

2023 State Softball Tournament

Saturday, September 30th

(If the event is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled)

Special Olympics
New Hampshire



Lafa Fields at Campo Complex

Sargent Road, Londonderry, NH

The State Softball Tournament will offer competition in Unified Slow Pitch and Individual Skills. The Unified Slow Pitch competition will consist of an onsite assessment round and divisioning followed by a medal round tournament. The Individual Skills competition will consist of performance measures in fielding, throwing, hitting, and base running.

Please take a moment to review the Rules to have a better understanding of the sport.

To register for the State Softball Games, you will use Agon. Please make sure you are familiar with the timeline below.

IF YOU NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS

About **registration**, which includes compliance, the registration process through Agon including intent to participate, registration and scratch, please contact Bridget at BridgetC@sonh.org or by phone at (603) 969-9572.

About the **season or event**, which includes video meetings, final information, and day of questions, please contact Ian at IanW@sonh.org, or by phone at (207) 710-4586.

EVENT INFORMATION

TENTATIVE ORDER OF EVENTS

- 7:30am: Local Program Check-in
- 8:00am: Assessment Games begin
- 9:20am: Coaches Meeting
- 9:30am: Medal Round begins
- 10:45am to 2:00pm: Lunch (ongoing; play does not stop)
- 11:30am: Individual Skills Check-in
- 12:00pm: Individual Skills Competition
- 4:00pm: Conclusion of Tournament (approximate time)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Lunch will be provided.
- Divisions for the Medal Round may be altered following the Assessment Games
- Training is an important part of athlete growth in both skill development and overall physical fitness. Special Olympics New Hampshire expects teams to train twice a week for 10 weeks prior to the State Tournament, with one practice focusing on sport specific training and one practice focusing on fitness (cross training etc.) to allow for optimal performance and readiness at the State Tournament.
- If the event is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled. LPC, Secondary LPC, and Head Coach for each team will be notified via phone by 6:00am on the day of the event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

During the registration process, we will communicate with the primary LP contact, head coaches, Local Program Coordinator, Secondary Local Program Coordinator, and the Communications and Technology Manager.



INTENT TO PARTICIPATE (TELL US YOU ARE COMING)

Sunday, January 1st

Enter the primary Local Program contact for the Games as well as the Head Coach for each sport (these may be the same or different people).

Give us an estimate of the number of teams participating. We are looking for a rough estimate for planning purposes only, this number can change as you move through registration.

PRE-SEASON VIDEO CALL

Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00pm

- We will discuss the season, events that will take place, rules and a high-level overview of the events.
- Access the Microsoft Teams Video Call through the link or call-in number listed below.

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FIRST PRACTICE SHOULD BE HELD BY

Saturday, July 22nd

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COMPLIANCE (TELL US WHO IS COMING AND DEAL WITH PAPERWORK)

Wednesday, August 16th

- No athletes, Unified Sports partners, head coaches, coaches or LPVs may be added to the Games after the compliance closes.
- New athletes must be recorded in Agon.
- If you would like your registration from a prior year flipped into this year, please email Bridget.
- By the end of the compliance period, all athletes, Unified Sports partners, head coaches, coaches and LPVs must be compliant (showing as green in Agon).
 - Requirements to be compliant can be found here:
 - [Athlete](#)
 - [LPV / Unified Partner](#)
 - [Coach](#)



REGISTRATION

From Thursday, August 17th through Wednesday, August 30th

All athletes and Unified Sports partners must be registered for one event.

- Individual skills: enter qualifying score in the field provided.
- Unified Slow Pitch: enter jersey number in the field provided.

Number of meals must be entered:

- Local Programs will be assessed at a rate of \$10 for each additional meal requested. Number of additional meals are calculated as outlined below:
 - $(\# \text{ of meals requested}) - (\# \text{ of athletes} + \# \text{ of LPVs}) * (\# \text{ of meals offered})$

SCRATCH (UPDATE QUALIFYING SCORES; REMOVE PEOPLE)

From Thursday, August 31st through Wednesday, September 13th

Local Programs will be assessed \$40 for each athlete and local program volunteer registered at the end of the scratch period.

COACHES' VIDEO CALL

Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm

- We will review:
 - Draft order of events
 - Lunch menu
 - Assessment process
 - Between game activities
 - Bad weather
 - Awards process
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FINAL INFORMATION

Wednesday, September 27th

Final order of events and event information will be emailed to the primary LP contact, head coaches, Local Program Coordinator, Secondary Local Program Coordinator, and the Communications and Technology Manager.

ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN NON-PRIMARY LOCAL PROGRAMS



An athlete may be associated with up to three Local Programs. Every athlete has one primary Local Program. The primary Local Program is fiscally responsible for their athletes and is the program that an athlete competes with most often. In Agon you will be able to see if an athlete is primary with your LP. If an athlete participates with their Secondary or Tertiary Program, the Primary Program will ultimately be assessed the athlete's participation as outlined below.

1. The athlete must let his/her LPC know they would like to participate in another sport or with another Local Program and which Local Program they are interested in joining.
 - If the Primary Local Program offers the sport, the LPC should work with the athlete to determine why the athlete would like to participate with another Program and decide if they will approve participation by signing the top section of the Transfer Form. Athletes should be empowered to choose where to participate.
2. The athlete needs to ask the LPC of the team he/she would like to participate with (either the Secondary or Tertiary program).
 - If the LPC of the "participating team" does not have the infrastructure (enough volunteers to make a safe environment), they may say "no" to the athlete.
 - If the secondary LPC says yes, s/he will need to fill out and sign the middle section of the *Transfer Form* (Non-Primary Participation Form) including the amount of money that will need to be transferred to cover that year's participation costs (including but not limited to any facility fees, equipment or uniform fees, or paid lessons associated with the sport) and any expectations as a result of the athlete's participation.
 - The participating LP may register an athlete they think will be participating with them – but if the *Transfer Form* is not completed by the scratch date, the athlete will be scratched.
3. The athlete needs to get the *Transfer Form* back to their primary LPC who will sign off on the final section of the form, agreeing that they understand how much will be transferred from the Primary Program's Net Funds for the year and the expectations of the athlete, and then submits to SONH for processing.
 - The LPC of the athlete's Primary Local Program will submit the form to our office, and we will make the transfer between Local Programs and ensure that the athlete is listed in the non-primary program's intent.

Please note that while the assessments will be processed yearly based on registration after the Transfer form has been processed the first time, the Transfer form will still need to be completed annually for the associated fees with participating in the sport with the Secondary or Tertiary Local Program.