

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2023
TO: Winter Games Coaches
FROM: Special Olympics Illinois
REGARDS: Coaches Information



A copy of the Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games Handbook and materials will be available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at: <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/state-winter-games-986/>. You will need these materials to help guide you through the 2023 Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games in Galena. The games will be held on Tuesday, January 31 - Thursday, February 2. **Please make sure you read the materials carefully, since there have been a number of changes.**

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 Brianna Beers at bbeers@soill.org or 847-845-6481.

Changes must be made by Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:00pm. Changes will not be made after this date and will not be made at the competition.

Snowshoe competition will be held at Eagle Ridge Resort. Alpine competition will be held at Chestnut Mountain Resort. Final sports schedules will be posted on website by Thursday, January 19, 2023. Competition will be held all 3 days.

Weather/Texting Service

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

Registration

Registration will be on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. **Agencies must register at their assigned Hotel to pick up agency packets.** Please ensure you arrive early enough to have lunch 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 or Eagle Ridge to resolve issues prior to receiving any competition paperwork or wristbands. Once issues have been resolved, the competition packet will be given to agency.

Please contact your Region Office if you have questions regarding the Class A status of any of your coaches.

Alpine Assessments

All Alpine athletes must attend the Alpine Assessments on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Chestnut Mountain Resort. Athletes have been tentatively entered into the level they were in at the 2022 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.

Alpine Equipment

Athletes can pick up lift tickets at the ski school the morning of Tuesday, January 31st. Additionally, if you have requested alpine equipment, the ski school will have it pulled and marked for you Tuesday morning.

Coaches, families and volunteers will be responsible for their own rental, however SOILL will pay for your lift ticket which will be available at the volunteer table on the lower level of Chestnut.

Housing

Athletes will be housed at Eagle Ridge Resort, Chestnut Mountain Resort, the Ramada and Stoney Creek Inn. Regions will send you your tentative assignment. Names of all athletes and coaches will need to be filled out. Additionally, please fill out coach cell phone numbers in case of an emergency. Please submit this information to Brianna Beers at bbeers@soill.org no later than January 18th, 2023.

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.

Final Housing will be sent out no later than January 19, 2023.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served to agencies at their assigned hotel. Menu will differ based on hotel assignment.

Lunch

The first meal offered to agencies will be lunch on Tuesday, January 31st. Agencies will pick up their lunch at the sport venue location.

Boxed lunches for all athletes and coaches will be available for pick up at dining room at Chestnut or the Ballroom of Eagle Ridge.

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 housed at Chestnut will be eating their dinner at Chestnut after the Opening Ceremony.

Wednesday Dinner

For those agencies assigned to Chestnut, Wednesday dinner will be served in the Chestnut Dining Room.

For agencies assigned to Eagle Ridge, the Ramada and Stoney Creek, Wednesday dinner will be served in the Eagle Ridge Ballroom.

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. Each evening a DQ / No Show list will be sent to all SOAD's to indicate who was disqualified from an event and why.

Extracurricular Activities

Families Registration will be open to all family members. Families will be open at Chestnut Mountain and Eagle Ridge. Please visit the Extracurricular Activities Flier website for specific times, locations and details.

A Dance will be offered after dinner on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. There will be 2 locations: Eagle Ridge and Chestnut Mountain. Please note that no swimming will be offered in 2023.

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 ceremony and hotels.

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