MEMORANDUM
TO: Winter Games Coaches
FROM: Brianna Beers
DATE: January 30, 2026
RE: Final Winter Games Schedule, Housing, Dining & Registration

Available on the Special Olympics Illinois website at https://www.soill.org/winter-games/ is a copy of your agency listing, divisions, schedules, housing and dining assignments (See attachments). The tournament will be held on Tuesday, February 10th – Thursday, February 12th at Chestnut Mountain Resort and Eagle Ridge Resort.

Housing
Athletes will be housed at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Eagle Ridge Resort, Club Wyndham Galena and Stoney Creek Inn. To see which hotel your agency has been assigned to, please see the 2026 Winter Games Housing At-A-Glance Assignment Sheet. If you have any cancellations, please contact me ASAP.

Dining
For an overview of all meal assignments, please refer to the 2026 Housing and Meal Locations document (TBA).
Breakfast: will be served to agencies at their assigned hotel. The menu will vary based on hotel.
Lunch: The first meal offered to agencies will be lunch on Tuesday, February 10th. Agencies will pick up lunch at the sport venue location.
Boxed lunches for all athletes and coaches will be available to pick up at the dining room at Chestnut or the Ballroom of Eagle Ridge.
Tuesday Night Dinner: Agencies will be assigned to a specific location for Tuesday night's dinner after the Opening Ceremony.
Wednesday Dinner: Agencies are assigned to eat at Chestnut Mountain, Eagle Ridge Ballroom or the Eagle Ridge Galena Room.
Color-coded wristbands will be used as identification for registered athletes at Chestnut and Eagle Ridge dining rooms to make sure they are eating at the correct location. Wristbands must be worn at all times.

MEAL PROCEDURES
MEAL / HOUSING WRISTBAND

HOUSING LOCATION	COLOR	DINING LOCATION
Eagle Ridge Villas & Houses & Eagle Ridge Lodge	Blue	Eagle Ridge Ballroom
Stoney Creek Resort & Wyndham Galena	Yellow	Eagle Ridge Galena Rooms
Chestnut Mountain Resort	Green	Chestnut Dining Room
No Housing	Blue	Eagle Ridge Ballroom

Weather/Texting Service

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

Registration

- ***Agency Registration will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 from 9:00AM – 11:00AM. Agencies will register at their competition venue (Chestnut or Eagle Ridge).***
- Agencies that have athletes competing at multiple venues will have 2 agency packets – 1 at each venue. Only the head coach of each sport should report to Registration.
- Chestnut Mountain Registration will take place on 2nd floor in Riverside Room.
- Eagle Ridge Registration will take place in the main lobby of the Main Lodge. Any agencies that are checking in after 11am at Eagle Ridge on Tuesday will pick up agency packet at Tournament Central located on the lower level of Eagle Ridge.
- ***Agencies that are housed at Stoney Creek and the Wyndham will still register for competition at competition venue. After Tuesday competition, agencies can check in to their assigned hotel at front desk to pick up room keys.***

Competition

- **General Information:** Snowshoe competition will be held at Eagle Ridge Resort. Alpine competition will be held at Chestnut Mountain Resort. Competition will be held all 3 days. Please review the schedule for your venue.
- **Athlete Alpine Equipment:** Athletes can pick up lift tickets and rental equipment at the ski school on Tuesday, February 10th. If you have requested alpine equipment, the ski school will have it pulled and marked for you Tuesday morning.
- **Volunteer Alpine Equipment:** 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.
- **Alpine Assessment:** All Alpine athletes must attend the Alpine Assessments on Tuesday, February 10 at Chestnut Mountain Resort at 11:30AM. Athletes have been tentatively entered into the level they were in at their 2026 Region Qualifier. Athletes will report to assigned hill for assessments. Final levels will be determined after the alpine assessment.
- **Alpine Competition -** ***Time trials will begin on Tuesday at 1:30pm for all levels.***

Disqualifications

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

Special Olympics Illinois will be offering exciting activities for our athletes while they are not competing. Please see the Extracurricular Activities Flier or Handbook on the website for specific times, locations and details for Opening Ceremony, Healthy Habits, Immersive Technology, Victory Dance, Souvenirs and Families.

Souvenirs

Souvenirs will be sold on-site only at Eagle Ridge. The souvenir area at Eagle Ridge is located in the lower level lobby area and is open Tuesday 10am-3pm, Wednesday 8am-1pm and during the Wednesday evening dance. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted. CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

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 847-845-6481or bbeers@soill.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Good luck to all your athletes!