

**Special Olympics Iowa  
Program Report  
September 19, 2016**

## **State Softball Tournament**

The 2016 State Softball Tournament was held on Saturday, August 6 at the Prairie Ridge Softball Complex in Ankeny. 31 softball teams and over 40 skill athletes from across the state competed in the tournament. The softball skills athletes participated in base running, fielding, hitting and throwing events to measure ability skill levels. Sammons Financial Group provided over 70 volunteers throughout the day long competition and was recognized for the company's generous contributions totaling over \$100,000 to Special Olympics Iowa in 2016.

## **FIT Program**

Fall into Fitness will kick off September 12<sup>th</sup> and 100+ athletes and approximately 75 Unified Partners are registered at this time. The campaign runs for 10 weeks and concludes on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **SOIA Awareness Booth**

On July 26 SOIA set up an Awareness Booth in Leon in conjunction with the Day 2 stop of RAGBRAI. Koozies and water were sold and promotional literature was handed out. Proceeds went the SC Area Director to help fund their local events.

## **Adaptive Sports Awareness**

On August 19<sup>th</sup> SOIA was invited to be a part of Adaptive Sport Awareness at the Iowa State Fair. We set up Ramp Bowling and Ramp Bocce and had 8 athletes from Glenwood Resource Center and Tyler Steinke from Urbandale demonstrate ramp bocce.

## **Coaches Training Clinic**

A Coaches Training was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> to certify 14 coaches in Bowling, Basketball and Athletics.

## **Challenge Days**

The Council Bluffs Challenge Day was held on 8/11/16 with a total of 61 athletes in attendance and 87 volunteers.

## **Equestrian**

State Equestrian competition was held at Jester Park Stables on September 17. We had XX athletes registered at the time this report was prepared, including X new athletes this year. No additional information was available at the time this entry was written, as the event.

## **Recognition Survey**

We released the first phase of our Recognition Survey, and received about a 15% response rate. We are updating our system to begin to build reports. Phase II was released September 12, with subsequent releases each month through December, 2016. We are compiling each set of responses each month. The first phase included school based emails which traditionally error out in the summer months, and we will also re-send our

volunteer coaches and delegation managers roster, as it appears that the program did not correctly read some of those correctly. These two groups will hopefully result in a higher response rate, and we will also note our efforts on social media, on our website and newsletters. We are beginning to design our initial recognition process in the fourth quarter of 2016.

## Unified Schools

Review meetings have been established with all existing UCS schools (the first time this has been done with this program). Prospective school meetings are being set with the following schools for the remainder of 2016; Pella, Treynor, Muscatine, Fort Dodge, Dallas Center Grimes, UNI, Cherokee, IKM Manning, Mason City, Vinton, Lynnville-Sully and Mount Ayr. We are also still maintaining communication with Waukee schools.

## Class A Credentials/Background Checks

Class A Credentials/Background checks from January to August 2016 are at 1,163. There are 647 new background checks run, 137 renewals completed and 379 minors processed.

## YTD Program Event Participation Numbers

Sport	Male			Female			Totals		
	2015	2016	Gain/(Loss)	2015	2016	Gain/(Loss)	2015	2016	Gain/(Loss)
Alpine Skiing	44	41	-3	16	21	5	60	62	2
Aquatics			0			0	0	0	0
Athletics			0			0	0	0	0
Basketball	970	1,043	73	469	540	71	1439	1583	144
Bocce	222	208	-14	170	203	33	392	411	19
Bowling			0			0	0	0	0
Cross Country Skiing	34	36	2	31	32	1	65	68	3
Cycling	208	184	-24	105	110	5	313	294	-19
Dance	37	39	2	216	229	13	253	268	15
Equestrian	11	11	0	15	23	8	26	34	8
Figure Skating	1	1	0	2	2	0	3	3	0
Flag Football			0			0	0	0	0
Football (Soccer)	179	164	-15	74	81	7	253	245	-8
Golf			0			0	213	232	19
Gymnastics, Artistic	0	2	2	3	4	1	3	6	3
Gymnastics, Rhythmic			0			0	0	0	0
MATP			0			0	0	0	0
Power Lifting	61	63	2	6	10	4	67	73	6
Roller Skating			0			0	0	0	0
Short Track Speed Skating	20	19	-1	9	6	-3	29	25	-4
Snowshoeing	82	80	-2	75	51	-24	157	131	-26
Softball	239	274	35	97	128	31	336	402	66
Tennis	33	49	16	44	36	-8	77	85	8
Volleyball			0			0	0	0	0
Total Participation	2,141	2,214	73	1,332	1,476	144	3,686	3,922	236
<b>Young Athletes Program YTD compared to 2015 Census Numbers (Two more events scheduled)</b>									
Young Athletes Program	665	623	-42	451	390	-61	1116	1013	-103

## Upcoming 2016 State Competition and Program Event Dates

Davenport Unified Golf	September 21	Davenport – Red Hawk
Jester Park Unified Golf	September 24	Granger – Jester Park
Sioux City Play Day	September 28	Sioux City
State Volleyball Tournament	October 8	Iowa State University
BVU Unified Day	October 13	Buena Vista University
Ruby Van Meter/Smouse Medfest	October 14	Ruby Van Meter/Smouse
State Flag Football Tournament	October 15	Cedar Rapids
Council Bluffs Play Day	November 4	Council Bluffs Jefferson HS
Davenport Play Day	November 9	Davenport West YMCA
Muscatine Play Day	November 10	Muscatine YMCA
Bowling	November 19	Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City