

Midwest Sports Fest

Special Olympics Indiana ♦ Driven to Win



Dates: August 22-23, 2010

Site:

- Softball: Midwest Sports Complex - Indianapolis
- Golf: South Grove Golf Course - Indianapolis

Sports:

- Golf
- Softball

Schedule:

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| • Sat, August 22 | 8:00 am - 8:30 am | Registration |
| | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm | Golf - Skills and Individual
Softball - Traditional Teams |
| | 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Golf - Unified Sports® Teams
Softball - Skills and Traditional Teams |
| • Sun, August 23 | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Softball - Traditional Teams |
| | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Softball - Unified Sports® Teams |

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Entry Deadlines and Fees:

- **Golf:**
Entry Deadline: Monday, July 5, 2010 (Individual & Unified Sports® Teams)
Entry Fee: \$10.00 per golfer (includes greens fee, non-refundable)
\$10.00 per individual skills contest golfer
State Office Contact: Dave Breen (800) 742-0612 ext. 233 or dbreen@soindiana.org
- **Softball:**
Entry Deadline: Monday, June 14, 2010 (Team)
Final Roster & Individual Skills Entry Form: Monday, July 5, 2010
Game Record Form: Monday, August 2, 2010
Entry Fee: \$70.00 per team (non-refundable)
\$10.00 per individual for Skills competition
State Office Contact: Scott Mingle (800) 742-0612 ext. 228 or smingle@soindiana.org

Entry Information:

1. County Programs must be registered with the State Office to enter this event.
2. All entry forms must be **IN HOUSE** by the deadline. They may be emailed, mailed or faxed to the State Office. Mailing Address: Special Olympics Indiana, 6100 W. 96th Street, Suite 270, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Fax: (317)328-2018. Email: entries@soindiana.org.
3. The entry or registration fee will be transferred from the County account to the State account on the deadline date. Insufficient funds in the County account is cause to reject the entries or registration. The County Program is responsible to notify the Vice President of Programs *before* the deadline if special circumstances exist.
4. Once past the entry deadline, no refunds will be given. In the event of cancellation of the entire event, the County account will be credited for the entry fees.
5. All athletes and Unified Sports® partners must have an *Application for Participation* on file with the State Office. New Applications must be received in the State Office by the entry deadline for the athlete/partner to be eligible for that event.
6. A current and complete *Medical Form* must be completed for each Special Olympics athlete listed on the roster, and on-hand for any Special Olympics-related activity. *Medical Forms* will be checked at registration. Athletes without *Medical Forms* will **NOT** be allowed to participate.
7. All Class A volunteers (coaches/chaperones) entered by a County Program **MUST** be registered volunteers, have completed a *Coach/Volunteer Application*, have completed the Coach/Volunteer Orientation, and have completed the Online Protective Behaviors training.



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Competition Information:

General

1. An athlete may participate in only one sport per day at the Midwest Sports Fest.
2. A team's age group is determined by the oldest participant on the team. Teams without competition in their age group may be reassigned to a different age group. Co-ed teams participate in the men's division.
3. Teams and individuals will be placed in competitive divisions by the sport management team, according to type and age group. Teams from the same County Program may be placed in the same division. Special Olympics Indiana's sport management teams reserve the right to reclassify or disqualify any individual or team who do not fairly represent their ability.
4. Athletes are expected to be properly trained for a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the event.

Golf

1. No player's handicap (individual or team) shall exceed 35.
2. Each individual or team enters by submitting a verified handicap or their most recent four scores over 9 holes, accompanied by the par and slope for the course for each score.
 - a. Each individual must play at least four rounds (round = 3, 6, or 9 holes) to be eligible to enter, depending upon which event an athlete is entered.
 - b. Each Unified Sports® team must play four rounds (round = 9 holes) of "Foursome" (alternate shot) golf as a team to qualify.
3. Unified Sports® golf teams are required to participate in one of three Golf Sectionals on August 7, 2010. County Programs will receive a *Sectional Fact Sheet* and schedule 1-2 weeks prior to the Sectional event.
4. Ability divisions will be assigned with each individual / team having a handicap or combined handicap.

Softball

1. Team Level: Each team shall be placed in one of three levels for play, based on attributes that best characterize their team. The Level placement is subject to change by the Softball Sport Management Team prior to the tournament. A team's level will serve as the basis for division placement.
 - Level 1 - High: plays by regulation rules; high to excellent skills and athleticism; implements strategies; several players hit with power; reacts to the way the other team plays; competent fielders; aggressive base running
 - Level 2 - Average: plays by regulation rules; average skills and athleticism; some strategy; a few players hit with power; defense depends on a few key players; most base runners require coach to say when to run
 - Level 3 - Low: following rules is a challenge; low skills and athleticism; little strategy; a few players hit can hit ball out of infield or reliably catch a fly ball; defense depends on one or two key players; base runners advance one base at a time
2. Each team must play at least two games within its team classification based on a directory mailed by the State Office within a week following the Entry Deadline.
3. Teams may request re-classification, including levels, to the State Office. If the request is approved, the 2-game requirement applies. The team must compete in 2 games within this new classification.
4. Teams must submit a *Final Roster Form* sooner in the season. After this deadline, teams may request roster adjustments. However, teams must compete in two (2) games with the updated roster, even if the 2-game requirement was met prior to the roster adjustment.
5. Teams must submit a *Games Records Form* indicating games played, opponents, final score, and an assessment of how the team compared to the opponent.
6. Failure to meet any of the three (3) established deadlines or failure to compete in two (2) games gives the Softball Sport Management Team reason to disqualify the team from state competition. This includes failure to compete in two (2) games after team re-classification or after roster adjustments.
7. Tournament play will be single elimination. Teams are paired for competition by a blind draw. Teams will play no more than two (2) games in a day. Teams will have a minimum of 10 minutes rest between games when playing twice in a day.