

Softball Skills,

Conference Softball Tournament,

and

State Softball Tournament

Registration Packet

Contained in the following pages is the information your delegation needs in order to register for and prepare for participation in the 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournaments. Please read through this packet thoroughly **before** you begin completing the registration forms for your delegation as there have been significant changes to the forms and the requirements for participation that you must understand in order to complete your registration packet properly.

Some key things to know:

- The location of the 2015 Special Olympics Iowa State Softball Tournament has been moved from Raccoon River Valley Park in West Des Moines to Prairie Ridge Sports Complex in Ankeny. Prairie Ridge has 6 Softball Fields available for our use which will allow us to advance more teams to the State Softball Tournament and will also allow us the opportunity to provide a second competition opportunity for our Softball Skills athletes.
- 2. <u>The registration deadline and deadline for submitting new athlete medical and consent forms for 2015 Special</u> <u>Olympics Iowa Softball Tournaments are as follows:</u>.
 - Softball Skills (Atlantic and Muscatine) and Conference Softball Tournaments

June 19, 2015 July 17, 2015

Late registrations and athlete medical and consent forms will not be accepted.

State Softball Tournament (Skills and updated team rosters)

- 3. <u>In order to compete in a Special Olympics Iowa Softball Tournament an athlete's medical and consent form</u> <u>must be valid through:</u>
 - Softball Skills (Atlantic and Muscatine)
 Conference Softball Tournaments
 State Softball Tournament (Skills and Team)
 July 12, 2015
 August 9, 2015

See complete information on athlete eligibility on page 5. Athletes without a current medical and consent (at the state office prior to the above registration deadlines) good through the dates listed above will not be registered for or eligible to compete at the Softball Skills, Conference or State Softball Tournaments.

4. There are two versions of this registration packet – one is a Word document, the other is a fillable PDF file. Please see the information on pages 3 and 4 for deciding which packet to use and specific instructions for completing and submitting the fillable PDF forms. Included in the information on pages 3 and 4 is how to print/save just those pages that you need to submit to register for these competitions.

5. NEW FOR 2015 – Additional Softball Skills Competition Opportunity

We are excited to announce that in addition to competition at Atlantic and Muscatine we are also offering competition in Softball Skills this year at the State Softball Tournament in Ankeny on August 8th. <u>The State Softball Tournament Softball Skills competition is open to any athlete who competed in either the Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills competition. Athletes **do not** have to earn a blue ribbon at the Atlantic or Muscatine tournaments in order to attend the State Tournament.</u>

6. Please review the information on page 5 of this packet to ensure that you submit the proper forms for each 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Tournament (Softball Skills, Conference and State).

2015 Softba	II Skills, Conference and State Softball Tour	nament Information				
When	Softball Skills – AtlanticFriday, July 10Softball Skills – MuscatineSaturday, July 11Conference Softball Tournament – Des MoinesSaturday, July 11Conference Softball Tournament – Cedar RapidsSaturday, July 18					
	State Softball Tournament – Ankeny	Saturday, July 18 Saturday, August 8				
Where	Softball Skills – Atlantic Softball Skills – Muscatine Conference Softball Tournament – Des Moines Conference Softball Tournament – Cedar Rapids State Softball Tournament* – Ankeny (*including Softball Skills Competition)	Atlantic High School Carney Park, Des Moines Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids Prairie Ridge Sports Complex, Ankeny				
Registration Deadlines	Softball Skills and Conference Softball Tournaments State Softball Tournament (Final Rosters) (Including medicals and consents for those athletes whose forms expire between the date of the Conference Softball Tournament and the State Softball Tournament.)	Friday, June 19, 2015 Friday, July 17, 2015				
Submission of Registration Materials	Please e-mail your completed registration forms to Hayley Gross at <u>hgross@soiowa.org</u> or mail them to Attention: Hayley Gross, Special Olympics Iowa, 551 SE Dovetail Rd, PO Box 620, Grimes, IA 50111. Please do not fax your registrations and please do not submit multiple copies of your registration forms. If you are submitting a new roster (prior to July 17, 2015), please indicate that it is a new roster and that it should replace the one previously submitted.					
	 The 2015 Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament Registration is provided in two formats. 1. Word Document – for those who prefer to print the document out and cont the required information by hand. Please do not type information into this document as there is the possibility of changing formatting which may creat problems with managing the submitted information. Please make sure your writing is legible. This is especially important when contact information such as e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. We make sure you get all of the information you need for Softball Skills, Confer State Softball Tournaments and to ensure that all of your registrations are completely and accurately. 					
	 Fillable PDF – for those who prefer to type the document online. 	ir information directly into the				
	It has been brought to our attention that some fillable PDF files not keeping information when do the following to use the fillable PDF files for	saved. To avoid that problem please				
	 Open the packet from our website. Save the packet to your computer using Sa information). Close the packet. Open the version of the packet that you sa information and then hit save again. (I rec amount of data entry to ensure it works be Open the packet. (You should see the info 	ved to your computer, type in the ommend testing this with a small efore completing the entire packet.)				

	6. Attach the file to an e-m	nail and send to Hayley Gross (<u>hgross@soiowa.org</u>).			
	 People have also inquired as to how they can print/save only certain pages of the packet so they don't need to send us the entire packet. To do that follow these steps: 1. Complete and save the document following the steps above. 2. With the document open, Click on File (in the upper left hand corner of the program). 3. Select Print from the drop down menu. 4. In the Print dialogue box that pops up select Adobe PDF from the printer drop down menu. 5. Under pages to print click the button next to pages. 6. Type in the page you'd like to print (ex: 1,3,5,7,9). 7. Hit Print. 8. You will be asked to name the document (I suggest naming it something 				
	different than the origin be printed/saved.	nal document) and to indicate a location to where it will			
	 9. The document will (may) show up on your screen with just the pages you selected. 10. Close the document (make sure you know where you printed/saved it to). 11. Open the document and see if it contains just the pages you indicated. If it does not, try opening the original document and repeat this process. 				
		saved attach the file to an e-mail and send to Hayley			
State Softball	Gross (<u>hgross@soiowa.org</u>). 8:00am	Registration			
Tournament	9:00am	Opening Ceremony			
Tentative Schedule	9:30am	First Games			
Tentative Schedule	9:30am	Softball Skills Competition Begins			
	11:15am	Lunch Begins			
	11:00am	Second Games			
	12:30pm	Third Games			
	2:00pm	Fourth Games			
	3:30pm	Fifth Games			
	5:00pm	Final Games Begin			
		Awards presented as teams finish play and placement			
		is determined.			
Alternates	New this year – delegations may register alternates for their softball teams. Alternates are athletes or partners who are not currently on the team roster, but may be activated for competition at the Conference or State Softball Tournament if one of the current members of the team becomes sick or injured and can no longer attend. An individual may be an <u>alternate for multiple teams</u> , but no individual may be on the roster for one team and an alternate for another team. Delegations may only bring to the Conference or State Softball Tournaments the same number of players listed on their roster (not including alternates).				
	Alternates are not the same as substitutes. A substitute is an athlete on your roster who does not start the game, but comes in during the game in place of another player. Please make sure that substitutes are not listed as alternates, but are included on the actual roster. In order to be eligible to participate in either the Conference or State Softball Tournaments alternates must be activated by 5:00pm the Wednesday before the Tournament date (July 8, July 15 or August 5). Alternates must meet the athlete eligibility requirements outlined below in order to be registered.				

Registration Forms Required	The following forms are required to be completed and submitted by the deadlines above (page 3) in order for your registration for the Softball Skills, Conference or State Softball Tournament to be complete:
	 Softball Skills 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills Roster – page 9 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament Coach/Volunteer Roster – page 12
	 Conference Softball Tournament 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Conference and State Softball Tournament Team Roster – page 11 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament Coach/Volunteer Roster – page 12
	 State Softball Tournament 2015 Special Olympics Iowa State Softball Skills Competition Roster – page 10 2015 Special Olympics Iowa State Softball Tournament Games Registration Form – page 15 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Conference and State Softball Tournament Team Roster – page 11
Athlete Eligibility	In order to be eligible for registration for competition in the 2015 Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament an athlete's medical and consent form <u>must be</u> <u>valid through:</u> - Softball Skills Competition* July 12, 2015 - Conference Softball Tournament July 19, 2015 - State Softball Tournament August 9, 2015
	*Unless athletes are attending the Softball Skills Competition at the State Softball Tournament on August 8 in which case medical and consent forms must be valid through August 9, 2015.
	Medical and consent forms for new athletes or for those athletes whose current forms expire prior to the deadlines above must be completed and received in the Special Olympics lowa State Office prior to the registration deadlines for each event as listed above on page 3. <u>We will not</u> register for competition any athlete on your roster who does not have a current medical or consent valid through at least the
	dates above or for whom we do not receive a new medical or consent prior to the registration deadline for the competition. To check the status of medicals and consents for your athletes please contact Hayley Gross at <u>hgross@soiowa.org</u> or 515-986-5520.
Lunch	Lunch will be provided for all registered athletes and coaches.
Playing Rules	The Special Olympics Inc. softball rules will be used with some modifications as found on page 8 of this packet. The SOI softball rules can be found on the State Softball Tournament Competition page of the SO Iowa website.
Tournament Format	The tournament format for the Conference Softball Tournaments is determined by the Conference Commissioners and is based on the number of teams registered for competition, the number of teams advancing in each division to the State Softball Tournament, the number of fields available for play and the amount of time allowed for play. Schedules will be sent to delegations by the Conference Commissioners.

	The State Softball Tournament format will be determined by the number of teams in each division, with each team playing a minimum of two games. Teams will be divisioned based on the following levels of play:
	Divisions One and Two – High – the team plays by regulation rules, has high to excellent skills and athleticism. All games are played according to the SOI Softball Rules with no modifications. Tees are not allowed for batting in these divisions.
	Divisions Three and Four – Average – the team plays by regulation rules, has average or lower skills and athleticism. Batters in these divisions can use a tee for batting if they choose, but must choose to use the tee at the start of the at-bat. If the batter chooses to use a tee they will start with a 1 strike count. The athlete can strike out if they swing and miss on 2 attempts.
	In <u>Division Four</u> if the team's pitcher throws 4 balls a coach will come in and throw 3 pitches. There will be no walks. Batters will not be allowed to switch to a tee after receiving their first pitch using a bat.
	In <u>Division Four</u> three outs or 10 batters will indicate the end of an inning. After the 10 th batter, when the pitcher has the ball in the vicinity of the mound, the ball will be considered dead. Runners can go on to the base to which they were headed.
	Developmental – Low – the team is challenged to follow the rules, has low skills and athleticism. This is a team who is either being introduced to the sport for the first time or has lower ability level players. In order to ensure the safety of the athletes at this level there should not be any players on a team of this level who would fit the description of a Division One, Two, or Three athlete.
	 Modifications to the rules for Developmental Team Play include: A batter can use the bat or can hit from a tee, but may not change which one they use during the course of the at-bat. Coaches pitch to their own batters. Only four pitches from the coach or four attempts to hit from the tee are allowed during any at-bat. When the batter steps to the plate, the coach and batter need to decide if the batter elects to use live pitches or the tee. Three outs or 10 batters will indicate the end of an inning. A batter using a tee starts with a 1 strike count. The batter strikes out if they miss the ball on two swings.
	- The defensive team may have a coach on the field behind 2 nd base.
Class A Volunteer Registration and Screening Policy Requirements	In order to bring athletes to Special Olympics Iowa competitions delegations must register at least one individual with a Special Olympics Iowa Class A credential for every 4 athletes registered. Special Olympics Iowa will allow a delegation to register 1 Class A Volunteer for every 3 athletes. Please use the 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament Coach/Volunteer Roster on page 11 of this packet to register your Class A credentialed coaches, chaperones, staff, volunteers and 1:1's. Class A credentials must be valid through the date of the tournament for which the volunteer is attending or a new one must be requested by the registration deadlines above in order to attend the competition.
	If you do not know the name of the staff attending from a particular facility at the deadline for registration, you may put staff and the facility name on the registration form. However you will be required to provide the name of the staff person at least 7 days prior to the start of the competition so we can verify that they have a current Class A credential.

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	Individuals who MUST have a SO Iowa Class A Credential to attend competitions are anyone who:
	 has regular, close physical contact with athletes (which includes staying overnight in hotels or dorms)
	 is in a position of authority or supervision with athletes
	 is in a position of trust of athletes handles substantial amounts of cash or other assets of SO Iowa
	- is a Unified Sports Partner
	 Individuals who meet the definition of a Class A Volunteer above must complete the following Registration and Screening process every three years in order to be eligible to attend Special Olympics Iowa competitions as a registered member of the delegation. The registration and screening process consists of: Completing and submitting a SOIA Class A volunteer application Completing the Protective Behaviors training
	 Submitting a color photo A background check will be run on every individual submitting a Class A Volunteer Application
	We realize that staff of many schools and other facilities that support, train, and travel with our athletes undergo background checks and screenings for their employment. Special Olympics Iowa cannot accept proof of these screenings or background checks in place of our Class A Volunteer Screening process.
	Special Olympics Iowa is committed to providing a safe environment for everyone who attends any of our competitions and events and will follow the above screening process for all Class A Volunteers as directed by Special Olympics Inc.
	For more information on the requirements to complete the Class A Volunteer Registration and Screening process (and Frequently Asked Questions and Answers) go to the Information and Applications page of the Volunteer section of the Special Olympics Iowa website at <u>http://www.soiowa.org/Pages/InformationApplications.aspx</u> or contact Director of Volunteers and Unified Sports Michelle Haney at <u>mhaney@soiowa.org</u> or 515-986-5520.

2015 Special Olympics Iowa Conference and State Softball Tournament Rules Modifications

As noted above the 2015 Special Olympics Iowa Conference and State Softball Tournaments will be played according to the official Special Olympics Inc. (SOI) Softball rules (posted at http://www.soiowa.org/Pages/StateSoftballTournament.aspx) except for the following modifications:

- - 1. The softball field used for play shall conform to ASA standards.
 - 2. A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. The game shall be considered complete if after three full innings of play one team leads the other by 15 runs or more, or after five full innings of play one team leads the other by 10 runs or more.
 - 3. If a batter is using the tee the pitcher will stand on the rubber and the outfielders need to be on the grass.
 - 4. An extra player, referred to as an "EP" is optional, but if one is used, it must be made known prior to the start of the game and be listed on the scoring sheet in the regular batting order. If the EP is used, he must be used the entire game. Failure to complete the game with the EP results in the forfeiture of the game.
 - 5. The EP must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.
 - 6. If an EP is used, all 11 must bat and any 10 may play defense. Defensive positions may be changed, but the batting order must remain the same.
 - 7. The EP may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP may re-enter the game.

- 8. When batting, players will take their stance within the lines of the batter's box.
- 9. A batter can use the bat or tee when at bat. (In only Division Three, Four, and Developmental). When the batter steps up to the plate, they must choose bat or tee. They cannot change during the at-bat.
- 10. In Division Four, if the athlete pitches throws four balls a coach will come in and throw three pitches. There will be no walks. The batter will not be allowed to switch to using the tee after receiving the first pitch.
- 11. The ball must be pitched in an underhand motion and should travel in an arc that is not less than 1.83 meters (6') and not greater than 3.66 meters (12'). The pitcher must have one foot on the rubber to start the pitch.
- 12. To make the decision if the pitched ball is a strike or a ball, we will use a carpet. The carpet extension is attached to the back of home plate and provides an exact strike target. If the ball lands on the plate or carpet in the correct arch, it is a strike. If the ball lands on the black of the plate it is a ball.
- 13. At bats start with a one ball and one strike (1-1) count. Four balls constitute a walk and three strikes constitute an out. If the batter has two strikes and fouls off a pitch they will be declared out by strike-out.
- 14. In the Developmental Division, a coach will pitch to their own batters. Only four pitches from the coach or four swings from the batting tee are allowed. When the batter steps to the plate the coach and batter need to decide if the batter will be using a tee or facing live pitching.
- 15. In Divisions Three, Four, and Developmental a batter using the tee starts the at-bat with a one strike count. If they batter swings and misses on two attempts to hit the ball they will be called out by strike out.
- 16. In Divisions Four and Developmental an inning will end after either three outs or 10 batters whichever comes first.
- 17. As a safety issue, athletes in Divisions One and Two will not be allowed to bat from a tee.
- 18. An appeal play is defined as a play in which an umpire is unable to make a decision unless they are requested to do so by a coach or a player. The appeal can be made if a coach or player asks the umpire to make a ruling.
- 19. Umpires are empowered to make all decisions on the playing field. If a protest is made, it shall be brought to the Softball Rules Committee who will then make a final decision. A protest may only be made if it questions the applicability of the rules. No protest will be considered which pertains to any judgement call made by an umpire.
- 20. If a coach touches a runner while the ball is still in play, that runner will be declared out. Coaches are required to stay within the boundaries of the coaches' box.
- 21. In the Developmental Division a defensive coach can be on the field behind 2nd base.
- 22. In Division Four after the 10th batter hits, when the pitcher has the ball in the vicinity of the mound, the ball will be considered dead. Runners can go on to the base to which they are headed.
- 23. A player may only occupy one spot in the batting order. If a player is replaced in the batting order they can only come back into the same slot in the order and there is only one re-entry allowed. Moving defensive positions is not a substitution. Teams may switch the defensive positions of their players at will.

Softball Individual Skills Rules

Rules for Softball Individual Skills including the set-up and scoring for each of the skills can be found on pages 14-16 of the Special Olympics Inc. official Softball Rules which are posted on the State Softball Tournament page of the Special Olympics Iowa website - <u>http://www.soiowa.org/Pages/StateSoftballTournament.aspx</u>.

2015 Special Olympics Iowa Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills Competition Roster

elegation Name (local program) Area (North, East, etc.)								
Softball Head Coach	E-mail address							
Address	CityStateZip						Zip	
Preferred Phone Number				Preferred Ph	one Number	is Cell _	Home	Work
Total Number of Softball Skills Athle	etes	Total Numb	er of Coaches/Ch	aperones/1:	1 Staff			
Softball Skills Competition Location	:Mı	uscatine Atla	antic					
Athlete or Partners Name	Gender	D.O.B	Base Running	Throwing	Fielding	Hitting	Total Score	

Notes:

- 1. Softball Individual Skills Rules and Scoring can be found on pages 14-16 of the Official Special Olympics Inc. Softball Rules posted on the State Softball Tournament page of the Special Olympics Iowa website at http://www.soiowa.org/Pages/StateSoftballTournament.aspx. Place the athlete's score for each skill in the appropriate column and put the total of the four skills in the total column.
- 2. * Athletes may enter two Softball Skills competitions either the Atlantic or Muscatine Tournament and the State Softball Skills Tournament in Ankeny. In order to compete in the State Softball Tournament Skills Competition an athlete must have first competed at either the Atlantic or Muscatine Skills competition. Athletes **do not** have to earn a blue ribbon at the Atlantic or Muscatine tournaments in order to attend the State Tournament.
- 3. Please complete and submit this form for the Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills Competitions (page 9) and the State Softball Skills Competition Roster on page 10 for State Softball Tournament Skills Competition in Ankeny.

2015 Special Olympics Iowa State Softball Skills Competition Roster

Delegation Name (local program) Area (North, E				
Softball Head Coach	E-mail address			
Address	City	State	Zip	
Preferred Phone Number	Preferred Phone Number is	Cell	Home	Work
Total Number of Softball Skills Athletes	Total Number of Coaches/Chaperones/1:1 Staff			

Please enter below the scores the athlete obtained in competition at the Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills Competition to register them for participation in the State Softball Skills Competition.

Gender	D.O.B	Base Running	Throwing	Fielding	Hitting	Total Score
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Notes:

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- * Athletes may enter two Softball Skills competitions either the Atlantic or Muscatine Tournament and the State Softball Skills Tournament in Ankeny. In order to compete in the State Softball Tournament Skills Competition an athlete must have first competed at either the Atlantic or Muscatine Skills competition. Athletes do not have to earn a blue ribbon at the Atlantic or Muscatine tournaments in order to attend the State Tournament.
- 3. Please complete and submit this form for the State Softball Tournament Skills Competition in Ankeny (page 10) and the Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills Competition Roster on page 9 for the Skills Competitions held at those locations.

2015 Special Olympics Iowa Conference and State Softball Tournament Team Roster

Delegation Name (local program) Area (North, East, etc.)							
Team Name Softball Team Head Coach							
E-mail address Preferred Phone Number							
Please mark the ability level of your team (choose one):	Div. On	e Div. Two Di	v. Three Div. Fou	rDevelopmenta	lUnified		
Athlete or Unified Partner's Name (starters and reserves)	Gender	D.O.B	Athlete (AT) or Unified Partner (UP)	Total Softball Skill Assessment Score	Overall Rating (divide total softball skill score by 7)		
Alternates (see info on alternates on page 4)							

Maximum roster size for competition is 15 for a traditional team and 16 for a Unified team (8 athletes/8 partners).

2015 Special Olympics Iowa Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament Coach/Volunteer Roster

Delegation Name (local program)	Team Name

Coach Name	Role*	Certified in Sport? (Yes or No)	E-mail address	Cell Phone Number (Head Coach only for use day of tournament)

Please list any non-athlete or Unified Sports partner attending the Softball Skills or Conference or State Softball Tournaments with your program in an official capacity. Please do not include family members unless they are serving in one of the roles listed below. Each team is allowed to register 1 head or assistant coach for every 3 athletes on their active roster (not including alternates). Lunches (for the State Softball Tournament) will be provided for only those **coaches** listed on this roster within the 1:3 ratio. Every team should have a Head Coach with whom information about the tournament will be communicated. It will be the responsibility of the Head Coach to share information and updates with the other coaches and the parents/family members of the athletes on their roster.

Any non-athlete attending any Special Olympics Iowa competition, including the Softball Skills or Conference or State Softball Tournaments is considered a Class A volunteer and is therefore subject to the Special Olympics Iowa Class A Registration and Screening Policy. (Please see the information above on the specifics of this policy.) Anyone listed on this roster must have a current Class A certification in order to attend the Softball Skills or Conference or State Softball Tournaments.

*Please indicate the role of the volunteer being registered using the following codes:

HC = Head Coach (the Head Coach for this softball team)

AC = Assistant Coach

CH = Chaperone

1:1 = One on One support for an athlete

Special Olympics Softball Team Skills Assessment for Individuals	
Name Unified Sports partner Jersey N	Number
Coach's Name	
Team Name Evaluator's Name	
Delegation Name (local program) Date of Evaluation	
Special Olympics Softball Team Skills Assessment for Individuals	
A. Hitting (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete needs direction on proper stance, grip and place to stand	(2)
Athlete exhibits proper stance and grip, knows place to stand, but does not usually make contact with the ball	(3)
Athlete occasionally makes contact, but is not familiar with what is a strike pitch	(4)
Athlete regularly makes contact and occasionally hits the ball to the outfield	(6)
Athlete regularly makes contact and hits the ball with power and velocity	(7)
Athlete has the ability to place hit balls in opposite fields	(8)
	SCORE
B. Fielding (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete is unable to make basic fielding plays (catching fly balls and/or grounders)	(2)
Athlete occasionally cleanly fields balls hit directly to them	(3)
Athlete cleanly fields balls hit directly to them three out of five times and attempts to field balls hit within three to four feet of them	(4)
Athlete occasionally fields balls hit within three to four feet of them	(5)
Athlete fields balls four out of five times when hit within three to four feet of them	(6)
Athlete routinely makes all basic plays and some difficult plays such as turning double plays, tracking deep fly balls and fielding hard grounders	(7)
	SCORE
C. Base Running (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete needs direction on when to run	(2)
Athlete understands when to run, but will only move forward one base without coaching	(3)
Athlete has a basic understanding of when to take more than one base	(4)
Athlete has a fair understanding of when to run sometimes looks to the coach for cues and direction	(5)
Athlete has a good understanding of when to run, knows when to tag up and run	(6)
Athlete has a good understanding of when to run, how many bases to take and how to slide effectively	(7)
Athlete is consistently able to pick-up and use the coach's directions	(8)
	SCORE
D. Game Awareness (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete needs frequent coaching in offense and defense	(2)
Athlete has understanding of most basic game situations	(3)
Athlete has a fair understanding of what to do in most game situations, but still requires coaching	(4)
Athlete has a clear understanding of what to do in most game situations, requires little to no coaching	(5)
Athlete is able to make the play at hand, also recognizing other action occurring which may require attention (backing up players, run down situations,	
Athlete has a complete understanding of their role and teammates' roles, using that leadership to direct play on the field	(8) SCORE

E. Throwing (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete has difficulty throwing the ball on the run for any distance	(2)
Athlete is able to throw the ball on the run a distance of at least ten feet	(3)
Athlete regularly makes throws of at least 25 feet	(4)
Athlete regularly makes accurate throws of up to 25 feet	(6)
Athlete regularly makes accurate throws within the infield or from the outfield to a cut-off	(7)
Athlete consistently throws the ball accurately to any other position or player on the field, with speed and velocity	(8)
	SCORE
F. Pitching (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete has the right distance, but is consistently unable to get the ball over the plate for a strike	(2)
Athlete occasionally throws the ball in the strike zone, but without the correct arch	(3)
Athlete frequently throws the ball in the strike zone, but without the correct arch	(4)
Athlete occasionally throws quality pitches for strikes showing the proper technique and delivery	(6)
Athlete frequently throws quality pitches for strikes showing the proper technique and delivery	(7)
Athlete consistently throws quality pitches for strikes showing the proper technique and delivery, mixing pitches to adjust to batter and count	(8)
	SCORE
G. Catching (One choice – place the number of the athlete's most representative skill level in the box below.)	
Athlete has difficulty catching most thrown balls	(2)
Athlete is able to catch balls thrown or hit directly to them	(3)
Athlete can catch some off target balls and occasionally those thrown or hit within two to three feet of their starting position	(5)
Athlete frequently catches hit or thrown balls requiring movement from their original fielding position	(7)
Athlete regularly catches balls requiring movement with the exceptional speed to track balls and the ability to leap high to catch rising line drives	(8)
	SCORE

Total Score_____

Overall Rating_____

Total Score – sum of 7 individual scores

Overall Rating – average of 7 individual scores (total score divided by 7)

2015 Special Olympics Iowa State Softball Tournament Games Registration Form

Delegation	Area

Program Manager E-mail address

Day Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

*Please list only those numbers at which you are available to accept a call for Special Olympics business.

Number Attending	Males	Females	Total
Athletes and Unified Sports Partners			
Coaches/Chaperones (anyone listed here must be included on			
coach/volunteer roster on page 11)			

Division Level of Teams Registered	# of each level of team registered
Total Number of Teams Registered	
Number of Division One Teams	
Number of Division Two Teams	
Number of Division Three Teams	
Number of Division Four Teams	
Number of Developmental Teams	
Number of Unified Teams	

Checklist:

Please check that you've included the following with your State Softball Tournament registration. If everything is not received your registration may not be complete and your delegation may not be registered for the State Softball Tournament. (A list of forms required to register for each Softball Competition (Skills, Conference and State) is included on page 5 above.)

- This completed registration form.
- 2015 Softball Skills, Conference and State Softball Tournament Coach/Volunteer Form page 12
- **Competition Entry Forms**
- State Softball Skills Competition Roster page 10
- (note: scores used to register athletes for the State Softball Skills Competition should be the score achieved during competition in the Atlantic or Muscatine Softball Skills Competition)
- Conference and State Softball Tournament Team Roster page 11
 - (one form for each team this form is only necessary if there have been changes made to the roster you submitted for the Conference Softball Tournament.)

I have read all of the information contained in the Softball Skills and Conference and State Softball Tournament Registration Packet and am familiar with and understand the requirements for my delegation to compete including all deadlines for submitting athlete physicals/releases and scratches (for refunds) and the requirements of the Special Olympics Iowa Class A Volunteer Screening and Registration Policy.

Program Manager Signature