

SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA 2024 MEN'S & WOMENS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FACT SHEET



DATES: Saturday & Sunday, March 23rd & 24th, 2024

All times listed are Eastern

SITE: Pacers Athletic Center
200 E. 186th St.
Westfield, IN 46074

PACERS SPORTS &
ENTERTAINMENT



TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Katie Hilt (SOIN Staff)

OPERATIONS CENTER: (317) 328-2011 (for issues day of event)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Final Schedules and Brackets for the Men's, Women's, and Unified State Tournament will not be available until March 18th.
2. All medicals have been reviewed prior to the State Tournament. Copies of all medicals will be on site with the Basketball Sport Management Team. While, it is not mandatory for teams to have medicals at the event, it is highly encouraged that teams bring the PDF medical report with them to the tournament.
3. Restrooms will be available as a changing area for teams. The area will remain unlocked throughout the day. Please refrain from leaving valuables in the locker room. Special Olympics Indiana and Pacers Athletic Center will not be held responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.
4. Opening ceremonies will take place on Court 1 at 12:00pm on Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th. All teams and spectators are invited and encouraged to attend.
5. Awards ceremonies for team competition will take place on the court at the conclusion of each game. Awards ceremonies for skills will take place after the each division has completed all 3 of their events.
6. There will be an athletic trainer on-site in case of injury. Please notify the scoring table or tournament staff if you need medical assistance.
7. Concessions will be available at the venue. There are also some food options within a 10-minute drive of the venue.
8. Souvenirs will be available for purchase throughout the weekend.
9. Please keep in mind that the scoring table crews and most tournament staff are volunteers giving up their time to help run this tournament. Be sure to thank them for their help throughout the day.
10. Coaches Handbook will be distributed with the brackets and schedules on March 18th.

RULES REMINDERS:

1. Please see the 2023-2024 Basketball Rules.
2. Uniforms must consist of a jersey, athletic shorts, and athletic shoes. Jerseys must be a distinguishable solid color. Undershirts must be the same color as the primary color on the jersey. All jerseys must contain legal numbers. Any uniform violation will result in a technical foul to start the game.
3. For 5v5 basketball, just a reminder that this year the NFHS eliminated the one-and-one scenario when in the bonus. Basketball teams will shoot two free throws for common fouls when in the "bonus". In addition to awarding two foul shots for all common fouls, teams will reach the bonus when their opponent commits five fouls in each quarter and team fouls will reset at the end of each quarter. Previously, teams were awarded the one-and-one bonus when their opponents committed seven fouls in a half and two foul shots when 10 fouls were committed each half.
4. Jewelry is prohibited. Jewelry includes but is not limited to studs, earrings, Livestrong-style bands, beads in hair, necklaces, bracelets, and MovBands/Fitbits. Religious and medical-alert medallions are exempt. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. Medical-alert medals must be taped and may remain visible.
5. The Unified Sports® rule on player involvement is as follows: In Unified Sports® games, the Partners must not score more than 75% of the team's total points, and the Athletes must not score more than 75% of the team's total points. Thus, in a game, the Athletes as a group and the Partners as a group must score at least 25% of the total points scored. Failure to adhere to the required ratio results in a forfeit.

SKILLS:

1. A coach should report to skills check-in at the times listed below. Similar to what is stated about for team basketball, we will not be checking athlete medicals, they will be on site with the basketball sport management team. However, coaches are highly encouraged to bring the PDF medical report with them to the tournament. There will be a separate table at Court 4 to receive athlete nametags.
2. A finalized schedule of skills competition will be released in the Coaches Handbook on March 18th.
3. Awards will be given after the conclusion of each division. If we are short on volunteers, all awards will be given at the end of the skills competition for all competitors.
4. Parents and coaches are prohibited from entering the competition area. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for athletes who require assistance. You must get permission from the Skills Competition Manager. If approved, only one parent or coach will be allowed to escort the athlete to each station.

Restaurants within 10-15 minutes:

- Burger King
- Chick-Fil-A**
- Chipotle**
- Dairy Queen
- Denny's
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Freddy's
- Grindstone on the Monon
- Jimmy Johns **
- KFC
- Los Agaves
- McDonald's
- Penn Station
- Portillo's
- Saladworks **
- Starbucks
- Subway**
- Taco Bell
- Tropical Smoothie Café **
- Wendy's

** Healthier Options

Hotels near Pacers Athletic Center:

Special Olympics Indiana does not have a special rate with any hotel, however below are a list of hotels in the area.

- Wyndham Westfield
- Hampton Inn – Westfield
- Springhill Suites by Marriott Indianapolis Westfield
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carmel North – Westfield
- Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis/Carmel

**Pacers Athletic Center
Facility Layout**

