



Special Olympics
Illinois



Congratulations on your athlete's qualification to the **2022 Special Olympics Illinois State Golf tournament!** The event will be held on **Saturday, September 10th** and **Sunday, September 11th** at [Hickory Point Golf Club in Forsyth, IL](#).

More than 120 athletes have qualified for competition in individuals skills, Unified, 3,6 or 9-hole events at these games. Now available on the SOILL website at <https://www.soill.org/blog/events/state-golf-tournament/> is the listing of your athlete's events, divisions and sports schedules.

DIRECTIONS: [Hickory Point Golf Club – 727 Weaver Rd., Forsyth](#)

HOTELS: Visit [this link](#) for assistance in finding local lodging.

FAMILY REGISTRATION: Families, please stop by the Family Registration area on Saturday, between **7:30am-1:00pm** to pick up event information and your free raffle ticket. In an effort to provide enhanced opportunities for our athletes and families at competitions, it is important for us to capture attendance. We are only able to do this if family members stop by family registration. Your support is greatly appreciated! Competition calendars and other organizational event info is also available. **Family members wearing their credentials will get an extra ticket for the raffle.**

COMPETITION INFORMATION:

Individual Skills, 3-Hole and 6-Hole Divisions / Schedules / Competition:

- Individual Skills, 3-Hole and 6-Hole will take place on Saturday only.
- Athletes will compete in final divisions during Saturday competition and will receive awards upon completion of their event September 10th.
- 3-Hole will be playing a par 3 course and will be playing from silver tee markers.
- 6-Hole will be playing a traditional course and will be playing from gold tee markers.
- Please see the schedule for start times.

Traditional and Unified 9-Hole Divisions / Schedules / Competition:

- Traditional and Unified 9-Hole will take place Saturday and Sunday. All 9-Hole athletes will compete in preliminary divisions for Saturday Competition.
- Athletes / Partners will be re-divisioned into their final divisions for Sunday competition. Please check the website on Saturday evening for those divisions.
- Athletes/Partners competing in 9-Hole competition will receive awards upon completion of the division on September 11th.
- Traditional and Unified 9-Hole golfers, will be playing a traditional course and will be playing from the gold tee markers.
- Please see the schedule for start times.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: See attached.

REGISTRATION: Registration for Registration for Golf will begin at 7:15am on Saturday, September 10th at Hickory Point Golf Course. A short training will be offered to athletes, coaches and caddies at 8:00am

ATHLETE, COACH & CADDIE TRAINING: A short training will be given to athletes, coaches and caddies in the awards area prior to opening ceremony beginning at 8:00am.

OPENING CEREMONY: A short Opening Ceremony will be held at Hickory Point at 8:30am prior to the 9 hole shot gun start departure.

DINNER: Dinner will be offered to athletes and coaches in the form of a voucher to McAlister's Deli. See handbook for more information.

CADDIES: Special Olympics Illinois will not provide caddies for the competition. Athletes are free to bring their own caddie. Caddies must register online **by September 8, 2022:**
<http://stategolfcaddie.soill.volunteerhub.com/>

SPECTATORS: Spectators are allowed to attend the State Golf Tournament.

GOLF CARTS: No carts will be allowed for athletes/unified partners unless previously approved by the Tournament Director. No carts will be available for spectator rental.

FREE STATE GOLF LIVE SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Please enter iWanamaker.com into your google search and open
- 2) Register if you don't already have an account:
 - (a) Create user name using your email
 - (b) Password must contain 1 capital letter, 1 number and a character
- 3) To sign in:
 - (a) Click "Sign In" in upper right
 - (b) Enter user name and password
 - (c) Enter the 4 digit code sent to you via email
- 4) To Find Event and Athlete:
 - (a) Click "Search" in upper right
 - (b) Type "SOILL" into the search box and press "Search"
 - (c) Click "View More Results" on bottom right of screen
 - (d) 4 events should pop up
 - (e) Click on event you would like to follow
- 5) Watch Scores:
 - (a) Leaderboard listing all athletes in that event will pop up
 - (b) You will need to click refresh button (small circle with arrow above scores) to make sure you have the most up to date scores

SOUVENIRS:

State Golf Tournament specific items and items you want customized are available by pre-order only. Pre-order deadline is **September 5**. A limited supply of general Special Olympics Illinois merchandise will be sold on-site, Saturday morning only. Use this link to connect to State Softball Tournament merchandise options: https://orders.minervapromotions.com/soill_state_golf_tournament/shop/home

GUEST/FAMILY MEALS: Hickory Point Golf Club will have concessions to purchase food & drink. There are also a variety of restaurants in the Forsyth/Decatur area. **Meals will be provided only to registered athletes and coaches.**

WEATHER/TEXTING SERVICE: *Event cancellations and postponements will be determined if conditions exist that could be potentially hazardous.* For text alerts during the event please text "GOLF" to 1.844.393.0980. In case of inclement weather, schedule changes or cancellations **check the website [here](#) for updates.**

We hope this information will help you plan your trip to Forsyth! Please feel free to contact me with any questions – [Karen Milligan](#)! Best of luck to all the athletes! I look forward to seeing you in Forsyth!

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