

# Special Olympics Iowa Program Report

**November 14, 2018**

This report shows the current numbers in SOIA Programs as of November 8, 2018. The first 2 pages show participant numbers from Tanner Nissen and GMS for the 115 events that we have sponsored or have remaining in 2018. This is an increase of 16 events from the 2017 Program schedule.

We track individual event numbers on a yearly basis to make sure that we are seeing upward trends in those events. In this quarter we did have a decrease of 59 total participants from 2017 but we had a large dip in Central Area bowling (-122) due to scheduling issues with State Volleyball and the Marshalltown tornado aftermath.

The third and fourth pages are the numbers compiled by Sally Briggs as we track Class A credentials, coaching certifications, new delegations and new athletes. The time frames show the increases that we have shown in the periods between the SOIA Board Meetings schedule. We usually show our biggest increases in September as we prepare for our Area Bowling competitions and in March as Spring Games/Summer Games approach. We continue to be pleased with the numbers of coaches that are taking advantage of the Online Coaches Trainings that we offer.

The Unified Champion Schools program continues to grow as we have been able to obtain more funding through an "Urban Schools" program through SOI that will focus on programming in the Des Moines Public Schools. We are in the process of hiring an Assistant Director of Unified Programs that will focus on increasing the University/College Unified programs.

We are transitioning into a SW Area Management Team as Martin Wright and Will Schafer are stepping out as Co-Area Directors. Trudy Messerschmidt is assuming the lead position as SW Area Director and has a team of 4 other individuals that are sharing duties as we work through this change in leadership in SW Iowa.

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