



TO: 2021 State Golf Coaches  
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Congratulations and welcome to the 2021 Special Olympics Illinois State Golf Tournament! The competition will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 and Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Hickory Point Golf Course in Forsyth, Illinois.

Now available on the SOILL website at <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/2021-state-golf-tournament/> is the event handbook and an agency list of athletes and their events. A tentative schedule and general information for the weekend is located in the event handbook.

#### **Agency List of Athletes:**

Please look over your agency's list of athletes and the events that they will be competing in and contact Sherrie Izban at 630-272-9025 or [sizban@soill.org](mailto:sizban@soill.org) if there are corrections to be made. Changes to the athlete's events **must be made prior to Thursday, August 26, 2021. Changes will not be made after this date and will not be made at the competition.**

#### **Divisions / Schedules / Competition:**

- **Golf Divisions and schedules for Saturday will be sent after the scratch deadline.**
- Individual Skills, 3-Hole and 6-Hole will take place on Saturday only. Athletes will compete in final divisions during Saturday competition and will receive awards upon completion of their event September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Traditional and Unified 9-Hole will take place Saturday and Sunday. All 9-Hole athletes will compete in preliminary divisions for Saturday Competition. Athletes / Partners will be re-divisioned into their final divisions for Sunday competition. Please check the website on Saturday evening for those divisions. Athletes/Partners competing in 9-Hole competition will receive awards upon completion of the division on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- All golf athletes competing in course play, regardless of event, will be playing all holes from the red (shortest) tees.

#### **Registration:**

Registration for Registration for Golf will begin at 7:30 am on Saturday, September 11th at Hickory Point Golf Course.

#### **Opening Ceremony:**

A short Opening Ceremony will be held at Hickory Point in the morning prior to the 9 hole shot gun start departure.

#### **Dinner:**

Dinner will be offered to athletes and coaches in the form of a voucher to McAlister's Deli. See handbook for more information.

#### **Caddies:**

**Special Olympics Illinois will not provide caddies for the competition.** Athletes are free to bring their own caddie. Caddies must register online **by September 8, 2021:**

<http://stategolfcaddies.soill.volunteerhub.com/>

#### **Spectators:**

Spectators are allowed to attend the State Golf Tournament if they sign the COVID Code of Conduct Form. Spectators are encouraged to complete the form on-line using this link:

<https://www.soill.org/event-spectators/> . Spectator access to the shuttles will be monitored to ensure

all spectators have signed the COVID Code of Conduct. Those unwilling to sign the form will not have access to shuttles.

**Souvenirs:**

Souvenirs are available by pre-order only. Orders will be available for pick-up at the tournament on Saturday only. If you are unable to pick-up your items at the event then you can pay to have them shipped to you. To order, please click on the link below:

<https://shop.minervapromotions.com/stores/special-olympics/illinois/outdoor-sports-festival.html>

If you have any questions, please call Brianna Beers at 847-845-6481.  
Good luck at the Tournament!