soill.org/event/winter-games/> is a copy of the Winter Games Event Handbook and materials that you will need for the 2020 Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games being held in Galena. The games will be held on Tuesday, February 4 - Thursday, February 6. **Please make sure you read the materials carefully, since there have been a number of changes.**

## **Registration**

Registration will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Agencies must register at their assigned Hotel **to pick up agency packets**. Please make sure that you arrive early enough to have lunch (will be at Chestnut Mountain) and be ready for competition.

Agencies with any Class A issues will receive hotel keys and notifications at assigned hotel, but they must report to tournament central at Chestnut to resolve issues prior to receiving any competition paperwork or wristbands. Once issues have been resolved, competition packet will be given to agency.

To check your Class A status, please visit the link: [https://www.soill.org/lookup\\_classa/](https://www.soill.org/lookup_classa/)

## **Agency Events / Competition Schedule**

On the website is your agency listing of your athletes and their events. Please review to make sure everyone is listed and they are entered in the correct events.

Please contact Sherrie Izban with changes at [sizban@soill.org](mailto:sizban@soill.org) or 309-533-9075.

**Changes must be made by Thursday, January 16, 2020. Changes will not be made after this date and will not be made at the competition.**

Final sports schedules will be posted on website by Monday, January 20, 2020.

## **Alpine Assessments**

All Alpine athletes must attend the Alpine Assessments on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Tentatively all athletes have been entered into the level they were in at the 2019 State Games or at their qualifier. New athletes will be entered into Level 1. Athletes will report to assigned hill for assessments. Final levels will be determined after the alpine assessment.

## **Housing**

Athletes will be housed at Chestnut Mountain Resort, The Ramada Hotel and Stoney Creek Inn.

Overnight accommodations will only be offered on Monday night to agencies from Region K & J. All other agencies will be responsible for arranging and paying for Monday night.

## **Breakfast & Dinner**

For those agencies assigned to Chestnut, breakfast and dinner will be served at Chestnut Dining Room.

For agencies assigned to the Ramada Hotel and Stoney Creek, breakfast and dinner will be served at Crossroads Community Church.

## **Lunch**

The first meal offered to agencies will be lunch on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Boxed lunches for all athletes and coaches will be available for pick up at dining room.

## **Tuesday Night Dinner**

**All Agencies will be assigned to a specific location for Tuesday night dinner after the Opening Ceremony. Please refer to the assignment sheet in your agency packet upon arrival.**

**Agencies assigned to Chestnut will be eating their dinner at Chestnut after the Opening Ceremony.**

### **Coach Meeting**

**No coach meetings will be held.** All necessary information will be displayed in Tournament Central or posted on our website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org). Each evening a DQ / No Show list will be sent to all SOAD's to indicate who was disqualified from an event and why.

### **No Bussing**

Special Olympics will not offer transportation at Winter Games. Agencies will need to provide their own transportation to get to competition, meals, opening ceremonies and hotels.

Please feel free to call or email Brianna Beers at 847-845-6481 or [bbeers@soill.org](mailto:bbeers@soill.org) if you have any questions or concerns.