

## Special Olympics Iowa Program Report November 5, 2015

### Recent State Competition and Program Event Participation Numbers

**State Equestrian** - 26 athletes competed in nine events at the Jester Park Equestrian Center, on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This event was cancelled in 2014 due to disease and quarantine issues at the Jester Park Equestrian Center, which played a significant role in our numbers being down from approximately 60 athletes in 2013.

#### 2015 State Equestrian Statistics

# Athletes Registered = 26  
# Athletes Attended = 25  
# Athletes Scratched = 01  
# Unified Partners = 0  
# Delegation Managers = 9  
# Head Coaches = 6  
# Assistant Coaches = 0  
# Chaperones = 0  
# One on Ones = 4

#### 2014 State Equestrian Statistics

Cancelled (Equine disease/quarantine)

**State Flag Football** – 12 teams and 135 athletes registered for the tournament held in Cedar Rapids on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This compares to 14 teams and 128 athletes in 2014.

#### 2015 State Flag Football Statistics

# Athletes Registered = 135  
# Athletes Attended = 107  
# Athletes Scratched = 28  
# Unified Partners = 0  
# Delegation Managers = 7  
# Head Coaches = 12  
# Assistant Coaches = 19  
# Chaperones = 0  
# One on Ones = 0

#### 2014 State Flag Football Statistics

# Athletes Registered = 128  
# Athletes Attended = Not Tracked  
# Athletes Scratched = Not Tracked  
# Unified Partners = 0  
# Program Managers = N/A  
# Head Coaches = 14  
# Assistant Coaches = 17  
# Chaperones = 1  
# One on Ones = N/A

**State Volleyball** – 32 Teams and 268 athletes registered for the tournament held in Ames on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This compares to 34 teams and 290 athletes in 2014.

#### 2015 State Volleyball Tournament Statistics

# Athletes Registered = 268  
# Athletes Attended = 242  
# Athletes Scratched = 26  
# Unified Partners = 0  
# Delegation Managers = 9  
# Head Coaches = 19  
# Assistant Coaches = 25  
# Chaperones = 17  
# One on Ones = 0

#### 2014 State Volleyball Tournament

# Athletes Registered = 291  
# Athletes Attended = Not Tracked  
# Athletes Scratched = Not Tracked  
# Unified Partners = 0  
# Program Managers = N/A  
# Head Coaches = 23  
# Assistant Coaches = 23  
# Chaperones = 1  
# One on Ones = N/A

## **Area and State Bowling Tournaments**

Area Bowling Tournaments were held throughout September and October in all 11 areas of the state with over 3,200 bowlers taking part over 20 days of competition, from which 953 athletes and Unified Partners will qualify for the **State Bowling Tournament**. The State Bowling Tournament will be held on November 21 in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Sioux City.

**Unified Sports, Challenge Days and Play Days** – Created to promote inclusion and acceptance through shared sports training and competition experiences, Unified Sports creates an opportunity for people without intellectual disabilities to join in the sports experience by playing on a team with athletes with intellectual disabilities. Challenge Days are a one-day event offering team sports and activities designed specifically for the severe and profound population of Iowa as well as our aging population. The sports and activities include ball darts, balloon volleyball, dice bowling, ramp bowling and wheelchair basketball. Young Athlete Play Days are designed to provide play activities and socialization opportunities for children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of two and seven.

## **# Athletes/Unified Partners who competed in each sport:**

Sioux City Play Day = 162 (156 in 2014)

Upper Iowa = 62 (46 in 2014)

### **Upcoming Events**

Council Bluffs Play Day - October 30

Davenport Play Day - November 10

Muscatine Play Day - November 11

Global Messenger Workshop Dec. 4-5

## **Census Report Statistics 2015 Year to Date Estimated**

We are trending toward an overall increase in individuals served for the 2015.

## **Coaches Training and Outreach**

Rhonda completed three trainings in September, with a total of 62 coaches participating. Additionally, she sent four new participation packets to potential delegations and met with one new potential delegation.

### **Corydon Coaches Training 9/23/2015**

- Sports offered: athletics, bowling and cycling
- 13 coaches in attendance

### **Spencer Coaches Training 09/26/15**

- Sports offered: aquatics, athletics, basketball, bocce and bowling
- 22 coaches in attendance

### **Council Bluffs Coaches Training 09/29/15**

- Sports offered: athletics, basketball and bowling
- 27 coaches in attendance

### **Outreach Activities**

- 4 new participation packets were sent to potential delegations
- 1 in-person meeting with a new delegation

### **Project Unify Report**

Special Olympics Iowa Youth Activation Committee member Megan Rood, a senior at Linn-Mar High School, was chosen from among 131 applicants from 38 countries to attend the 2015 Special Olympics Youth Summit in Los Angeles in July as part of the 2015 World Summer Games. Applicants to the Summit were required to submit a project proposal outlining how they would grow participation in Unified Sports in their community. Megan, who is one of 80 applicants selected to attend the Summit, presented her project but was not selected for funding. Nevertheless, she plans to continue with her work as part of Project Unify program.

**Youth Activation Committee Update:** Megan Rood, our student YAC leader from Linn Mar High School, will be presenting to 12 Linn-Mar Schools' principals on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Jordan Allen and John Arnold will attend as well.

### **Upcoming 2015/2016 State Competition and Program Event Dates (Volunteer Opportunities)**

Bowling	November 21, 2015	Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City
Global Messenger Workshop	December 4-5	Grimes State Office
Winter Games	January 11-13	Dubuque
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alpine Skiing</li><li>• Cross Country Skiing</li><li>• Snowshoeing</li><li>• Speed Skating</li><li>• Figure Skating</li></ul>		
Mid-Winter Tournament	March 11-12	Iowa City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basketball</li><li>• Cheerleading</li><li>• Artistic Gymnastics</li><li>• Rhythmic Gymnastics</li><li>• Powerlifting</li></ul>		
Summer Games	May 19-21	Ames
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aquatics</li><li>• Athletics- Track/Field</li><li>• Bocce</li><li>• Cycling</li><li>• Soccer</li><li>• Tennis</li></ul>		