



Day of Event Volunteer Details: State Softball

Event: Special Olympics Iowa- State Softball

Event Volunteering Information:

- Thank you to Sammons Financial Group who helps provide volunteers for this great event!
- Anyone who signs up using our online registration at www.soiova.org/volunteer will receive an email one week prior to the event with volunteer and event information.

Volunteer Questions:

- Questions about volunteering can be answered up until 4:30pm on the Thursday of the week of the softball event. You can contact us by:
 - Emailing the contact for this event found on www.soiova.org/volunteer page or on the sign up form
 - Emailing Volunteer1@soiova.org
 - Calling the SOIA state office at 515-986-5520
 - For Sammons employees- You may also contact your leaders for volunteering at Sammons Financial Group
 - Please refer to our website for helpful information www.soiova.org/volunteer
- After Thursday at 4:30pm the state office staff will be out of the office preparing for the event with no/little access to email and no access to our state office phone.
- State office hours for calling: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (Summer hours Friday 8:30am-12noon)



Who can volunteer?

- **Individuals**- Sign up just yourself or maybe you and a few friends or family members! Choose the same volunteer assignment slot to be at the same position as your friends/family members!
- **Age Restrictions**- We welcome families with children and school age students to volunteer! We typically say children 10 and up who come with an adult chaperone are best suited to volunteer at a Special Olympics Iowa event. However, we do make exceptions on a case by case basis. School groups or classes are welcome to come with a suitable number of chaperones for your group.
- **Students or Employees**- If you need verification of volunteer hours for school or work, you can find an Event Director the day of the event to sign a form, email your questions to the contact for this event found on www.soioowa.org/volunteer page, or call the state office at 515-986-5520
- **Mobility/Activity Accommodations**: If you have mobility restrictions and would still like to volunteer, we are happy to accommodate you by assigning you to an appropriate volunteer position. Please communicate your needs with the event director the day of the event. Email your questions to the contact for this event found on www.soioowa.org/volunteer page or call the state office at 515-986-5520



What is State Softball?

State Softball Competition Information:

More information on Special Olympics Iowa State Softball athlete competition can be found by clicking on this link: www.soiowa.org/statewide-competitions then by clicking on the Softball tab. More in-depth details and athlete schedule with times can be located at the link above.



When & Where?

Date and Times:

- August
- Saturday: 8:00am- 12:30pm OR 12:30pm- 5:00pm OR all day
- See www.soiowa.org/volunteer for specific dates & times for this year.

Location:

- Ankeny, IA- Prairie Ridge Sports Complex
 - Map: [Click Here](#)



How do I volunteer?

Volunteer Sign Up:

- Sign up using our online registration and you're good to go!
- Volunteer sign up can be located at www.soiowa.org/volunteer at the right hand column under "Register to Volunteer."
- We encourage everyone to register on our online sign up prior to coming to volunteer at the event. The sooner the better!

Volunteer Assignments:

- Volunteer assignments can be selected on your volunteer sign up.
- First come, first serve
- Limited slots per position

Volunteer Assignment Descriptions:

- **Announcer**- Under the direction of the Event Director, volunteers will assist with announcing scores, names, etc. on the loud speaker for your field.
- **Score Keeper**- Under the direction of the Event Director, volunteers will assist with keeping score for your field.
- **Award Assistant**- Under the direction of the Awards Event Director, volunteers will assist in organizing medals/ribbons, presenting athletes with their awards and other related roles.
- **Lunch Assistant**- Under the direction of the Event Director, volunteers will assist with lunches and other related roles.
- **Souvenir Assistant**- Under the direction of the Souvenir Sales Event Director, volunteers will assist with souvenir sales, help athletes pick out items, handle money and credit cards and other related roles.
- **Softball Skills Assistant**- Under the direction of the Event Director, volunteers will assist with base running timing, throwing measurements, fielding skills, batting measurements, etc.



Day of Event Information

Day of Event Parking:

- Parking available on site.

Day of Event Volunteer Check In:

- Please go to Volunteer Check-In first thing at your designated time.
- Follow signs in the complex to find the location of Volunteer Check-in. The check in is near the concession stand.
- Here you will receive your free volunteer T-shirt and name tag with assignment information.

Day of Event Attire:

- Dress comfortably, in layers and casually.
- This is an athletic, active event.
- This is an outdoor event. Please dress accordingly.
- Please wear the free complimentary volunteer shirt you receive at Volunteer Check-In the day of the event so we are able to identify our volunteers.
- Restrooms at the venue will be available for changing into your shirt. You may also want to consider wearing something that can easily be worn underneath your T-shirt due to heavy traffic in the restrooms.

Day of Event Weather:

- Please be sure to check the weather for this outdoor event
- You may want to bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, rain gear, water bottle, a sweatshirt etc. according to the weather.

Day of Event Food & Beverage:

- Free complimentary lunch will be provided for volunteers
- Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate specific dietary needs. Please plan accordingly.