

EKS Games

DATES:	August 19, 2017	Golf Sectionals (<i>Unified 2-person Team</i>)
	August 19 or 26, 2017	Softball Sectionals
	September 10, 2017	Corn Toss, Distance Run & Walk, Flag Football, & Volleyball
	September 15 - 16, 2017	Equestrian
	September 23, 2017	State Golf & Softball
SITES:	Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School 2801 West 86th Street Indianapolis, IN 46268	Hickory Stick Golf Club (<i>State Golf</i>) 4422 Hickory Stick Blvd. Greenwood, IN 46143
	Midwest Sports Complex (<i>Softball</i>) 7509 New Augusta Road Indianapolis, IN 46268	Hendricks County 4H & Conference Center (<i>Equestrian</i>) 1900 East Main Street Danville, IN 46122
SPORTS:	Corn Toss Distance Run & Walk Flag Football (<i>Team & Individual Skills</i>) Golf (<i>Individual & Unified Team</i>) Equestrian Softball (<i>Team & Individual Skills</i>) Volleyball (<i>Unified Team & Individual Skills</i>)	
ENTRY DEADLINE:	Entry forms on Pages 156-172.	
	Monday, June 19, 2017	Flag Football, Softball & Volleyball Team Quota Request Forms
	Monday, July 31, 2017	Golf Entries Softball Final Rosters
	Monday, August 7, 2017	Corn Toss Entries Distance Run & Walk Entries Equestrian Entries Individual Skills Entries Delegation Entry Form Coach/Chaperone Form Flag Football Final Rosters Volleyball Final Rosters Softball Games Records
	Monday, August 21, 2017	Flag Football Games Records Volleyball Game Records
TIMELINE:		
	Monday, June 19	Flag Football, Softball & Volleyball Team Quota Request Forms due
	Monday, June 26 (week of)	Flag Football, Softball, & Volleyball team directories sent to Programs
	Monday, July 31	Golf Entries due Softball Final Rosters due
	Monday, August 7	Corn Toss, Distance Run & Walk, Equestrian, and Skills Entries due Flag Football & Volleyball Final Rosters due Softball Games Records due
	Monday, August 7	Golf - Preliminary Reports sent to Programs
	Thursday, August 10	Golf - Verification sent to State Office (<i>Events, Scores, Missing Entries</i>)

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Thursday, August 17	Preliminary Delegation Reports sent to Programs
Monday, August 21	Verification sent to State Office (<i>Events, Scores, Missing Entries</i>)
Monday, August 21	Flag Football & Volleyball Game Records due
Wednesday, August 30	Final Delegation Reports sent to Programs (<i>Final Divisions, Sports Schedules</i>)
Wednesday, August 30	Invoices sent to Programs

ENTRY FEE:

Individuals	\$10 each
Equestrian Riders	\$15 each
Equestrian Campsites	\$20 each
Equestrian Hay Bales	\$7 each
Corn Toss & Golf Teams (<i>2-person</i>)	\$20 each
Flag Football , Softball & Volleyball Teams	\$70 each

STATE OFFICE CONTACT: Scott Mingle (800) 742-0612 ext. 228 or smingle@soindiana.org

ENTRY INFORMATION (*entry forms on Pages 156-172*):

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, 6200 Technology Center Drive, Suite 105, 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/COO *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, entry fees will be refunded.
5. All athletes 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/Unified 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 & Unified Sports® partners) entered by a County Program MUST be registered in the Volunteer Management System (VMS) and have completed an application, background screening, *Coach/Volunteer Orientation*, *Protective Behaviors* training, and *Concussion Awareness* training.
8. Athletes are expected to be properly trained for a minimum of eight (8) weeks prior to the event.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. An athlete may participate in only one (1) sport per day for each of the days of EKS Games.
2. A team's age group is determined by the oldest player on the team. A coach may request to have this rule waived in unusual circumstances (i.e. only one 16-year-old on the team). Teams without competition in their age group may be reassigned to a different age group. Coed teams participate in the men's division.
3. Each team must play at least two (2) games against two (2) different opponents within their team classification based on a Directory mailed by the State Office by the date listed above.
4. Teams may request re-classification, including levels, to the State Office. If the request is approved, the two (2) games requirement applies. The team must compete in two (2) games within this new classification.
5. Teams and individuals will be placed in competitive divisions by the sport management teams, according to type and age group. SO Indiana's sport management teams reserve the right to reclassify or disqualify any individual or team who do not fairly represent their ability.
6. Teams from the same County Program may be placed in the same division.
7. Teams without competition (normally due to superior ability) will be scheduled to play an exhibition game and receive individual and team awards.
8. Unified Sports® teams may be reassigned to the Instructional Division if the Unified partners have superior ability to athletes based on visual observation. Teams assigned to the Instructional Division will be scheduled to play a game(s) in the tournament, and will receive recognition for their participation.
9. Teams must submit a *Final Roster Form*. After this deadline, teams may request roster adjustments. However, teams must compete in two (2) games with the updated roster, even if the two (2) games requirement was met prior to the roster adjustment.
10. Teams must submit a *Games Records Form* indicating games played, opponents, final score, and an assessment of how the team

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compared to the opponent.

11. Failure to meet any of the three (3) established deadlines or failure to compete in two (2) games gives the 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.
12. When Special Olympics athletes or Unified Sports® partners require the use of wheelchairs or other mobility assistance devices, participation in team sports (basketball, softball, volleyball, and flag football) likely creates undue health and safety risks for that athlete and others in the game. The County Coordinator may apply to the State Office for special consideration for athletes who require such assistance. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Athletes in question should not compete at any level without State Office approval.

EQUESTRIAN:

1. Campsites are available on the Hendricks County Fairgrounds on Friday night only for \$20 per site. These sites must be reserved by the entry deadline.
2. The Hendricks County Fairgrounds offers Stall Bedding for only \$7 per bale. If a program chooses to use the Fairgrounds bedding please indicate the number of bales on the *EKS Games Delegation Entry Form* by the entry deadline.

FLAG FOOTBALL:

1. Teams will play in a pool-play round early in the day prior to the tournament's bracket-play.
2. Bracket-play will be single elimination. Teams are paired for competition by a blind draw. Teams will play no more than three (3) games in a day. Teams will have a minimum of 10 minutes rest between games when playing multiple games in a day.

GOLF:

1. Unified golf teams are required to participate in one (1) of three (3) Golf Sectionals on August 19, 2017. County Programs will receive a *Sectional Fact Sheet* and schedule 1-2 weeks prior to the Sectional event.

SOFTBALL:

1. Tournament play will be single elimination with consolation games. Teams are paired for competition by a blind draw. Teams will have a minimum of 10 minutes rest between games when playing twice in a day.
2. Teams will be assigned to a Sectional based on all team entries. Programs with teams in different classifications (Traditional, Unified, and Designated Pitcher) may have teams assigned to different Sectionals. Sectional winners will advance to the State Tournament.

UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL:

1. Teams will play in a pool-play round early in the day prior to the tournament's bracket-play.
2. Bracket-play will be single (or double depending on number of teams) elimination. Teams are paired for competition by a blind draw. Teams will play no more than five (5) matches in a day. Teams will have a minimum of 10 minutes rest between matches when playing twice in a day.