



DATE: August 30, 2021
TO: State Golf Tournament Coaches
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REGARDS: Schedules for 2021 State Golf Tournament

Good Afternoon,

Available on the website at <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/2021-state-golf-tournament/> is a listing of your athlete's events, sports schedules, division lists, menu and information on the Opening Ceremony and the Saturday evening activities for the 2021 State Golf Tournament being held in Decatur on September 11-12, 2021.

Weather/Texting Service

Text Golf to 844-393-0980 to get text alerts and updates for cancellations and schedule changes.

Agency Registration

Agency registration for 3 Hole, 6 Hole and 9 Hole Traditional and Unified will begin at 7:30am on Saturday, September 11th at Hickory Point Golf Course.

Opening Ceremony

A short Opening Ceremony will be held at Hickory Point in the morning at 8:20am prior to the start of competition.

Competition – 9 Hole Traditional and Unified

9 Hole Competition will begin at 9:00 am with a shotgun start on Saturday, September 11th. Athletes will compete in two rounds of 9-hole competition: One round of competition on Saturday and one round of competition on Sunday.

Athletes and Unified teams will be re-divisioned after their competition on Saturday. Divisions will be posted on the Special Olympics Illinois website at <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/2021-state-golf-tournament/>

Competition - 3 Hole and 6 Hole

Competition for 3 Hole and 6 Hole will begin at 9:15am with assigned tee times. 3 Hole will compete on holes 1, 2 and 3. 6 Hole will compete on holes 10 – 16. 3 Hole and 6 Hole competition will compete in one round of competition on Saturday. Awards will be given at the end of competition on Saturday.

Golf Individual Skills

Golf skills competition will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, September 11th. Athletes registered for Golf skills competition have been assigned a specific skill hole to report for competition. Athletes must report 15 minutes prior to the assigned skill hole or they will be scratched from the competition.

Golf General

- No carts will be allowed for athletes/unified partners unless previously approved by the Tournament Director.
- No carts will be available for spectator rental.
- All golf athletes, regardless of event, will be playing all holes from the red (shortest) tees.
- Live scoring will be conducted so spectators can see scores from their smart phone.
 - Live scores can be accessed at iWannamaker.com
 - Scores can be found under the leaderboard
 - Live scores are unofficial

Caddies

Caddies assist 1 golfer in their selection of clubs and may give athlete verbal suggestions. Caddies are expected to walk with golfer for the entire 9 holes. Caddies must know the athlete and be familiar with their golfing style. Golf clubs must stay on carts. Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. If you are interested in volunteering to be a caddie, please click the link below. Caddies have until September 8th to register online.

<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. If you are unable to pick-up your items at the event then you can pay to have them shipped to you. To view items and submit your pre-order, please click on the link below:

<https://www.minervapromotions.com/stores/soill/illinois/outdoor-sports-festival.html>. Ordering information is also available on the State Golf Tournament website page. Souvenir items are offered by Minerva Promotions and a percentage of sales are given to Special Olympics Illinois.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bbeers@soill.org or 847-845-6481.

Good luck at the 2021 Special Olympics State Golf Tournament!