

2012 OUTDOOR SPORTS TOURNAMENT SEASON OVERVIEW

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

OFFICIAL EVENTS OFFERED: Athletes shall compete in only one of the five sports offered.

1. SOFTBALL (12" Slow Pitch)
 - a. Team
2. TEE BALL
 - a. Team
3. TENNIS
 - a. Singles
4. GOLF [An athlete may only be in one level.]
 - a. Level 2 -- Alternate Shot Alternate
Golf Alternate Shot Partners do not function in the role as Unified Sports® Partner Athletes. Golf
 - b. Level 3 – Unified Sports Team Play 9 Hole
Shot Partners and Unified 9-Hole Partners must have
 - a
valid Unified Sports® Partner Application for
 - c. Level 4 – 9 Hole Stroke Play
Participation form on file with the Program office by
 - d. Level 5 – 18 Hole Stroke Play
the Outdoor Sports Tournament medical deadline.
5. BOCCE
 - a. Team (Four Person)

ELIGIBILITY FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS SEASON PARTICIPATION

1. Valid Special Olympics Release Form, Application for Participation in Special Olympics on file in the Program office prior to **July 1, 2012** and remain valid through **August 5, 2012**.
2. Athletes must participate in at least eight weeks of official Special Olympics training prior to State competition.
3. Teams must play a minimum of two (documented) games against other Special Olympics teams prior to registration for district competition. The team roster must remain the same for the two qualifying games, district competition and State competition. Teams that modify their rosters will forfeit all games. Qualifying games must be played against other teams with an Intent to Play form on file. One game must be played against a team from another agency.
4. Teams must place first in their assigned district competition to automatically qualify for State tournament play. Note: A limited number of second and third place teams may advance to fill any spaces in the tournament field.
5. SOWI will issue a tee ball & softball quota for each district tournament based on 2012 statewide participation.
6. Bocce districts will be held and a minimum of all first place team finishers will advance to the State tournament.
7. Golf district competition will have quota based on the current year's registration.
8. All agencies must submit an Intent to Play form for team events to their Regional office by **May 1, 2012**.
9. Advancement of athletes in individual sports must comply with the policies listed in the General Rules section of the Competition Guide.

PLEASE READ FORMS CAREFULLY!