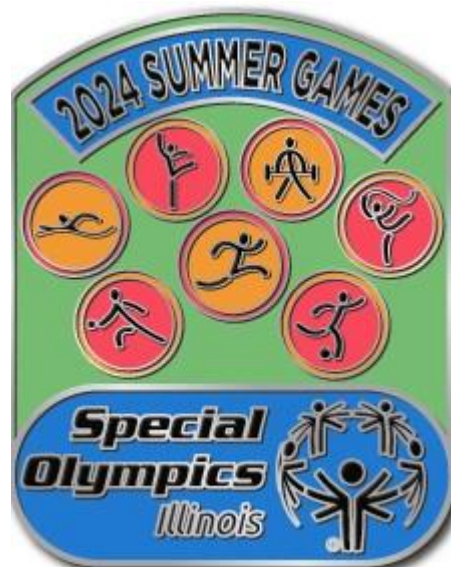


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IMPORTANT LOCATIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Fire & Rescue on Campus	309-438-8631
ISU Police	309-438-8631

ISU/Hotel Residence Hall Reception Desks

ISU, Haynie	438-4517
ISU, Hewett	438-4519
ISU, Manchester	438-4519
ISU, Wilkins	438-1639
ISU, Wright	438-4429
ISU, Watterson	438-0249

ISU EMT Rooms

Overnight medical support will be provided in the dorms. Please check the website after My 21st for more specific information on room numbers and phone numbers.

Medical Emergency Number
309-438-8631

Text Alerts & Event Status Updates

Please sign up for the text alert system. This alert system will send you any last minute changes to the Summer Games schedule. To register, please text Summer to 844-393-0980.

Venues

***Illinois State University**
Normal IL

Kingsley Junior High School
303 Kingsley
Normal IL 61761

Normal Community High School
3900 E. Raab Rd,
Normal IL 61761
Tribute Park
605 E. Willow
Normal IL 61761

Grossinger Motors Arena – *New Venue!!!*

101 S Madison St, Bloomington, IL 61701

****Grossinger Motors Arena is the new Artistic Gymnastics Venue. For more information on this venue, please follow this link:**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:951d7e89-c1d1-40b0-a7c2-10e0ccf9eb22>

*Horton Complex opens at 7:15 am on Friday and Saturday and will be closed on Sunday.

A final schedule is available the week before Summer Games. **The schedule in this handbook is tentative.** More detailed information about the Summer Games and the schedule will be available on the web site at <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/summer-games-116-175/>

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, June 7, 2024

afternoon	Bocce	ISU Soccer Stadium
afternoon	Artistic Gymnastics - Prelims	Grossinger Motors Arena
afternoon	Powerlifting Weigh-ins	Main Gym, Kingsley JHS
afternoon	Soccer	ISU Intramural Fields – Gregory St.
afternoon	Standing Long Jump	ISU Practice Dome
afternoon	1500-Meter Run	ISU Track
afternoon	400-Meter Walk Race	ISU Track
afternoon	400-Meter Run	ISU Track
afternoon	4x400-Meter Relay	ISU Track
afternoon	4x100-Meter Run Relay	ISU Track
afternoon	100-Meter Walk Race	ISU Track
afternoon	4x100-Meter Walk Relay	ISU Track
afternoon	Young Athletes Culminating Event	Hancock Stadium

Saturday, June 8, 2024

all day	Bocce	ISU Soccer Stadium
all day	Gymnastics (Artistic) - Finals	Grossinger Motors Arena
all day	Gymnastics (Rhythmic) – Prelims	Normal Community High School
all day	Powerlifting	Main Gym, Kingsley JHS
all day	Soccer	ISU Intramural Fields – Gregory St.
all day	Swimming	Normal Community High School
morning	3000-Meter Run	ISU Track
morning	Running Long Jump	ISU Track
morning	Shot Put	ISU Track
morning	Mini-Jav	Hancock Stadium
morning	Softball Throw	ISU Practice Dome
morning	Assisted Track Events	ISU Track
morning	Wheelchair Track Events	ISU Track
morning	50-Meter Run	ISU Track
morning	Tennis Ball Throw	Hancock Stadium
morning	100-Meter Run	ISU Track
afternoon	200-Meter Run	ISU Track
afternoon	High Jump	ISU Track
afternoon	800-Meter Walk Race	ISU Track
afternoon	800-Meter Run	ISU Track

Sunday, June 9, 2024

morning	Powerlifting	Main Gym, Kingsley JHS
morning	Rhythmic Gymnastics - Finals	Normal Community High School
morning	Swimming	Normal Community High School

PENTATHLON SCHEDULE

Friday afternoon	100-Meter Run	ISU Track
Friday afternoon	Running Long Jump	ISU Track
Saturday morning	Shot Put	ISU Track
Saturday afternoon	High Jump	ISU Track
Saturday afternoon	800-Meter Run	ISU Track

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 7, 2024

8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Registration	Horton Field House
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Residence Hall Check In	At Assigned Residence Hall
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Family Center	Horton Field House
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Souvenir Sales	ISU North Gym
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Lunch	As Assigned
11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Official Sports	Athletics, Soccer, Powerlifting Artistic Gymnastics, Bocce
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Healthy Athletes	Lower Level Redbird Arena
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Young Athletes Culminating Event	Hancock Stadium
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner	As Assigned
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Parade Line up/Agency Assembly for Opening Ceremony	ISU Track/Hancock Stadium
8:00 pm – 9:15 pm	Opening Ceremony & Fireworks	Hancock Stadium

Saturday, June 8, 2024

6:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast	As Assigned
7:30 am – 6:00 pm	Official Sports	All Venues
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Family Center	Horton Field House
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Healthy Athletes	Lower Level Redbird A Arena
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Olympic Town	ISU Turner Parking Lot
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Souvenir Sales	ISU North Gym
10:30 am - 2:00 pm	Family Picnic	Outside south side of Horton – See Map
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Lunch	As Assigned
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner	As Assigned
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Victory Dance	Uptown Normal

Sunday, June 9, 2024

6:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	As Assigned
7:30 am – 3:00 pm	Official Sports	Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Swimming
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Residence Hall Check Out	Residence Hall Desks

HEAD COACHES MEETINGS

Friday, June 7, 2024

Athletics	11:00 am	Bleachers at south end of track
Artistic Gymnastics	10:45 am	Grossinger Motors Arena, Floor Mat
Bocce	11:30 am	ISU Soccer Field
Soccer	11:30 am	ISU Intramural Fields, Officials Tent

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Rhythmic Gymnastics	8:00 am	Main Gym, Normal Community High School
Swimming	8:00 am	Normal Community High School
Powerlifting	8:00 am & 11:30 am	Main Gym, Kingsley JHS

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Powerlifting	8:00 am & 11:30 am	Main Gym, Kingsley JHS
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Schedule changes, inclement weather policy and event protest procedures are explained at the Head Coaches Meetings. **Attendance by the Head Sport Coach is mandatory.**

HOW COACHES CAN PREPARE FOR THE GAMES

As you prepare for the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games, please be sure to:

1. Step-up training programs.
2. Familiarize athletes with what is expected of them while at the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games.
3. Prepare uniforms for athletes. Be aware of the Special Olympics uniform policy to avoid violations.
4. Distribute suggested packing lists to athletes and coaches. Please include:
 - a. Blanket, towels, washcloth and soap;
 - b. Medication in bottles clearly marked with athlete's name, agency and dosage instructions. Plan to bring an extra day of medication.
 - c. Sunscreen or sunblock, swimsuit, and towel for water activities.
5. Arrange transportation for the trip to Normal. Plan to arrive at ISU in time to register (registration begins at 8:30 am), check into the residence halls and eat lunch in residence hall dining areas prior to competition Friday afternoon.
6. Communicate with families of the athletes. Inform them of upcoming activities and encourage them to attend the Summer Games. More detailed information about the Summer Games schedule will be available on the web site at <https://www.soill.org/event/summer-games/> the week before Summer Games.
7. Determine tentative coaching assignments. General guidelines would be to group coaches with athletes first by sport then by sex, age, and finally by event.
8. Familiarize yourself with all information in this handbook; especially the Coach's Responsibilities.
9. Please be aware that Policy and Procedures and sport event rules will be enforced. Violations are handled according to guidelines established by that sport or by the guidelines established in the Special Olympics Illinois Policies and Procedures manual.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

As fans (family, friends and supporters) of Special Olympics athletes, it is expected that everyone will play a positive role at Special Olympics Illinois events by following these codes for conduct:

1. Refrain from using abusive or offensive language towards anyone: officials, coaches, opponents and fellow spectators.
2. Remember that athletes are amateur athletes and the coaches and officials are volunteers.
3. An understanding of the rules may lead to a more positive experience at the event. All Special Olympics Illinois sports follow the designated National Governing Body (NGB) rules and any exceptions or modifications to those rules are included in the Special Olympics Illinois Rules Interpretations for the sport. A list of the designated NGB rules and the Rules Interpretations can be found at www.soill.org in the coach resource section.
4. Keep in mind the Special Olympics oath and remember that winning is not the emphasis of Special Olympics competition.
5. Coaches should be the ones to do the coaching. Please refrain from shouting instructions to athletes.
6. Spectators and fans are prohibited in the competition areas. Only registered coaches, athletes and officials should be in the playing area.
7. ALL CHEERS should be positive and display good sportsmanship. Derogatory comments directed to players, coaches and officials will not be tolerated.
8. Follow instructions or directives given by officials, volunteers or Special Olympics Illinois staff.
9. Special Olympics Illinois has a no-tolerance policy regarding physical altercations involving coaches, athletes, unified partners, volunteers, spectators, family members, etc.

Any spectator who fails to follow directives given by volunteers, officials or Special Olympics Illinois staff or does not adhere to the code of conduct items above will be reprimanded. A reprimand could include one of the following:

- Will be escorted from the venue;
- Will be banned from attending future events for a given period of time;
- Will be permanently banned from attending any Special Olympics Illinois event.

CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF EVENTS

In case of rain or severe weather, the final decision to cancel or postpone an event will rest with the Games Director. Due to the size and number of events at Summer Games, cancelled events will not be made up. If in doubt check the Special Olympics Illinois website. You can also receive updates via our text alert system by texting Summer to 844-393-0980.

******In the event of severe weather, events may be canceled. The residence halls are not responsible for providing activities if events are canceled.***

AGENCY REGISTRATION

Location Horton Field House-Illinois State University
Time 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Date Friday, June 7, 2024

1. Agencies can park in the Ropp Lot next to Horton Field House while the Head Coach is completing the registration process.
2. **Only the Head Coach and one other person to help carry materials should go to the registration area.** The head coach should bring a state- or federal-issued photo ID. All other coaches and athletes should stay out of the registration area.
3. Go directly to the section marked with your Region Letter and tell the registration volunteer your Agency name.
4. Coach will receive a packet containing the following:
 - a. Computer printout listing all agency athletes, unified partners and their events.
 - b. Wristbands for athletes, Unified partners and coaches.
 - c. Final division schedule for sports events.
 - d. Fliers with updated information and details about clinics, special events and emergency instructions.
 - e. A Housing Assignment Form indicating your agency's housing assignment and a map to each location.
 - f. Memento for each registered athlete, coach and unified partner.
5. Once coach has completed the agency registration, they will return to agency transportation and proceed to housing assignment (if applicable) for housing check in.
6. Agencies registering after 2:00pm on Friday must go to Tournament Central.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coaches are responsible for their athletes 24 hours a day and must be adequately prepared to work with their athletes for an extended period of time. They should see that the athletes' physical and emotional needs are met during the Games.
 - a. Athletes should be warmed up properly prior to competition.
 - b. Avoid sunburn and heat exhaustion by using sunscreen, drinking plenty of fluids and taking advantage of shaded areas whenever possible.
 - c. Administer first aid promptly when needed. If possible, bring a first aid kit to treat minor problems not needing professional attention.
 - d. Athletes need adequate rest. Illinois State University personnel have been instructed to report all unacceptable behavior to Special Olympics Illinois. **University Housing Services personnel will have the authority to remove individuals from the residence halls if behavior is not controlled.**
 - e. Athletes should eat properly; avoid overeating or missing meals. **If an athlete requires a special diet, the coach is responsible for providing for their needs.** For special diets, bring a cooler with all the proper foods.
 - f. Close supervision of athletes while in the residence halls and at all activities is required.
2. The coach should be aware of the athlete's possessions. Check for lost items at Tournament Central, residence hall desks and all bullpen areas.
3. The coach should be completely familiar with the medical conditions, precautions and medication requirements of the athletes. It is the coach's responsibility to administer medication. Knowledge of the medication regimen (what, when and how much) is essential. Refrigerators **will not** be available for storing medications. **Special Olympics Illinois will not have volunteers available to administer medication or injections.** Arrangements should be made to have injections given by the agency's own qualified staff or at a local hospital.
4. The coach is required to carry a copy of the valid Medical Form (or be able to provide comparable medical and emergency contact information) for each athlete and a copy of the Unified Sports Partner Application for each Unified partner.
5. The coach must ensure that wristbands are always worn by athletes and coaches at all times.
6. The coach must be totally familiar with all schedules: sports, special events and meals. **Questions regarding divisioning should be taken to Tournament Central and not venue personnel.** It is the coach's responsibility to ensure athletes are on time for all sports competition and also have the opportunity to participate in special activities.
7. Ensure adequate chaperone coverage of athletes at all venues and in residence halls.
8. The coach is expected to be familiar with the Special Olympics sports rules. Questions or concerns about sports events should be addressed to the Sport Directors. Concerns or suggestions about other aspects of the Games should be made at Tournament Central or on the evaluation survey sent to the coaches after the event.

9. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the campus of Illinois State University, Normal Community High School or Kingsley Junior High School.**
10. **Smoking is not permitted at venue sites.** Smoking will be permitted only in designated smoking areas.
11. Agencies will be held responsible for damage to windows, rooms and floors in residence halls and for lost key fobs. If you notice damage as you check into the hall, please report it immediately to the Reception Desk personnel.
12. If an agency chooses not to stay in the provided housing, the head coach must notify Special Olympics Illinois by the scratch deadline. Instructions about housing procedures are on the Summer Games Fact Sheet and Summer Games Housing Form.

EVENT/DIVISION CORRECTIONS FOR ATHLETES

Agency printouts listing the athletes and unified partners and their event information will be sent to the head coach. By the specified deadline, the head coach is responsible for proofing the list to ensure that the athlete's/partner's event information, qualifying time, age and gender are correct. **Corrections to the athlete's event information will not be made during the competition weekend.** Athletes and Unified partners are only allowed to compete in those events/divisions listed on the wristband label.

VENUE SITE RESTRICTIONS

A closed venue policy is enforced at all sports venues. This policy allows for only authorized personnel, working volunteers and athletes and Unified partners to be inside the competition areas. Bleachers and seating is arranged so that all events are easily visible. **Smoking is not be allowed at the venue sites.** Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.

ATHLETE RESULTS

Agencies should keep a record of their athletes' results for local press releases. Special Olympics Illinois will post results on the website at www.soill.org after the Games. Please go to the Results Table at each venue to check on an athlete's results. Do not ask event officials or awards presenters; this will delay the process of presenting awards to athletes.

ATHLETE AWARDS VENUES

Awards take place immediately following the competition. In case of protests, awards for the division in question are presented once the protest is adjudicated by the Rules Committee. Medals are awarded to all athletes and Unified partners who finish first, second or third and ribbons are awarded to 4-8 place finishers. In cases of disqualification (except unsportsmanlike conduct), athletes and Unified partners receive a participation ribbon. In cases of ties, awards are presented using the Olympic format, i.e., 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. The awards venue sites are not responsible for protests; all protests must be directed to the Venue Director.

BULLPEN PROCEDURES FOR COMPETITION

Bullpen procedures are followed closely to stay on schedule. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure athletes and Unified partners report to bullpens on time. Once a division has begun competition, no late arrivals are allowed to compete.

Event	Bullpen	Additional Instructions
Bocce	ISU Soccer Stadium	Venue Table Under Large Tent
Gymnastics - Artistic	Grossinger Motors Arena	Report in leotards ready to compete. Female Floor Level 3 & 4 must provide own music on a Smart device. Label device with athlete name, agency and title and track of song and submit device to Head Table.
Gymnastics - Rhythmic	Normal Community HS Main Gym	Level 4 gymnasts must provide own music on a Smart device.
Powerlifting	Kingsley JHS Main Gym	
Soccer	ISU Intramural Soccer Fields on Gregory St.	Teams and Individual Skills athletes report to assigned field.
Swimming	Normal Community HS	Staging area located in the small gym
High Jump	Track 4	Next to the Track Shed
Mini Jav	Hancock Stadium	Tent on Northwest side of Stadium
Running Long Jump	Track 4	Next to the Track Shed
Shot Put	Shot Put	Bullpen located to north of Track 1 bullpen
Shot Put - Wheelchair	Track 3	
Softball Throw	ISU Practice Dome	Awards will be outside the Dome
Standing Long Jump	ISU Practice Dome	Awards will be outside the Dome
Tennis Ball Throw	Hancock Stadium	Tent on Northwest side of Stadium
Pentathlon	Track 1 (Track) Track 4 (HJ, LJ) Shot Put (Shot Put)	All athletes meet the pentathlon official at 11:30 am Friday.
Assisted Track Races	Track 3	All Assisted Races staged at this bullpen
Wheelchair Races	Track 3	All Wheelchair races staged at this bullpen
50 Meter Run	Track 1	
100 Meter Run - Male	Track 1	
100 Meter Run - Female	Track 2	
200 Meter Run	Track 3	West side of the track
400 Meter Run	Track 1	
800 Meter Run	Track 1	
1500 Meter Run	Track 1	
3000 Meter Run	Track 1	
Walk & Run Relay Races	Track 1	
100 Meter Walk	Track 1	
400 Meter Walk	Track 1	
800 Meter Walk	Track 1	

DISQUALIFICATIONS OF ATHLETES

Disqualifications are handled in accordance with Special Olympics Illinois' Disqualification Process:

1. It is the coach's responsibility to be aware of disqualifications at all times. Event officials will be signaled of infractions by course judges. Event officials will not announce disqualifications to the general audience.
2. Disqualified athletes will be given notice of rule infraction upon completion of the event.
3. A Sports Rules Committee will be available to hear questions concerning disqualified athletes.
4. Awards will be presented upon completion of events which will include:
 - (a) running of event;
 - (b) notice of disqualification if necessary;
 - (c) appeal of disqualification if brought forth; and
 - (d) final decision of Sports Rules Committee.
5. Decision of the Sports Rules Committee is final and binding.
6. Disqualified athletes* receive a participation ribbon.
*An athlete who has been disqualified from competition for unsportsmanlike conduct and any team found using an ineligible or illegal player will forfeit all awards.

SPORT COACHES FILING PROTESTS

1. Protests to the Games Rules Committee may be made concerning only Games presentation, structure and conduct.
2. Protests to the Sports Rules Committee may be made concerning only competition of athletes within a venue, where within that competition; rulings are either made or not made in regards to the fairness and equity of the competition. Procedural or technical issues may be protested. Judgment calls made by the officials may not be protested. Divisioning cannot be protested.
3. Protests must be presented by the Coach or Head Coach of the event immediately in an oral fashion at the venue so that the event officials are made aware of the appeal. **Do not go to Tournament Central to file a protest.** Any verbal protests should be made before awards are presented.
4. If the awards presentation has taken place the registered sport coach has 30 minutes after the awards presentation to file a protest. If needed, a corrected awards presentation will be made to that athlete.
5. The Event Official may rule on appeals immediately, but if the response of the Event Official does not resolve the protest, a formal protest may follow.
6. All formal protests must be made by the registered sport coach within one hour of the event in question.
7. Protests must be made on the specified form (available from the Event Official).
8. All formal protests are brought to the attention of the Sports Rules committee for a final resolution. The decision of this committee is final and binding unless this committee concludes that the protest concerns Games presentation, structure or conduct, and refers the protest to the Games Rules Committee.
9. All questions regarding the protest process will be answered only at the Head Coaches Meeting. Questions regarding the protest process will not be discussed at the venue site.

HOUSING CHECK IN / OUT PROCEDURES

ISU Residence Hall Check In

1. The Head Coach must register their agency at Horton Field House prior to residence hall check-in.
2. Give the residence hall staff your agency name.
3. You will be asked to verify a sheet with athlete and coach rooming assignments. If any room assignments change during the weekend, please notify the front desk.
4. Please make sure all housing assignments are correct and all coaches have their cell phone listed.
5. You will receive one key for each room assigned to your agency.
6. Each coach will receive 1 access card used to access the dorms from the outside.
7. Check the keys to ensure that you have received all your keys.
8. Sign the "Key Check Form" verifying you received the keys.
9. The head coach is responsible for all keys signed out; please do not give keys to athletes.
10. Agencies must check in to dorms prior to 10:30pm on Friday. Agencies not coming in until Saturday will be allowed to check in to dorms on Saturday morning.

ISU Residence Hall Check Out

1. Check out on Sunday morning must be done prior to 11:00 am.
2. Shut all windows before leaving. **Double check rooms before leaving to ensure no personal items are left.**
3. Leave linens on the beds.
4. Lock all room doors.
5. Take all trash to utility rooms and place in trash chutes.
6. The Head Coach must return all keys to the staff at the reception desk. * Once it has been verified that all keys are returned, both the hall staff and Head Coach should sign the "Key Check Form." The Head Coach should keep the pink copy of the "Key Check Form" to prove all keys were returned.
7. A \$75.00 fee per room key and \$5.00 fee per access card will be charged to the Agency for each key not returned before 11:00 am Sunday, June 11.
8. Please place keys on ring in room number order.

HOUSING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Residence Hall Rules and Regulations:

1. **Everyone must provide their own towels, washcloths, blankets and soap.**
2. Other electrical appliances are prohibited.
3. Bathrooms on each floor will be identified for men or women.
4. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**
5. Illinois State University (ISU) is a smoke and tobacco free campus. Agencies are responsible for fines imposed.
6. Agencies are responsible for damage to rooms or halls.
7. All athletes and coaches must adhere to all capacity limits for the elevators. Failure to do so will result in fines to the agencies.
8. Do not lean against windows or stand on structures (heating units, crates, books, etc.) in front of windows. A \$200 fine will be assessed for tampering with or removing a window screen, damaging a window screen, or for throwing, dropping or allowing an item to fall from windows. Fines will apply to each violation and an individual may be asked to leave the residence hall or hotel.

9. Security has been instructed to identify problem athletes, coaches and/or rooms. Security will provide Special Olympics Illinois with incident reports.
10. Security and staff have been instructed to allow only registered coaches and athletes into the halls. Special Olympics wristbands, room key and access cards will be used as identification and authorization into the halls. **All campus buildings will have a 24 hour limited access. Only individuals with room keys and access cards will be allowed into the residence halls.** Unauthorized agencies having individuals in the residence halls after the designated closed hours will be punished according to the guidelines established in the Policy and Procedures manual.
11. From 11:00 pm to 7:00 am is designated as quiet hours. Coaches are required to sign out after 11:00 pm and proper identification (Special Olympics Illinois wristband, room key, access card and photo ID) is required for re-entrance into the residence hall. Proper coverage of athletes must be maintained.
12. In case of a tornado or fire and in addition to the fire alarms, an alert will be broadcast over the hall loudspeaker. Follow instructions completely. During a fire, do not use elevators—use stairs and proceed out of the building to the designated waiting area. Please do not attempt to carry athletes down the stairs. If safe, stay in your room until personnel can reach you. During a tornado, do not use elevators, use stairs and proceed to the designated area. All residents are instructed to go into the stairwells and go to the lowest floor possible. No one is instructed to go into the basement area. Review the emergency instructions in your registration packets.
13. Laundry facilities are available in each hall. Please check with the Reception Desk for the location. A load of wash requires five quarters; the dryers use five quarters.
14. Check at the front desk if you are expecting any type of message.
15. **Please bring trash bags for rooms; wastebaskets are not provided.**
16. No pets are allowed in the residence halls.

WRISTBANDS FOR ATHLETES & COACHES

Color-coded wristbands will be used as identification for registered athletes, Unified partners and coaches at dining rooms, residence halls and sports venues. This label gives all the information needed for sports competition. An athlete not wearing a wristband containing a readable label will be barred from competition. Exact counts will be made at registration. **It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure he/she has the proper number of wristbands before leaving the registration table.**

Entrance to a food service site will be only by that site's specific colored wristband. If you don't have the required credentials, you will be asked to get them.

If a label is lost or becomes unreadable or the wristband breaks, the coach and the athlete should report to Tournament Central for a replacement.

WRISTBANDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES!

MEAL PROCEDURES MEAL / HOUSING WRISTBAND

<u>HOUSING LOCATION</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>DINING LOCATION</u>
Hewett, Manchester, Watterson	Red	Bone Student Center
Wilkins, Haynie, Wright	Orange	The Marketplace at Linkins
Not Staying in Housing	Yellow	Meals will not be provided

1. You must eat in the dining location which serves the housing location you have been assigned.
2. Individuals will receive colored wristbands which will allow them access to the assigned dining location (above). You are not allowed access to the dining location if you do not have the correct color of wristband.
3. Individuals not staying in dorms will not be receiving meals unless lunch is being delivered to your venue (list below).
4. Dining locations **cannot** seat all athletes and coaches at one time. Plan mealtimes according to your schedule.
5. Dining prohibits the removal of food, plates, bowls, glassware, silverware, etc., from the dining room. Smoking / Vaping is prohibited in all dining halls.
6. It is the agencies responsibility to ensure athletes eat properly. Provisions for special diets cannot be made. Menus are subject to change without notice.
7. ***Lunch will be delivered for athletes, Unified partners and coaches at the venues on certain days:***
 - a. Artistic Gymnastics – Friday and Saturday
 - b. Powerlifting – Saturday and Sunday
 - c. Rhythmic Gymnastics – Saturday and Sunday
 - d. Swimming – Saturday only
 - e. If you are not scheduled to receive lunch at venue, athletes, Unified partners and coaches will dine in at your agency's assigned dining location.

RESIDENCE HALL MENUS

Please see website for a detailed menu and dining times.

<https://www.soill.org/blog/events/summer-games-116-175/>

****Gluten Free and vegetarian/vegan menu options are available at each meal****

GUEST MEAL TICKETS

No guest meals are available for purchase by parents or agencies not registered for housing.

SHUTTLE BUSES and PARKING

School buses will be used for Special Olympics transportation. Standard school bus rules, including no standing and nothing out the windows, will be enforced. When entering the bus, please allow passengers to exit the bus first.

Buses are scheduled to arrive at designated bus stops every 20 minutes. Buses will do their best to stay on time, but they may be running behind during peak hours. When using the Special Olympics transportation system, leave ample time for travel, loading and unloading.

At least one bus on the shuttle route will be handicap accessible.

The Special Olympics transportation hours are as follows:

Friday - 10:30 am-7:30 pm and 9:00 pm-10:30 pm

Saturday - 6:30 am-10:00 pm

Sunday – 6:30 am – 11:00 am

The buses will follow a circular route and will stop to unload passengers only at designated bus stops.

Designated bus stops will be:

1. Circle drive at Hewett/Manchester Residence Halls
2. Kingsley Jr. High School (Powerlifting)
3. Redbird Arena
4. ISU Adelaide Soccer Fields (Bocce)
5. ISU Intramural Fields (Soccer)
6. Normal Community High School (Rhythmic Gymnastics & Swimming)
7. Grossinger Motors Arena (Artistic Gymnastics)
8. Fairview Waterpark

*** Buses will run Saturday evening starting at 6:30 pm from Redbird Arena to transport passengers to Uptown Normal for Victory Dance.**

Remote parking with shuttle service will be available at the Bill Waller Parking Services Building located at 709 N. Main St next to the Fairview Aquatics Center.

Lot G73, which is located directly east of Hancock Stadium, will be Handicap parking only.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR ATHLETES & COACHES

1. For any injury or medical problem, contact appropriate medical personnel (agency personnel, Special Olympics Illinois medical personnel, hospital personnel) to ensure prompt, timely and complete care.
2. Medical personnel are set up at the following sites:
 - ISU Baseball Stadium
 - ISU Soccer Stadium
 - Powerlifting (Kingsley JHS)
 - Hancock Stadium (Opening Ceremony)
 - Inside Horton Field House
 - Normal Community HS Main Gym
 - Track Infield
 - Volunteer Central Tent
 - ISU Intramural Fields
 - Grossinger Motors Arena
3. Nurses, athletic trainers and/or EMTs in easily identified shirts will be available at all times during competition.
4. Medical personnel will be available in the residence halls and hotels from 7:00 pm – 7:00 am.
5. In the event of a serious emergency or if you are unable to locate Special Olympics medical personnel, you should call the medical emergency number 309-438-8631.
6. Special Olympics Illinois has an accident insurance policy which provides secondary coverage for all athletes, coaches and volunteers registered for Summer Games. This is provided as a backup coverage to your personal insurance. Accident claim forms are available at the Medical Tent.
7. Carle BroMenn Hospital is aware Summer Games are being held and are prepared to help should Special Olympics Illinois medical staff determine an athlete or coach requires hospital care.
8. To facilitate medical care, all coaches are required to carry copies of valid Medical Forms (or be able to always provide comparable medical and emergency contact information) for their athletes.

ANIMALS AT THE VENUE

The only animals allowed inside the residence halls, the ISU Hospitality Area and sports venues are certified service animals. These animals must be appropriately identified as a service animal. No other animals, regardless of size or type of specialized training, are permitted in the venues.

OLYMPIC TOWN

Olympic Town is located in the Turner Hall parking lot of Turner Hall, right next to Redbird Arena. Vendors, Torch Run Central, games, entertainment, give away items, the dunk tank, police vehicles and much more will be open from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm on Saturday. In addition, local DJ, Tom O'Brien, of Eman Productions will spin music from 9am- 1pm.

When visiting Olympic Town be sure to stop in the Athlete Vendor area, where you can check out some of the amazing, original, handmade work of our athletes. You can also check out the "Meet The Inspired" show taking place in Olympic Town. This interactive and entertaining show features athlete podcasters who will be talking to Special Olympics athletes, celebrities, and fans.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Unified Bags Demo
Saturday, June 8, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Horton Fieldhouse

Take a break from the sun and toss some bags! SOILL is piloting a new sport, Unified Bags. Bags is a low impact, minimal equipment sport. Bag boards and beanbags will be set up in Horton Fieldhouse. Stop by to learn about this Emerging Sport and work on establishing your entry score!

Plans are underway to offer several special activities to Special Olympics athletes and their coaches at reduced or no cost. Opportunities could include Fairview Park Pool & Waterslide, Miller Park Zoo (Bloomington), Children's Discovery Museum (Normal), Normal Theater and various *Healthy Athlete Programs*. The zoo will offer a reduced rate of \$4.50 per person for entrance into the zoo. Look for fliers and directions in your registration packet.

HOSPITALITY AREA

An American Legion & Auxiliary Hospitality Area is located on the concourse of Hancock Stadium. This is a covered area and provides a welcome relief from the sun. All attendees are welcome on Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and on Saturday from 10 am – 3 pm. Refreshments and healthy snacks will be served during the designated hours courtesy of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliaries of Illinois, **until supply quantities run out**. Remote hospitality tables are located at Soccer (ISU Intramural Fields) and by the Volunteer Tent near the southwest end of Redbird Track. Water and non-perishable snacks will also be provided at Olympic Town, until supply quantities run out, on Saturday from 9am-2pm. The Hospitality Area provides healthy snacks; it does not serve meals. Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals are available for registered participants at their assigned dining location.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 8:00 pm Friday, June 7, at Hancock Stadium and will include the Parade of Athletes, National Anthem, Athlete Oath and lighting of the Special Olympics Flame of Hope.

1. Athletes and coaches should wear uniforms.
2. At 7:00 pm Friday, agencies can begin assembling in Hancock Stadium. Seating will be assigned by Region in the stands. No seating on the turf is allowed. Volunteers will be in the seating areas with Region signs to help guide you to your seats. Wheelchairs and escorts will be seated in the East Bleachers in the handicap accessible seating.
3. Please see flyer in coach's packet for specific information about athletes participating in the parade and their assigned seating in the stands. It will be limited to **FOUR (4)** total participants. Volunteers will assist agencies with the staging arrangements.
4. There will not be a fireworks display this year.
5. **BRING YOUR RALLY TOWELS FROM LAST YEAR FOR SOME FUN CROWD INTERACTION WITH THE SPIRIT SQUAD!**

VICTORY DANCE

The Victory Dance will once again take place in the heart of Uptown Normal on North Street between Broadway and Fell Avenues. This joint venture between Special Olympics Illinois and the Town of Normal will be held from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Saturday, June 8. Parking decks will be open and available for regular sized passenger vehicles. It is recommended that all attendees either walk or take the provided shuttles to the dance as there is no designated parking available for oversized buses or vans. If there is a severe weather watch or warning, the dance will be canceled, and it will be the coach's responsibility to provide indoor activities.

IMMERSIVE TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES

As part of the Summer Games experience, immersive technology will be featured throughout the venues. Photo booths for team and individual pictures can be found at NCHS & ISU Horton Field House – be sure to commemorate your Summer Games experience by stopping by for pictures. Additional Esports activities will be spread throughout the weekend with opportunities for involvement at NCHS, ISU and the Olympic Town venue on Saturday, June 8.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Youth Leadership Experience is a 2 –Day inclusive experience during where youth learn event management skills, social media techniques and marketing/storytelling skills. Participants also have a volunteer shadow experience and will work behind the scenes to make the Games successful. A maximum of 14 students with and without disabilities participate in this experience.

This is an awesome opportunity for youth ages 15-22 with and without disabilities to be part of this significant event and learn lifelong skills. There is no cost to participate in the Youth Leadership Experience, housing and meals are covered through the Unified Champion Schools strategy, however you are responsible for your own transportation to and from Summer Games.

SOUVENIRS

Minerva Promotions is selling souvenirs at ISU in the North Gym from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on both Friday and Saturday. If you want anything customized then you must pre-order. No customization will be done on-site. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted. CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

June 3 is the pre-order deadline. **If you order by June 3, then you can have a name printed on the back of the shirt for FREE!!** Use this link to connect to Summer Games merchandise options: https://orders.minervapromotions.com/soill_summer_games/shop/home

Special Olympics Illinois will also offer Law Enforcement Torch Run, Respect merchandise and sale items. The Special Olympics Illinois merchandise area will have a separate line and items must be paid for separately from Minerva merchandise. Special Olympics Illinois accepts cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express.

\$5 Mystery Bags will be for sale in the North Gym location. Each bag contains at least \$20 of merchandise. Bags are offered by size.



SUMMER GAMES HEALTHY ATHLETES VENUE

The Healthy Athletes® program offers health services, screenings and information to athletes, families and coaches. Participants are encouraged to attend this **FREE** event located in Redbird Arena on the lower level concourse.

SPECIAL SMILES

Friday Noon – 4p

The Special Smiles discipline of Healthy Athletes provides comprehensive oral health care information, including offering free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing techniques to participating Special Olympics athletes.

HEALTHY HEARING

Friday Noon – 4p & Saturday 9a – 4p

The Healthy Hearing program provides free ear and hearing screenings designed to ensure proper audiology care for Special Olympics athletes.

OPENING EYES

Friday Noon – 4p & Saturday 9a - 4p

The Opening Eyes program is a vision and eye health screening in partnership with the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Led by volunteer vision care professionals, Opening Eyes offers prescription eyewear, sunglasses, and sports goggles to Special Olympics athletes.

FUN FITNESS

Saturday 9a – 4p

This Healthy Athletes discipline provides free screenings to measure athletes' flexibility, strength, balance, and aerobic fitness.

HYDRATION STATION

Friday Noon – 4p & Saturday 9a – 2p

Our Healthy Habits Hydration station will be located at 2 different areas:

- i. ISU Redbird Ramp
- ii. Soccer Venue

Stop by to refill your water, grab an electrolyte mix-in and learn some tips on how to best stay hydrated for competition and summer weather!

For more information, please contact Taylor Combs, tcombs@soill.org

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

FINAL LEG SCHEDULE

JUNE 7, 2024



The Law Enforcement Torch Run will run the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony at Hancock Stadium at Illinois State University. Approximately 100 Law Enforcement Officers from around the state will run the Final Leg. Below is a timeline of the Final Leg run through Normal.

All times are approximate

4:45 pm	Final Leg Organizational Meeting at the DoubleTree in Brickyard 1
6:30 pm (Approx.)	Final Leg begins run from The Shoppes at College Hills to the Concourse at Hancock Stadium (about 2.5 miles)
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Final Leg arrives at Concourse at Hancock Stadium for dinner
8:00 pm	Opening Ceremony begins at Hancock Stadium
9:00 pm (Approx.)	LETR Check Presentation followed by Final Leg enters Hancock Stadium

Q: What is the Final Leg?

A: The Final Leg is the culmination of all the Torch Run legs throughout the state. The Final Leg is a run of approximately 2.5 miles from the Shoppes at College Hills to the Concourse at Hancock Stadium. The Final Leg then carries the torch into a packed Hancock Stadium and passes the torch to a Special Olympics Illinois athlete, who then lights the cauldron to officially open the Games.

Q: Who participates in the Final Leg?

A: The Final Leg is open to all law enforcement personnel across the state; both rookies and veterans alike! The larger the group for the Final Leg, the better!

Q: Where will the Law Enforcement Torch Run Officers be during Summer Games weekend?

A: Officers will be awarding medals, participating in the Honor Guard for Friday's Opening Ceremony, selling Harley- Davidson and UTV raffle tickets and volunteering to get soaked in the dunk tank at Olympic Town!

- Stop by Torch Run Central, located at Olympic Town, in the parking lot of Turner Hall, next to Redbird Arena; Greet law enforcement volunteers, and check out the squad cars. Torch Run Central hours are on Saturday, June 8th from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm.
- Harley- Davidson and UTV raffle tickets can be purchased throughout the weekend. Tickets are \$10 and winners/finalists will be drawn October 18th.

FAMILY & FANS REGISTRATION & INFO CENTER

Our organization values families greatly, and we're planning an array of exciting activities for both families and fans attending the Summer Games. Don't forget to visit the Family Registration spots at Horton Field House, Grossinger Arena, and Normal Community High School. There, you can get games information, complimentary raffle entries, picnic tickets, and plenty more!

Highlights to look for at Summer Games:

- A **Fan Zone** area will be located at both Family Registration areas where fans can decorate posters to help cheer on their athletes.
- DIY paintable door hangers will be available for families/fans in Olympic Town on Saturday.
- **Family Tailgate Picnic: Saturday, June 8th** - tickets will be available for pick-up at Family Registration areas on Friday and Saturday morning on a first come, first serve basis.

Family Registration Hours:

Horton Field House (ISU):	Friday: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm Saturday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Grossinger Motors Arena:	Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Normal Community High School:	Saturday: 8:00am – 3:00 pm



ALEXANDER'S FAMILY TAILGATE PICNIC

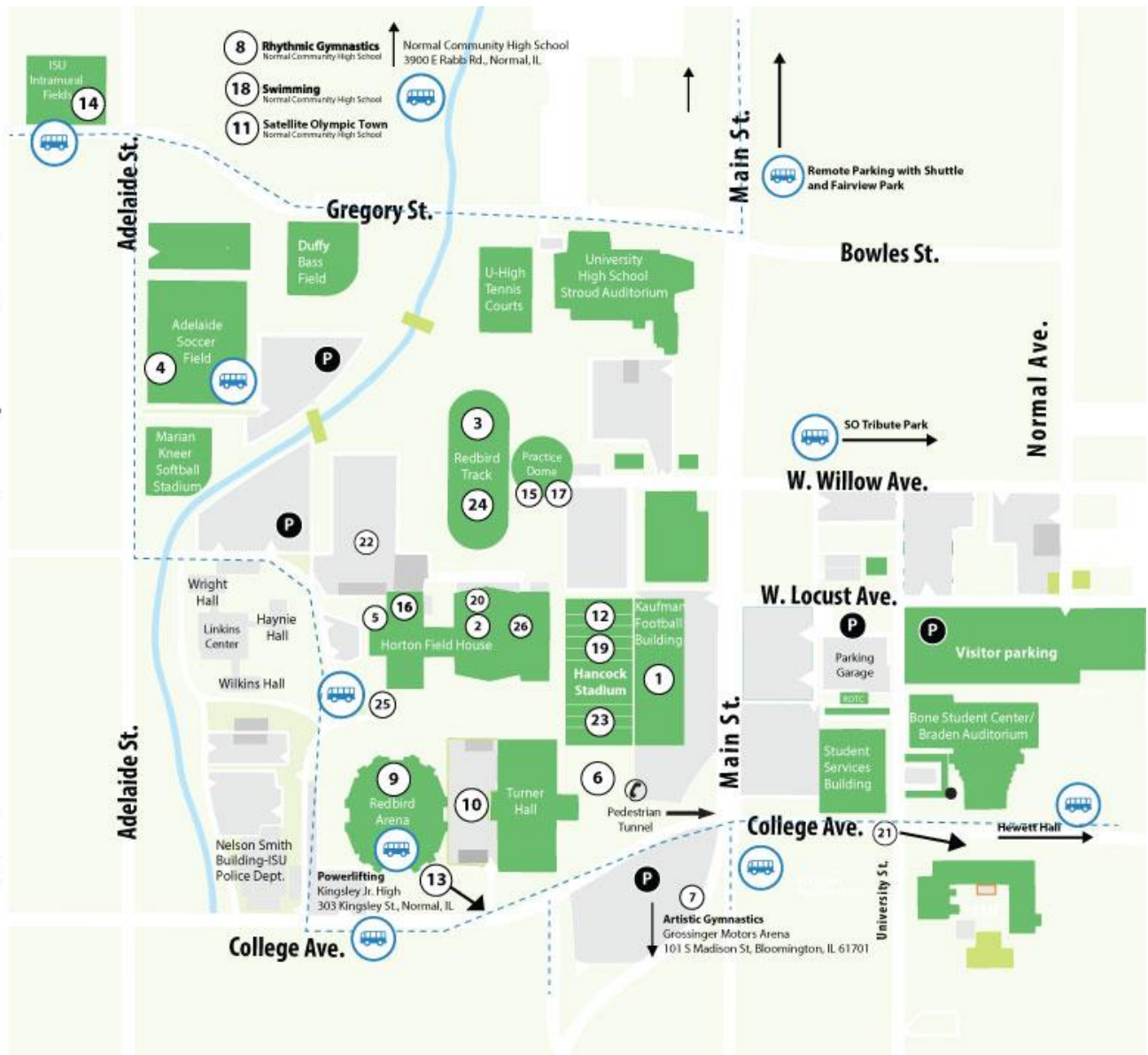
Join us for the 34th annual Families' Tailgate Picnic, graciously sponsored by Alexander's Steakhouse, on **Saturday, June 8th, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm**, or until the last burger disappears. This special event offers families of registered Summer Games athletes a chance to unwind, savor a delicious lunch, and connect with families from across the state.

The mouthwatering hamburgers for the Family Tailgate Picnic are generously provided by Alexander's Steakhouse in Normal and expertly prepared by local Knights of Columbus councils. Show your gratitude to Alexander's by considering them for dinner during your stay in town.

Kindly note that this event is exclusively for family members. Athletes will have lunch arrangements with their respective agencies.

SUMMER GAMES VENUE MAP AND SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE

- 1 American Legion & Auxiliary Hospitality
- 2 Athlete & Coach Registration
- 3 Athletics Running/Walking Events
- 4 Bocce
- 5 Family Registration / Fan Zone
- 6 Families Tailgate Picnic
- 7 Gymnastics - Artistic
- 8 Gymnastics - Rhythmic
- 9 Healthy Athletes
- 10 Olympic Town
- 11 Satellite Olympic Town
- 12 Opening Ceremony
- 13 Powerlifting Shuttle Bus for Family
- 14 Soccer / Shuttle Bus
- 15 Softball Throw
- 16 Souvenirs North Gym
- 17 Standing Long Jump
- 18 Swimming
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