

TORONTO SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Team Information Package

TORONTO
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
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July 20, 2024

**Centennial Park – 256 Centennial Park Rd,
Etobicoke**

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

General Information

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Centennial Park
256 Centennial Park Rd.
Etobicoke, ON
(West of Renforth, South of Eglinton Ave. W.)

DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **Personal Water bottles**
 - ✓ Lawn Chairs
 - ✓ Team Tents
 - ✓ Sunscreen
 - ✓ Snacks
 - ✓ Hat
- ✓ Sports Equipment

Directions to Games Site

Centennial Park

Address: 256 Centennial Park Road, Etobicoke

Parking: Available southwest of the diamonds (A on map)

TTC: Take the TTC westbound to Royal York station. Take bus 48, and get off at 580 Rathburn Rd. (Seneca School) and walk to Centennial Park (256 Centennial Park Road).



Link to Google Map: [256 Centennial Park Rd](#)

Tournament Rules

Please review the rules below prior to the Tournament.

SOC Softball Rules:

- Re. Rule 3: All players registered will be on the lineup card and constitute a full batting lineup – the lineup will not be limited to 10 players as per SOC rules. Teams will be allowed free substitutions, but must ensure equal playing time in the field (no player can play more than an inning more than any other player on the roster in any given game).
- Re. Rule 4: To facilitate more game play, no new inning will begin after **one hour**.
- Re. Rule 5: An inning will end immediately if the batting team scores 10 runs in the inning or has batted through 12 players in the inning (regardless of how many batters are in the line-up).

ARTICLE IX

Slo-Pitch Softball

The Special Olympics Canada (SOC) Sports Rules shall govern all SOC Slo-Pitch Softball competitions. As a national sports program, CSO has established these rules based upon Softball Canada's Rulebook. The Softball Canada Rulebook shall be employed except when it is in conflict with the SOC Official Rules and National Policies and Procedures. In such cases, the following SOC Official Slo-Pitch Softball Rules shall apply.

SECTION A

Official Events

1. Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Softball.

SECTION B

Rules of Competition

1. Teams will not be required to adhere to a male/female player ratio.
2. A final team roster consists of a minimum of twelve (12) players and a maximum of fifteen (15) players. All players listed on the final team roster must have an opportunity to play during the course of the tournament.

NOTE: A final team roster is a complete list of all players registered with the team.

A line-up is a list of players scheduled to play during a specific game. A line-up shall consist of ten (10) players, unless the extra player (EP) rule is in effect. Ten players shall be on the field at one time. Only the players listed on the line-up sheet will play during the specific game.

3. For the purposes of this tournament, no game shall exceed 60 minutes. No new innings to begin after 50 minutes of play.
4. There will be no mercy rule, however there will be a maximum of five (5) runs per inning from each team including the last inning (no open inning). If a team is behind in runs scored, the head coach can make the decision to end or forfeit the game by informing the umpire. The team that is leading cannot decide to end or forfeit the game.
5. The distance between home plate and the pitching rubber shall be between 40' and 50'. Therefore, a moveable pitching rubber is required.
6. A designated runner is allowed for the catcher in a two (2) out situation. The player in the catcher position will bat and must advance to at least first (1st) base before a courtesy runner can be put in. The last (2nd) out in the current inning shall be the courtesy runner.
7. The following rule from Softball Canada (2016-2017 – Rule 8. Sec. 1b-5) shall not apply in Special Olympics Canada competitions. CO-ED: If a male is walked on four pitches or fewer, he is awarded second base and the female batter has the option of batting or accepting a walk up until the delivery of a pitch.
8. Teams will play three (3) games each.
9. A coin flip will be used before each game to determine which team will go to bat first.
10. There are no lead offs allowed when an athlete is on any of the bases. Runner can come off the base once the ball reaches the plate.
11. Commitment lines are in affect where applicable. When running toward home plate, all athletes are to pass through safe line beside home plate (not allowed to touch home plate).
12. Home plate mat will be used if available. If not available, the umpire will enforce a strike zone.

SECTION C

Equipment and Safety

1. The ball shall be 12 inches and marked with the “official softball” on the cover. A red stitch, restricted flight ball will be used at National Games. For this competition, a yellow softball (for visibility) will be used.
2. Helmets must be worn by batters and base runners.
3. A catcher is required to wear a face mask, helmet and throat protector. Leg pads are optional.

Registration

We will be accepting a maximum of three teams per division (B, C & D).

Registrations must be submitted on the provided excel spread sheet, and spots will be confirmed on a first-come basis.

Please send registrations to competitions@specialolympicstoronto.com.

All entries must be received by **July 10th, 2017**. No day-of registrations will be accepted.

In order to complete the registration form you will be required to input the names, dates of birth, SOO numbers, dietary restrictions and pertinent health issues for each athlete and coach. Only completed submissions will be accepted.

Cheques can be made payable to Special Olympics Toronto with “Softball Tournament” as the memo. Please send payment to:

Special Olympics Ontario
65 Overlea Boulevard, Suite 200
Toronto, Ontario, M4H 1P1
Attention: GTA District Developers

If you do not know the SOO numbers of your coaches and or athletes please contact your GTA District Developers:

- o Michael Chung
(416) 447-8326 x 256
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Tentative Schedule

REGISTRATION: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

- All Head coaches and volunteers may register from 8:00 to 8:15 a.m. at the registration table located between diamonds. Registration fees are \$15 per athlete to be paid before the date of
- A copy of the schedule to be reviewed by coaches will be distributed prior to the day of the tournament

HEAD COACH MEETING: 8:30 a.m.

- There will be a mandatory Head Coach meeting with the umpires at 8:30 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES: 8:45 a.m.

- Opening Ceremonies will commence at 8:45 a.m.

GAMES SCHEDULE: 9:00 onward

- Seeding rounds will occur and each team will play a round robin within their division.

LUNCH:

- Lunch and snacks are provided to distribute to your teams at your discretion.
- Any athletes or coaches that may have dietary restrictions are asked to bring their own packed lunch and snacks.

CLOSING CEREMONIES: TBD

- Closing ceremonies will commence when all games are finished and ribbons will be handed out.

Contacts

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