



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Basketball Coaches  
FROM: Nate Henry  
Director – State Championships  
DATE: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
REGARDS: Basketball Divisions and Schedules

Available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at <https://www.soill.org/event/state-basketball/> is a copy of your agency list, final division listing, grid schedule, individual skills schedule, registration assignments and menu for competition in the 2020 Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Tournament. **Please read the information below carefully as there have been changes from last year.**

Because of the number of teams advancing to the state tournament, the Shirk Center will again be utilized on Friday with the start time at 10:00 a.m. This did result in some divisions actually completing competition on Friday. Unfortunately, we did not have a viable option to avoid this for 2020. We would like to remind all coaches and agencies that Female Teams, High School Teams and Junior Teams compete on Friday and Saturday. With Senior Male Teams competing Saturday and Sunday.

**All divisions and the schedule are final. Pending teams withdrawing from the tournament, no changes will be made.**

**\*\*Please note that game times have changed from previous years. Game slots are now 1 hour and 15 minutes instead of 1 hour and 30 minutes.**

On Friday, March 13, registration will begin at 8:30 am at Horton Field House and at Shirk Center. Registration will begin at 7:00 am on Saturday, March 14 at Shirk Center and Horton Field House. After 1:00 pm, registration will be moved to Tournament Central at each site. Also on the website is your assigned registration site where you will be able to pick up your agency packet. **If your team is not playing until later in the day on Friday, Saturday or Sunday you do not have to register your agency until closer to your scheduled time (please allow at least ½ hour).** Please go to the Tournament Central of your assigned registration site to pick up your packet.

Team competition will start at 10:00 am on Friday, March 13 at Horton Field House and at the Shirk Center. On Saturday, March 14, team competition begins at 8:00 am at Horton Field House and at the Shirk Center. Individual Skills Competition will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 14 at Illinois State University Horton Field House. Please refer to the schedule for the time that athletes should report for staging in the skills events for Young Athletes and Individual Skills Competition with 8 foot or 10 foot basket. **Athletes must report before the assigned competition time for their division or they will be scratched from the competition.**

Teams and Individual 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 and Saturday evening. Linkins Dining Center is located behind Horton Field House between Tri Towers Residence Halls. Box lunches will be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Shirk Center for teams competing at Illinois Wesleyan University.

**On Friday, March 13 dinner will, again, be served at Linkins Dining Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be NO dinner served at Horton Fieldhouse on Friday.** After dinner on Friday, at Horton Fieldhouse, athletes will have the opportunity to attend a dance and participate in laser tag from 7:00-8:30 p.m. More information will be available in your agency packet when you register at the tournament.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 14 inside Horton Fieldhouse at 7:00 pm and the Dance will begin at 7:30 pm after the Opening Ceremony. There will also be Laser Tag offered on Saturday from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to e-mail me at [nhenry@soill.org](mailto:nhenry@soill.org) or call me at 309-888-2574.