



SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA
FALL CLASSIC
2023

HANDBOOK



On behalf of the state office staff, welcome to the 2023 Special Olympics Iowa Fall Classic. We look forward to an exciting and memorable competition for the over 400 athletes and Unified partners, coaches, chaperones, family members and volunteers coming to West Des Moines for competition in Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Pickleball, and Volleyball.

This handbook is designed to provide you with the information necessary to best manage your participation in the Fall Classic. Please review the information in detail and share the handbook with members of your delegation as well as family members attending the event. Please contact me at (515) 986-5520 or sdemaris@soiowa.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to seeing you at the SOIA Fall Classic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Demaris', written in a cursive style.

Vice President of Programs
Special Olympics Iowa



2023 Special Olympics Iowa Fall Classic

Schedule of Events



Friday, September 29th		
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Delegation Registration - for ALL delegations (Athletes & Unified Partners)	MidAmerican RecPlex Lobby
9:00 am	Team Flag Football Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex Outdoor Fields
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Flag Football Skills Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex Outdoor Fields
9:00 am	Unified Golf Competition	Willow Creek Golf Course at 140 SE Willow Creek Dr, West Des Moines
10:00 am – 2:30 pm	Pickleball Singles Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex, Pickleball Courts
12:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Souvenir Sales	MidAmerican RecPlex, Field Turf Area
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Parade of Athletes Line up	MidAmerican RecPlex, Hy-Vee Fieldhouse Hardwood Courts
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Opening Festival	MidAmerican RecPlex, Field Turf Area

Saturday, September 30th		
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Delegation Registration - for ALL delegations (Athletes & Unified Partners)	MidAmerican RecPlex Lobby
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	<u>Healthy Athletes Screenings:</u> Healthy Hearing – located in Activities Room Health Promotion Special Smiles Strong Minds	MidAmerican RecPlex, Kum & Go Community Rooms
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Souvenir Sales	MidAmerican RecPlex, Field Turf Area
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Olympic Festival	MidAmerican RecPlex, Field Turf Area
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Pickleball Skills Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex, Pickleball Courts
9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Team Volleyball Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex, Hy-Vee Fieldhouse Hardwood Courts
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Volleyball Skills Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex, Hy-Vee Fieldhouse Hardwood Courts
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Pickleball Doubles Competition	MidAmerican RecPlex, Pickleball Courts
10:00 am	Equestrian Competition	Menagerie Stables LLC. at 3237 NE 108 th St, Mitchellville, IA 50169

General Information

Delegation Packets and Room Key Pick-Up

Room keys for all hotels will be distributed at your designated hotel on Thursday, September 28th OR Friday, September 29, from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Delegation packets should be picked up on Friday, September 29th at MidAmerican Rec Plex. Please pick up room keys at the front desk. Please ensure that everyone from your delegation knows who is registering the delegation and where they are to meet to pick up their registration materials.

Please contact Seann DeMaris at sdemaris@soiowa.org or (515) 290-7073 to make alternate arrangements.

Delegation registration packets include:

- Bib #'s for Equestrian and nametags for skills athletes
- Team Rosters
- Schedule of events
- Map of venue

Housing

Delegations that requested housing have been assigned to stay at one of the Special Olympics Iowa Fall Classic Hotels. Family members may make their own reservations at the hotels but may NOT utilize the block of rooms designated to Special Olympics Iowa. The block of rooms can only be utilized by the state office.

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| • Marriott West Des Moines | 1250 Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266 | 515-267-1500 |
| • Sheraton West Des Moines | 1800 50 th St, West Des Moines, IA 50266 | 515-223-1800 |

Special Olympics Iowa will only pay for rooms for delegations that completed the appropriate housing registration form. Any phone calls, movie rentals or other incidentals are the responsibility of the delegation assigned to the room. We have made arrangements at both hotels to provide breakfast for the group in their restaurant area

Meals/Opening Festival

Special Olympics Iowa will provide lunch Friday/Saturday and dinner Friday for registered athletes, coaches, and chaperones. The Friday evening meal will be held at the MidAmerican RecPlex at 6500 Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266 following the opening festival. The Opening Festival will include a parade of athletes starting at 4:30 pm, along with lighting of the cauldron. Following the program will be Dueling Pianos, the meal, and Festival type activities.

Due to meal count guarantee requirements, we are unable to sell meal tickets on the day of the meal.

Meal Menu

Pasta Noodles
Meat Sauce
Alfredo Sauce
Garlic Breadsticks
Salad
Cookie
Bottled water

Lunch Menu

Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Baked Chips
Go-go Fruit Pouches
Bottled water

Concessions

Concessions will be available at the venue locations. Please bring water bottles to the events for athletes, coaches, chaperones, and spectators. Family members and spectators may want to bring snacks and water with them. These items can be brought to the lunch area at the venues.

Medical Coverage

Emergency Information: Each Special Olympics coach needs to bring pertinent medical information for each athlete. This should include the coaches' copy of medical release/parent/guardian consent forms.

First Aid volunteers will provide on-site medical coverage at the venue sites on Friday and Saturday.

Competition Age Groups and Divisions

Special Olympics Iowa follows the guidelines provided by Special Olympics Incorporated for divisioning competition at the Fall Classic. In order to provide meaningful, quality competition opportunities for our athletes, we combined where necessary genders in all skills competition. Our guidelines for divisioning state that ability should be the primary consideration for divisioning

Lost and Found

Lost and Found will be located at Delegation/Volunteer Registration at each venue.

Coach Responsibilities

Coaches attending the Special Olympics Iowa Fall Classic are asked to accept and carry out the following responsibilities:

- Provide for the general welfare, safety, health, and well-being of each Special Olympics athlete in their charge
- Familiarize themselves with the information in this handbook
- Provide supervision for athletes as necessary
- Assistance to athletes in getting to all meals at appointed times
- Ensure that athletes report to competition venues on time
- Ensure that medical and prescribed medications protocols are followed
- Ensure that athletes are properly attired for competition, hotel breakfast and special events
- Report all emergencies to appropriate authorities after taking immediate action to insure the health and safety of participants
- Be courteous and professional in all dealings with volunteers.
- Always carry a copy of the athlete's medical release with you at practices and competitions

Competition Sites

MidAmerican RecPlex; 6500 Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA: (515) 440-4820

Flag Football, Pickleball & Volleyball

Menagerie Stables LLC.; 3237 NE 108th St, Mitchellville, IA

Equestrian

Willow Creek Golf Course; 140 SE Willow Creek Dr, West Des Moines, IA: (515) 285-4558

Unified Golf

2023 FALL CLASSIC FLAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 9/29/2023			
	Outdoor Field 1	Outdoor Field 2	Outdoor Field 3
9:00 AM	<u>Division 3B</u> Link Lightning Bolts vs. Sioux City Knights	<u>Division 3</u> The Arc Wolves vs. Liberty Landing	<u>Division 1</u> Muscatine Warriors vs. Atlantic Thunder
10:00 AM	<u>Division 3A</u> Bandits – Marion Co vs. CR Eagles	<u>Division 2</u> Waterloo Goodwill Chargers vs. Link Punishers	<u>Division 1A</u> Boone Bulls vs. HOPE Tomahawks
11:00 AM	<u>Division 3B</u> Sioux City Knights vs. Rolling Thunder 2	<u>Division 3</u> Liberty Landing vs. Muscatine Muskies	<u>Division 1</u> Atlantic Thunder vs. CR Mavericks
12:00 PM	<u>Division 3A</u> CR Eagles vs. HOPE Titans	<u>Division 2</u> Link Punishers vs. CR Titans	<u>Division 1A</u> Boone Bulls vs. Rolling Thunder 1
1:00 PM	<u>Division 3B</u> Rolling Thunder 2 vs. Link Lightning Bolts	<u>Division 3</u> Muscatine Muskies vs. The Arc Wolves	<u>Division 1</u> CR Mavericks vs. Muscatine Warriors
2:00 PM	<u>Division 3A</u> HOPE Titans vs. Bandits – Marion Co	<u>Division 2</u> CR Titans vs. Waterloo Goodwill Chargers	<u>Division 1A</u> Rolling Thunder 1 vs. Hope Tomahawks

2023 Fall Classic Pickleball Singles Schedule					
Friday, September 29 th					
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Division_1 Scott Wheeler vs. Billy Habermann		Division_2 Haley Denner vs. Braeden Loghry	Division_3 Charles DeCory vs. Dan DeBoer	Division_4 Carson Vogt vs. Lee Claussen
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Division_1 Billy Habermann vs. Gabe Veasey		Division_2 Braeden Loghry vs. Mindy Anderson	Division_3 Dan DeBoer vs. Paul Foxen	Division_4 Lee Claussen vs. Jacob Simons
11:00 AM - 11:30 PM	Division_1 Gabe Veasey vs. Scott Wheeler		Division_2 Mindy Anderson vs. Haley Denner	Division_3 Paul Foxen vs. Charles DeCory	Division_4 Jacob Simons vs. Carson Vogt
LUNCH					
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Division_1 Scott Wheeler vs. Billy Habermann		Division_2 Haley Denner vs. Braeden Loghry	Division_3 Charles DeCory vs. Dan DeBoer	Division_4 Carson Vogt vs. Lee Claussen
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Division_1 Billy Habermann vs. Gabe Veasey		Division_2 Braeden Loghry vs. Mindy Anderson	Division_3 Dan DeBoer vs. Paul Foxen	Division_4 Lee Claussen vs. Jacob Simons
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Division_1 Gabe Veasey vs. Scott Wheeler		Division_2 Mindy Anderson vs. Haley Denner	Division_3 Paul Foxen vs. Charles DeCory	Division_4 Jacob Simons vs. Carson Vogt

2023 Fall Classic Pickleball Doubles & Skills Schedule					
Saturday, September 30 th					
Time	Court1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM				Pickleball Skills will be held on Courts 4 & 5	Pickleball Skills will be held on Courts 4 & 5
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Division_1 Mindy/Gabe Masters vs. Liberty Landing D2	Division_1 Thunderbull (sc Knights) vs. Muscatine Warriors	Unified_3 Liberty Landing U1 vs. Millikan Mayhem 2	Division_2 Liberty Landing D1 vs. Paul/Lee Masters	Division_2 Liberty Landing X2 vs. Wildcats (sc Knights)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Unified_2 Millikan Mayhem vs. North Scott Grads	Unified_2 Donkey Kong 64 (sc Knights) vs. Liberty Landing U4	Unified_1 Liberty Landing U2 vs. Muscatine Muskies	Division_3 Liberty Landing D3 vs. Picklemonsters (sc Knights)	
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Division_1 Liberty Landing D2 vs. Thunderbull (sc Knights)	Division_1 Muscatine Warriors vs. Mindy/Gabe Masters	Unified_3 Millikan Mayhem 2 vs. Liberty Landing U3	Division_2 Paul/Lee Masters vs. Liberty Landing X2	Division_2 Wildcats (sc Knights) vs. Liberty Landing D1
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Unified_2 North Scott Grads vs. Donkey Kong 64 (sc Knights)	Unified_2 Liberty Landing U4 vs. Millikan Mayhem	Unified_1 Muscatine Muskies vs. A Pair of Aces (sc Knights)	Division_3 Picklemonsters (sc Knights) vs. Liberty Landing X1	
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Division_1 Mindy/Gabe Masters vs. Thunderbull (sc Knights)	Division_1 Liberty Landing D2 vs. Muscatine Warriors	Unified_3 Liberty Landing U3 vs. Liberty Landing U1	Division_2 Liberty Landing D1 vs. Liberty Landing X2	Division_2 Paul/Lee Masters vs. Wildcats (sc Knights)
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Unified_2 Millikan Mayhem vs. Donkey Kong 64 (Sioux City)	Unified_2 North Scott Grads vs. Liberty Landing U4	Unified_1 A Pair of Aces (sc Knights) vs. Liberty Landing U2	Division_3 Liberty Landing X1 vs. Liberty Landing D3	

2023 FALL CLASSIC VOLLEYBALL PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE					
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5
	Division_1 SCA #2 vs. CR Hammerheads	Division_2 CR All Stars vs. Link Tornados	Division_3 CR Vipers vs. Sioux City Knights	Division_4 Arc Volley-Ballers vs. VNU Panthers B	Developmental WRC Red Wildcats vs. SCA #4
9:30am					
	Division_1 SCA #1 vs. Link Hurricanes	Division_2 WRC Black Wildcats vs. SCA #3	Division_3 VNU Panthers A vs. CR High Fliers	Division_4 Link Landslide vs. CR Scorpions	Developmental CR Atomic Bombs vs. Link Tsunami
9:45am					
	Division_1 CR Hammerheads vs. SCA #1	Division_2 Link Tornados vs. WRC Black Wildcats	Division_3 Sioux City Knights vs. VNU Panthers A	Division_4 VNU Panthers B vs. Link Landslide	Developmental SCA #4 vs. CR Atomic Bombs
10:00am					
	Division_1 Link Hurricanes vs. SCA #2	Division_2 SCA #3 vs. CR All Stars	Division_3 CR High Fliers vs. CR Vipers	Division_4 CR Scorpions vs. Arc Volley-Ballers	Developmental Link Tsunami vs. WRC Red Wildcats
10:15am					
	Division_1 CR Hammerheads vs. Link Hurricanes	Division_2 Link Tornados vs. SCA #3	Division_3 Sioux City Knights vs. CR High Fliers	Division_4 VNU Panthers B vs. CR Scorpions	Developmental SCA #4 vs. Link Tsunami
10:30am					
	Division_1 SCA #2 vs. SCA #1	Division_2 CR All Stars vs. WRC Black Wildcats	Division_3 CR Vipers vs. VNU Panthers A	Division_4 Arc Volley-Ballers vs. Link Landslide	Developmental WRC Red Wildcats vs. CR Atomic Bombs
10:45am					
					Volleyball Skills held on Court 6

The volleyball committee will create the afternoon schedule during the lunch break and will post the schedules on the hallway wall.

Divisions may change based off of preliminary games. The Final Round Games will start at 12:30 and consist of a single elimination bracket with a consolation round or a Round Robin format for divisions of three or two teams.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA FALL CLASSIC EQUESTRIAN EVENT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

10:00 AM				TIMED EVENTS				TIMED EVENTS				Order of Events	
DRIVING - BARREL & CONE				Key Hole Race				Barrel Racing				Driving:	
Entrants		Bib Number	Division	Entrants		Bib Number	Division	Entrants		Bib Number	Division		
Cadance Acuff		6539	1	Davis Ade		6520	1	Elias (EJ) Gee		6555	1	Barrel Racing	
Danielle Jackson		6544	2	Colton Carlson		6540	1	Michael Robertson		6557	1	Cones	
Austin Early		6527	3	Madison Hammond		6556	2	Tesia Cave		6541	2	Awards	
Awards Presentation for Driving				Anna Todsen		6551	2	Connor Wilson		6519	2	Horsemanship:	
RING CLASSES				Kia Jordan		6545	3	Cody Kaulzarich		6530	3		
Horsemanship - Walk Only				Erin Nelson		6549	3	Chloe Schmidt		6550	3	Walk Only Cut #1 Awards	
Cut #1	Entrants	Bib Number	Division	Leah Mueller		6531	4	Anna Todsen		6551	4	English Cut #1 Western Cut #1	
	Xandir White	6538	1	Jordan Boston		6522	5	Jayden Moffet		6548	4		
	Morgan Haggard	6554	2	Elias (EJ) Gee		6555	6	Carmita Wilson		6553	4		
	Jessica Smith	6535	2	Awards Presentation for Key Hole Race				Teresa Trickey		6552	5	Awards	
	Jayden Moffet	6548	3	Ball Drop				Awards Presentation for Barrel Racing				Timed Events:	
Awards Presentation for Walk Only Class				Entrants		Bib Number	Division	Entrants		Bib Number	Division	Key Hole Race (9 Riders) Awards	
Horsemanship - English				Leland Claussen		6524	1	Katie Gray		6529	1	Ball Drop (16 Riders) Awards	
Cut #1	Entrants	Bib Number	Division	Michael Robertson		6557	1	Xandir White		6538	1		
	Matthew Bolander	6521	1	Isla Schuling		6534	1	Megan Dawson		6525	2		
	Leah Mueller	6531	2	Natalia Tollari		6537	1	Jessica Smith		6535	2	Pole Bending (5 Riders) Awards	
	Chloe Schmidt	6550	2	Colton Carlson		6540	2	Awards Presentation for Egg & Spoon				Awards	
	Tesia Cave	6541	3	Luke McCarty		6547	2	Baton Relay				Barrel Racing (10 Riders) Awards	
Horsemanship - Western				Aedyn Pommrehn		6532	2	Team		Division	Awards		
Cut #1	Entrants	Bib Number	Division	Boris Djukanovic		6526	3	Kia Jordan/Kim Clausen		1	Egg & Spoon (5 Riders) Awards		
	Davis Ade	6520	1	Madison Hammond		6556	3	Awards Presentation for Baton Relay				Baton Relay (1 Team) Awards	
	Jordan Boston	6522	2	Erin Nelson		6549	3					UPDATE	
	Tyler Jordan	6546	3	Connor Wilson		6519	4					 For Timed Events, entrant will not be assigned cuts. We want to make sure that each group has appropriate time to change the tack for horses and give the horse time for rest as well. Please inform the Staging Volunteers when your rider is ready and they will call the athlete name when they are ready for them to line up and compete.	
	Cody Kaulzarich	6530	3	Kim Clausen		6542	5						
	Teresa Trickey	6552	4	Margaret Gaer		6528	5						
Awards Presentation for English & Western Horsemanship Cuts				Lucas Stout		6536	5						
				Monique Caramack		6523	6						
				Alexander Schmidt		6533	6						
				Awards Presentation for Ball Drop									
				Pole Bending									
Entrants		Bib Number	Division	Luke McCarty		6547	1	Entrants <th>Bib Number</th> <th>Division</th> <td colspan="2"></td>		Bib Number	Division		
	Carmita Wilson	6553	1	Tyler Jordan		6546	3	Luke McCarty		6547	1		
	Matthew Bolander	6521	4	Morgan Haggard		6554	4	Carmita Wilson		6553	1		
				Awards Presentation for Pole Bending				Tyler Jordan		6546	3		
								Matthew Bolander		6521	4		
								Morgan Haggard		6554	4		

Healthy Athletes Information

Throughout each year, Special Olympics Iowa provides Fit Feet, FUNFitness, Healthy Hearing, Healthy Promotion, Medfest, Opening Eyes, and Special Smiles screenings at no charge to Special Olympics athletes. Join us at the Fall Classic for the opportunity to earn giveaways and receive screenings in the following disciplines:

Healthy Hearing

This program offers athletes the services of hearing examinations and follow-up recommendations.

Health Promotion

Offers athletes' tips on nutrition, adequate hydration, maintaining personal hygiene, safety, fitness, danger of tobacco use, sun safety & other health concerns. Athletes will have an opportunity to receive a simple health check that includes height, weight, blood pressure and a review of healthy lifestyle habits. Handouts & giveaways will be available to athletes who participate.

Special Smiles

This program offers athletes the services of oral screening, oral health education, preventative products & information about follow-up care. Dentists & dental hygienists have been recruited to conduct exams who have received specialized training to work with this population.

Strong Minds

This program offers athletes interactive learning activities focused on developing adaptive coping skills. Competition provides a natural opportunity to develop active strategies for maintaining emotional wellness under stress, such as: thinking positive thoughts, releasing stress, and connecting with others.

Special Olympics Iowa Emergency Management Plan

In the event of an emergency situation, (bus accident, hotel fire, athlete/coach/volunteer death, etc.) we must be ready to act. Specific assignments, in order to acquire and disseminate information and data, will be necessary in order for us to make necessary decisions. Communication among ourselves is vital in order for us to manage the situation, rather than just be reactionary. With that as a preface, the following is our initial plan for managing an emergency situation:

Step One - Whoever receives the phone call or message or witnesses an emergency or potential emergency, should determine whether or not the proper authorities (e.g., police, rescue squad, fire department, etc.) have been notified. Our first objective is to prevent further injury and give the necessary treatment to those who are injured.

Step Two - If an emergency should occur at a venue, the Event Director should be located and directed to the scene. The Event Director should notify Seann DeMaris at 515-290-7073.

Event Directors / SOIA Staff:

Event Director: Seann DeMaris
Equestrian: Katie Wiese
Flag Football: Dallas Hinkhouse

Pickleball: Sydney Sloan
Unified Golf: Krista Smith & Allyson Andriano
Volleyball: Nadine Ihde-Johnston & Kirsten Selsor

If an emergency should occur on the way to or from an event, please notify Seann DeMaris at 515-290-7073. We ask that you direct all media inquiries and representatives to John Kliegl, Special Olympics Iowa President, and CEO.

Fall Classic Souvenir Sales

Friday, September 29	12:00 pm - 7:30 pm	MidAmerican RecPlex
Saturday, September 30	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MidAmerican RecPlex

We accept cash, check, Venmo or credit cards.
Checks should be made out to Special Olympics Iowa.



Special Olympics Iowa thanks the following individuals, groups, and organizations for their contributions to the success of the 2023 Special Olympics Iowa Fall Classic, and for their support of more than 8,500 Athletes and Unified partners across the state. Without the support of these generous individuals and organizations Special Olympics Iowa would not be able to offer the quantity and quality of events we do for our athletes, coaches, families, and volunteers.

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