



MEMORANDUM

TO: Basketball Coaches
FROM: Nate Henry
Director – State Championships
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REGARDS: Basketball Divisions and Schedules

Available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at: <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/state-basketball-tournament-980/> is a copy of your agency list, final division listing, grid schedule, individual skills schedule, and menu for competition in the 2023 Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Tournament. ***Please read the information below carefully as there have been changes from years past.***

We would like to remind all coaches and agencies that Female Teams, High School Teams and Junior Teams compete on **Friday only**. With Senior Male Teams competing **Saturday only**.

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

On Friday, March 10, 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 11 at Shirk Center and Horton Field House. 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 or Saturday 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 10 at Horton Field House and at the Shirk Center. On Saturday 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 11 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 by the assigned staging 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 and Saturday. 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 and Saturday at Shirk Center for teams competing at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The Friday night Dance and Laser Tag activity takes place at Horton Field House from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 11 inside Horton Fieldhouse at 6:30 pm and the Dance will begin at 7:00 pm after the Opening Ceremony. In addition to the dance, there will also be Laser Tag offered from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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