

# Special Olympics Minnesota 2016 Fall Games

## Facts at a glance:

**DATES:**

Friday, Aug. 19 - Sunday, Aug. 21

**SPORTS:**

bocce, equestrian, golf and softball

**LOCATIONS:**

**bocce**

East Ridge High School  
4200 Pioneer Dr.  
Woodbury, MN 55129  
651.768.2300

**equestrian**

Northwest Saddle Club  
26950 Lyons St. NE  
North Branch, MN 55056

**golf**

Oak Marsh Golf Club  
526 Inwood Ave. N  
Oakdale, MN 55128  
651.730.8886

**softball**

Bielenberg Sports Complex  
4125 Radio Dr.  
Woodbury, MN 55129  
651.714.3740

**celebration ceremonies, dinner and dance**

Bielenberg Sports Complex in Wellness Village

**GAMES FEES:**

\$20 per athlete/Unified Partner and \$15 per coach/chaperone.  
Athletes may enter events in multiple sports based on the schedule of events and the coaches judgment of the athlete's ability.

**QUOTA &  
REGISTRATION:**

Quota is due to the state office by noon on Friday, July 22.  
Registration will be open online from Monday, July 25 through midnight on Sunday, July 31. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

### general sports guidelines

Due to the growth and scheduling changes that have taken place over the past few years, beginning this year **athletes who participate at State Bocce will not be able to additionally register for golf or softball during Fall Games.** They may still register for either equestrian or Unified softball, which both take place on Friday of Fall Games.

### sports specific guidelines

#### bocce

- Athletes may enter both singles and doubles/Unified doubles.
- Athletes can only enter one doubles event.
- The pitches will be grass with PVC borders except for ramp divisions which will be on gravel.
- Singles will be played on Saturday AND Sunday. Athletes must be there both days or they will receive a participation award.
- Doubles/Unified doubles will be played on Sunday.
- NEW IN 2016:** Athletes who participate at State Bocce will not be able to additionally register for golf or softball during Fall Games.

#### equestrian

- Athletes may enter up to three events; either Western or English.
- Each athlete must also complete a Release and Indemnification Waiver from Northwest Saddle Club.
- The Barrel Class event will be for riders in class A and B1 only.
- Athletes must provide their own horse if registering for Showmanship, Unified Drill Team and/or Barrel Class.
- Proper footwear is required for all riders. Please consult the Special Olympics Official Equestrian Rules for proper footwear requirements.
- Helmets are required for all athletes.
- Bitless bridles will be allowed this year.
- Per Special Olympics Rules, hackamores will not be allowed EXCEPT for barrel class.
- The arena will be open for riding on Thursday 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Friday morning 6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
- Any delegations that need stalls or horses, please contact Kris Kelly at kakelly01@aol.com

### **equestrian unified drill team**

- Team must have a min. of four riders, up to a max. of eight riders. Numbers should fall into the six to eight rider range, if possible.
- For each athlete, there must be one partner; meaning a team of six has three athletes and three partners.
- English or Western tack and attire may be used. Costumes may be worn, but must adhere to the safety of the horse and rider and adhere to the requirements of Special Olympics Minnesota riding such as long pants, boots and helmets.
- Judging is done on the team; costuming (uniformity, appearance and attitude), performance (overall effect, speed, timing, spacing, precision and positioning), and effect or the overall suitability of movements to the music.
- Riders must stay in their divisioning and be independent riders; no support walkers are allowed in the arena.
- No one may ride in more than one team.
- There is no length of time designated for the song; try to keep it under five minutes. Each team must provide their own music, CD player and a person in charge of music during the performance.

### **golf**

- All golfers or Alternate Shot Teams wishing to compete in the Traditional or Alternate Competitions must have participated in an area competition to be eligible for the state competition.
- Athletes must choose Individual Skills or 3-hole/9-hole competition. They may NOT compete in both.
- Alternate shot 3-hole/9-hole teams must have competed together at an area competition to be eligible to compete together at the state competition. No changes or substitutions to alternate shot 3-hole or 9-hole teams will be allowed.
- The only motorized golf carts allowed on the course will be for athletes or alternate shot partners receiving a medical exemption to use a cart. Requests for a medical exemption to this rule must be received in writing along with the competition registration.
- Any athlete who has previously achieved an overall golf individual skills score of 40, with at least ten points coming in one of the six skill areas, at any Special Olympics Minnesota area or state golf tournament will be eligible to participate in 9-hole competition at the state competition.
- This means that athletes who have previously achieved a 40 at an area or state golf tournament will not be required

to participate in individual skills at their area golf competition.

-Athletes who have already qualified for 9-hole participation, but still wish to participate in individual skills at their area competition may do so.

-Athletes competing in the 3-hole or 9-hole events will be assigned specific tee times. All athletes will start from either hole #1 or hole #10 and will finish their round back at the clubhouse.

**-NEW IN 2016:** Caddies will be allowed in Traditional 3-hole and Traditional 9-hole events. Please review the caddie information in the golf handbook.

### **softball**

-Please refer to the Softball Handbook for more information

-Unified softball games will be held Friday night

-Individual skills will be held Saturday

-Traditional softball games will be held Saturday and Sunday

-Coach pitch divisions with t-ball assistance will be held Saturday and Sunday

-Athletes can compete in Unified Softball and one other softball event

## Fall Games Schedule of Events (Updated 8/4/2016)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 19**

**EQUESTRIAN – NORTHWEST SADDLE CLUB**

**NOTE: The arena will be open for riding on Thursday from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Friday 6 a.m. - 8 a.m.**

7– 8 a.m.	Delegation Registration
8 - 8:30 a.m.	Coaches Meeting
8:30 a.m.	Western Events start at 8:30 a.m. Order will be Showmanship, Western Equitation, Drill Teams, Barrel Class and Western Working Trail
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	FANstop Merchandise Store
11:30 a.m.	Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., however there will be no scheduled lunch break.

English events will start when the western events are completed, there is no official start time. Order will be English Obstacle, English Equitation and Showmanship. There is no official end time to the show, it is dependent upon registrations and pace of the day.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 19**

**SOFTBALL – BIELENBERG SPORTS COMPLEX**

4–7:30 p.m.	Delegation Registration for Unified Softball
5–10 p.m.	Unified Softball Tournament Games (awards as divisions finish)

**SATURDAY, AUG. 20**

**BOCCE AND SOFTBALL – BIELENBERG SPORTS COMPLEX & EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

8–11:30 a.m.	Delegation Registration
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Softball Tournament Games
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Bocce Singles competition
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	FANstop Merchandise Store (In Wellness Village)
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Healthy Athletes (In Wellness Village)
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Wellness Village
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch (In Wellness Village)
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Home Run Derby
Noon - 1 p.m.	Champions Luncheon (In Wellness Village)
Noon - 2:30 p.m.	Softball Individual Skills

**SATURDAY, AUG. 20**

**CELEBRATION CEREMONIES, DINNER AND DANCE  
IN WELLNESS VILLAGE**

5 - 6:45 p.m.	Dinner
6 - 6:45 p.m.	Pre-Ceremonies Entertainment
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Ceremonies
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.	Dance

**SUNDAY, AUG. 21**

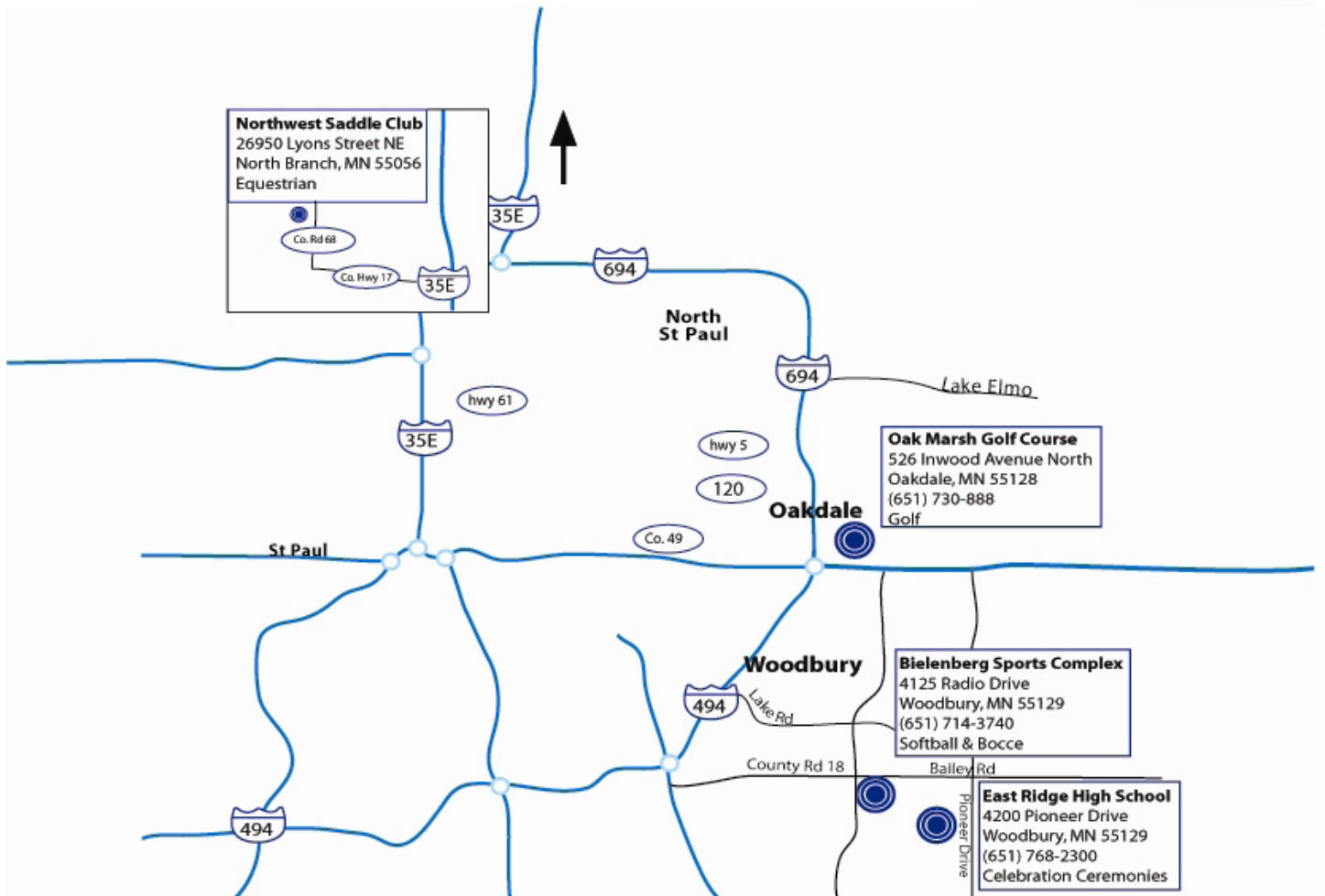
**BOCCE AND SOFTBALL – BIELENBERG SPORTS COMPLEX &  
EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Softball Tournament Games (awards in Wellness Village as divisions finish)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	FANstop Merchandise Store (In Wellness Village)
8:30 a.m. - Noon	Bocce Singles competition
11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bocce Doubles & Unified Doubles competition
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Wellness Village
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Lunch

**SUNDAY, AUG. 21**

**GOLF - OAK MARSH GOLF CLUB, OAKDALE**

7 a.m.	Delegation Registration
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	FANstop Merchandise Store
8 a.m.	Individual Skills Competition Begins (athletes competing in 9-hole and 3-hole events are not eligible to participate in the Individual Skills Competition.)
8 – 11:30 a.m.	9-hole Alternate Shot Tee Times
8:05– 10:35 a.m.	9-Hole Traditional Tee Times
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	3-Hole Traditional Tee Times
11:40 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.	3-Hole Alternate Shot Tee Times
ALL golf awards presented as divisions finish competition	



## Venue Map and Driving Directions

### Golf

Oak Marsh Golf Course  
526 Inwood Ave. N  
Oakdale, MN 55128

From Interstate 94  
-Take Interstate 94 East to  
Radio Dr/Inwood Dr. (exit 250)  
-Go North on Inwood Dr.  
-Oak Marsh Golf Club will be on the  
west side of Inwood Dr.

### Equestrian

Northwest Saddle Club  
26950 Lyons St. NE  
North Branch, MN 55056

From Interstate 35  
-Take Interstate 35 to CR-17 (exit 143)  
-Go West (left) on CR-17/267th Ave. NE/  
Apache Trail  
-Go North (right) on CR-49/CR-68/  
Lyons St. NE

### **Bocce, Softball and Celebration Ceremonies**

Parking for Bocce will be at East Ridge High School

Parking for Softball will be at Bielenberg Sports Complex – see notes below

Celebration Ceremonies will be in Wellness Village

### **East Ridge High School, 4200 Pioneer Dr., Woodbury, MN 55129**

From Interstate 94

-Take Interstate 94 East to I-494 South

-Take Exit 60 for Lake Rd. and go right (east) on Lake Rd.

-Turn right onto Radio Drive

-Turn left at the traffic circle onto Bailey Rd.

-Turn right on Pioneer Drive

-Turn right on Hargis Parkway and follow road around to the Activity Center Entrance of East Ridge High School

From Interstate 35 (south)

-Take Interstate 35E North to I-494 East (exit 99A)

-Take I-494 and exit onto Hwy 61N/US 10 toward St. Paul (exit 63A)

-Take the Bailey Rd. exit and stay on Bailey Rd.

-Go straight through the traffic circle to stay on Bailey Rd.

-Turn right on Pioneer Drive

-Turn right on Hargis Parkway and follow road around to the Activity Center Entrance of East Ridge High School

### **Bielenberg Sports Complex, 4125 Radio Dr., Woodbury, MN 55129**

From Bailey Rd, turn right into the Bielenberg Sports Complex parking area instead of continuing on to Pioneer Dr. When driving into the parking area, turn left to park near the softball fields. More parking is also available at the field house. A detailed map will be sent out with the confirmation mailing.