



Special Olympics
Ohio
Greater Dayton

July 23, 2010

TO: All Ohio Special Olympics Local Organizations

FROM: Vicki DeAtley, Special Olympics, Montgomery County

RE: **Fourth Annual Softball Invitational and Softball Skills Event Hosted by Special Olympics Montgomery County**

Special Olympics Montgomery County will hold its fourth annual Softball Invitational and Softball Skills event for all locals. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 4th 2010 at Action Sports Center in Dayton, Ohio. All teams will be guaranteed at least 2 games with the possibility of a 3rd. All athletes will be given an award, teams will receive appropriate trophies. Lunch will be provided for all athletes and coaches at no cost. We will once again be having an activity center to entertain our younger guests.

Registration deadline for this event is August 16, 2010. You may fax this to our office at 937-258-5354 or return by mail to Special Olympics of Greater Dayton, 4130 Linden Ave., Ste. 310, Dayton, Ohio 45432.

Valid athlete participation forms and partner forms must be shown on the day of the event in order for your athletes to participate.

Action Sports is located at 1103 Gateway Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45404.

Please call Marnie at 396-0842 or Vicki at 572-5308 if you have any questions concerning this event. Hope to see you there.

TEAM RULES AND EQUIPMENT

1. In accordance with the Ohio Special Olympics Code of Conduct published in the 2006-2007 Local Coordinators Handbook, coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, themselves, and their parents/spectators. Inappropriate behavior by any one of these groups will not be tolerated.
2. Organizations may send more than one team. However, players may appear on only one roster.
3. According to the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules (revised 2004-2007), we will be following ASA Rules with these equipment and rule modifications listed on Page 367 of the SOI Official Sports Rules. You should look over these rules and be familiar with them. There are several which include but are not limited to:
 - A. The catcher must wear a face mask, helmet, and chest protector.
 - B. All batters and base runners must wear a tight fitting batter's helmet. We plan to have helmets available at each game, but encourage teams to purchase their own and use them in local games. For this year, chin straps on batter's helmets are optional.
 - C. A 30 cm. (11 3/4 inch) red stitched restricted flight softball must be used.
 - D. A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. The game will be considered complete if after 4 full innings of play one team leads the other by 20 runs or 12 runs after 5 innings. The game shall last no longer than 1 1/2 hours. Forfeit time for any game is the time the game is scheduled to start.
4. Unified Team Rules - Unified team competition will be conducted utilizing the rules as stated above as well as the following:
 - A. An overall roster shall contain proportionate numbers of athletes with mental retardation (Special Olympics athletes) and teammates without mental retardation (partners).
 - B. A unified softball team consists of 5 Special Olympics athletes and 5 partners. Teams using the extra hitter (EH) must have an athlete EH and a partner EH. If due to injuries and/or disqualification the playing roster falls below 10, the team can continue within the FIS Softball Rules. However, a team can only have a maximum of 5 athletes and/or 5 partners in the lineup. Failure to adhere to required team composition during competition results in a forfeit. Ohio will not require the alternate batter rule or the position requirements listed in the SOI Summer Sports Rules.
 - C. If the extra hitter (EH) is used, two extra hitters, one with mental retardation and one without, shall be added to the lineup.
 - D. Coaches shall take appropriate measures to **prevent** any player from dominating the game.
 - E. Umpires shall warn any athlete whose play is deemed dangerous. Subsequent dangerous play by that athlete shall result in disqualification from the game. This is to ensure that a player does not create a health and safety risk for other players.
 - F. The coach may not be on the team roster. The non-playing coach must sign and submit the lineup. The coach must be on the bench or in the coaching box during the game. The coach is the only team representative that can address the umpire or scorer.
5. The season records and Area tournament results and past performance will be used to help place teams in competitive divisions. All coaches are responsible for knowing ASA and SOI slow pitch team rules.

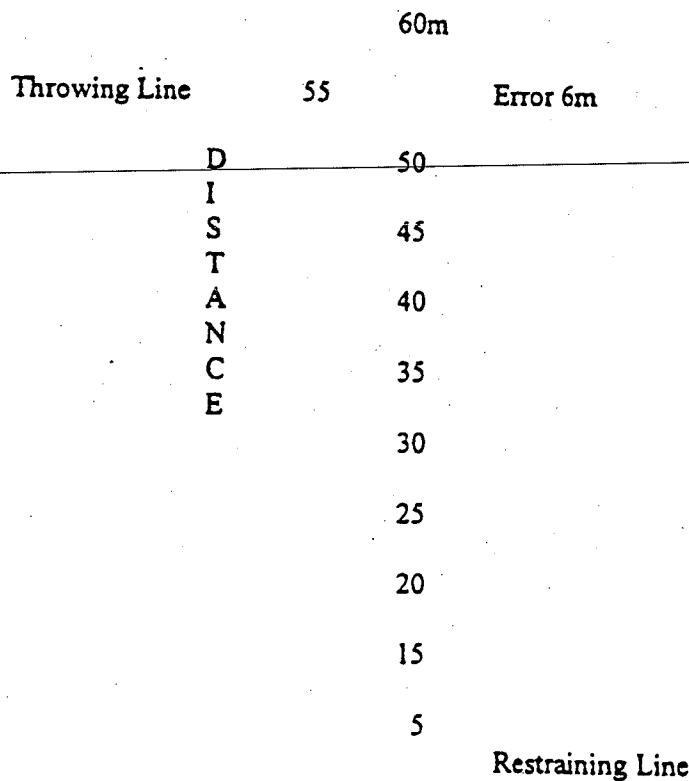
INDIVIDUAL SKILLS CONTEST

- A. Individual Skills Contest is competition designed for lower ability athletes. It is not for athletes who can already play the game.
- B. Four events compromise the Individual Skills Contest: Base Race, Throwing, Fielding and Hitting.
- C. The athlete's final score is determined by adding together the scores achieved in each of these four events.
- D. Athlete's will be pre-divisioned according to their total scores from these four events.
- E. Each event is diagramed with the suggested number and placement of volunteers who will administer them. It is also suggested that the same volunteers remain at an event throughout the competition so that consistency is provided.

1. **Base Running**

- A. Equipment - Three bases, home plate, stopwatch
- B. Purpose - To measure that athlete's base running ability.
- C. Description - Bases are set up like a baseball diamond and positioned 19.81 meters (65" apart). The athlete is instructed to start on home plate, and run around the bases as fast as possible, touching each base in route.
- D. Scoring - The time starts when the athlete touches home plate after circling the bases. The time elapsed in seconds is subtracted from 60 to determine the point score. A penalty of 5 seconds for each base missed or touched in an improper order shall be assessed. The best score of two trials is recorded.

2. **Throwing**



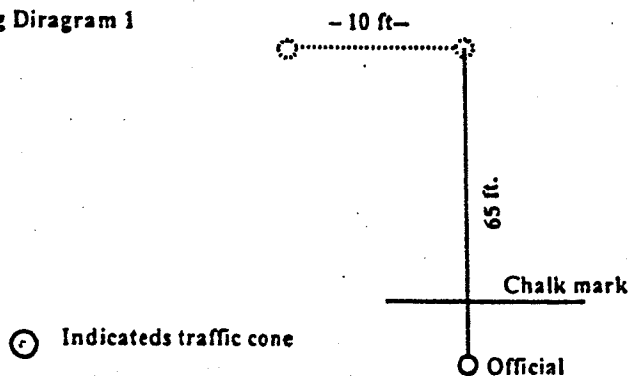
- A. Equipment - Regulation field, 2 measuring tapes, softballs, 2 small cones or marking stakes.
- B. Purpose - To measure that athlete's ability in throwing for distance and accuracy.
- C. Description - The player being tested stands behind the restraining line, back far enough to take one or more steps in preparation for throwing. The player has 2 trials to throw the softball as far and as straight as possible down the throwing line, without stepping over the restraining line. Coaches, assistants or other waiting players should be positioned in the field to indicate, using a cone or marking stake, the spot where each ball first touches the ground. The better of the two throws is measured and recorded as the player's score. If a player steps on or over the line before releasing the ball, the trial must be repeated. There will be a maximum of 2 repeats.
- D. Scoring - The net throwing score equals the throwing distance, measured at a point on the throwing line straight across from (perpendicular to) the spot where the ball landed, minus the error distance - the number of meters the ball landed off target, away from the throwing line. The player's score is the better of the two throws. Both error scores and distance are measured to the nearest meter. IE: If a ball lands even with (perpendicular to) the 50M point on the measuring tape, but is 6M off to one side, the player score is 44 points. (Distance thrown (50) minus number of meters off target (6) results in a net score of 44M) Athlete's score 1 point per meter. IE: 44M = 44 points. If score falls between meters, score should be rounded down. IE: 44.73 = 44 points.

1. **Fielding**

- A. Equipment 30 cm (12") softballs, measuring tape, chalk/line, cones.
- B. Purpose - To measure the athlete's fielding ability.
- C. Description - The athlete will stand between, and behind the two cones. The official must throw the ball on the ground to the athlete, between the cones. The throw to the athlete must hit the ground before the 6.10m (20") chalk mark. The athlete may move aggressively toward the ball. If the thrown ball is outside of the cones, the throw must be repeated. Each athlete gets five fielding attempts per trial. Each athlete receives two trials.
- D. Scoring - The athlete receives 5 points for a clearly fielded ball (either caught in glove or trapped against the body, but off the ground); 2 points for a ball that is blocked; 0 points for a missed attempt, for a maximum score of 50.

FIELDING DIAGRAM 1

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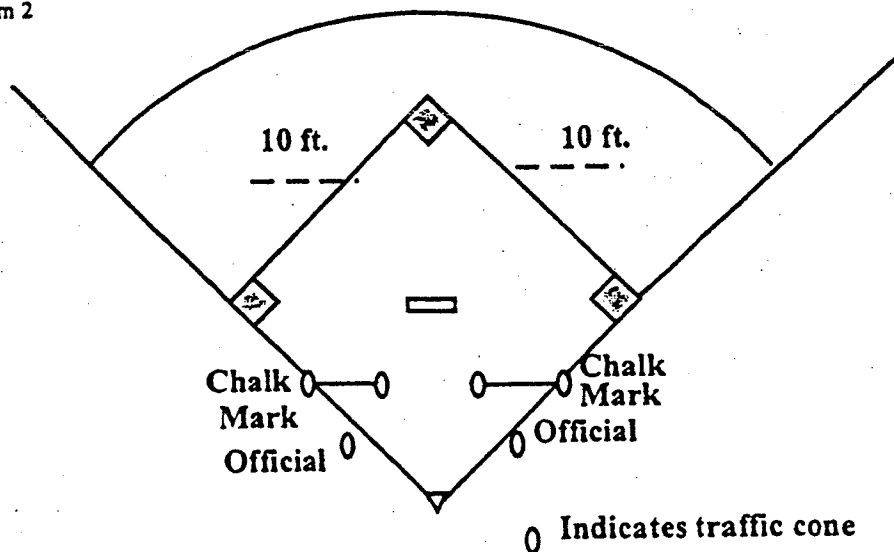


4. **Hitting**

- A. **Equipment** - Batting tee, 30 cm (11 3/4") red stitch restricted flight softballs, bat, measuring tape, and chalk.
- B. **Purpose** - To measure the athlete's ability to hit for distance when hitting off a batting tee.
- C. **Description** - Standing in a regulation size batter's box. IE: 2.31 m (7'7") by 99cm (3'3"), the athlete is instructed to hit the ball off the tee. The athlete receives three attempts.
- D. **Score** - The distance of the longest hit shall determine the athlete's final score. The distance of a hit is measured from the batting tee to the point where the ball first touches the ground. The distance is measured to the nearest meter. IE: 1 meter = 1 point. 46 meters = 46 points. If the score falls between meters, scores should be rounded down. IE: 46.73 = 46 points.

A players final score is determined by adding together the scores achieved in each of the four events which comprise the Individual Skills Contest.

Fielding Diagram 2



INDIVIDUAL SKILLS ROSTER

County _____ Organization _____

Coaches Name _____

Work Phone _____

Athlete's Names

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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9. _____

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11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

Total number of athletes & coaches for lunch count _____

TRADITIONAL TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

County/Organization _____ Team Name _____

Local Coordinator _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Coach Name _____ Coaches Cell phone # _____

Ass't Coach Names*

	PLAYER'S NAME	Sex M or F	Age Month/Day/Year	# of years Playing	Position
1			/ /		
2			/ /		
3			/ /		
4			/ /		
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Total number of athletes, coaches, and chaperones (for lunch count) _____

A. Please list all Ass't Coach Names. These names will be checked against your list of approved Class A Volunteers on file with the State. Please submit new Class A Volunteer Applications for new Coaches.

B. Only the athletes listed on the roster will be allowed to play in the tournament.

Please return form by August 16, 2010 to:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GREATER DAYTON
4130 LINDEN AVE., SUITE 310
DAYTON, OHIO 45432
OR FAX TO: (937)258-5354

UNIFIED TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

County/Organization _____ Team Name _____

Local Coordinator _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Coach Name _____ Coaches Cell Phone # _____

Ass't Coach Names*

	Special Olympics Player's Names	Sex M or F	Age Month/Day/Year	# of years Playing	Position
1			/ /		
2			/ /		
3			/ /		
4			/ /		
5			/ /		
6			/ /		
7			/ /		
8			/ /		
	Partner's Names				
9			/ /		
10			/ /		
11			/ /		
12			/ /		
13			/ /		
14			/ /		
15			/ /		
16			/ /		

Total number of athletes, coaches, and chaperones (for lunch count) _____

A. Please list all Ass't Coach Names. These names will be checked against your list of approved Class A Volunteers on file with the State. Please submit new Class A Volunteer Applications for new Coaches & Partners that do not already have Forms on file at the State.

B. Only the S.O. Athletes and Partners listed on the roster will be allowed to play in the tournament.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 16, 2010

RETURN FORM TO: SPECIAL OLYMPICS GREATER DAYTON
 4130 LINDEN AVE., STE. 310
 DAYTON, OHIO 45432

OR FAX TO: 937-258-5354

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS ENTRY FORM

Directions: The attached Softball Skills Test taken from the "Official Special Olympics Sports Rules, January 31, 2007 Revised Edition must be completed for each athlete competing in the Individual Skills Contest. Please complete all information on this entry form and return it to Special Olympics.

County _____ Organization _____

Athlete's Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Athlete's Name _____ Sex _____

SKILLS TEST SCORES

BASE RACE	THROWING	FIELDING	HITTING	TOTAL

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