

**Special  
Olympics  
Illinois**



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Basketball Event Coaches  
FROM: Sherrie Izban  
DATE: February 17, 2020  
REGARDS: **Event Handbook and General Information**

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Congratulations on qualifying for the State Basketball Tournament! On the Special Olympics Illinois website at <https://www.soill.org/event/state-basketball/> is a copy of the *State Basketball Event Handbook*. Please make sure you read the entire *Event Handbook*, as changes have been made from last year. **As a reminder, the schedules and times in the event handbook are tentative due to printing deadlines. Updated schedules will be emailed out on March 1, 2019.** The tournament will be held March 13-15, 2020 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at Illinois State University's Horton Field House and Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center.

Also on the website is a copy of your agency listing. Please look over this list carefully and email me at [sizban@soill.org](mailto:sizban@soill.org) with any changes. **Changes need to be made by Thursday, February 27, 2020.** *Changes to the athlete's events will not be made at the tournament.* If the agency list has athletes who are not competing at this year's tournament, please contact your Region Director so those athletes can be scratched. Please report any scratches to your Region Director as soon as possible. Special Olympics Illinois does have to pay for all meals that are ordered, and orders are based on the scratch numbers.

Individual Skills Basketball competition will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday at Illinois State University's Horton Field House. Female, High School and Junior team divisions will begin competition on Friday, March 13 at 10:00 am at both the Horton Field House and the Shirk Center. Team competition for Senior Male divisions will be conducted at both facilities and will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday.

**On February 28<sup>th</sup> the final division list and schedules will be emailed.** At this time, your agency will be assigned a registration site in order to receive your coach's packet. Registration will begin at 8:30 am on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at both the Horton Field House and the Shirk Center. Registration will begin at 7:00 am on Saturday, March 14, at both the Horton Field House and the Shirk Center. If your agency does not compete until later in the day, you can register at Tournament Central after 1:00 pm.

Also on the website is a hotel list for the Bloomington-Normal area. Rooms were blocked at a variety of hotels around the Bloomington-Normal area. Please identify yourself as Special Olympics in order to receive any discounted rates. Be aware that there are other events in the area and room availability will be limited.

Teams and skills competition athletes and coaches competing at Horton Field House will eat at Linkins Dining Center for lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **All athletes and coaches will eat dinner at Linkins Dining Center on Friday evening and on Saturday evening. There will, again, not be a pizza dinner at Horton Fieldhouse Friday evening.** Boxed lunches will be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Shirk Center for teams competing at Illinois Wesleyan University.

A dance and laser tag activity is scheduled for both Friday and Saturday nights. Friday night entertainment will take place after dinner and run from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Saturday's entertainment will begin shortly after the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony. Activities on both evenings will take place in Horton Field House

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 309-533-9075

Congratulations and good luck at the Tournament!