



2019 East Region Soccer Competition

April 27th, 2019

Yakima Valley College (YVC)

Technical Manual

Special Olympics



GENERAL SCHEDULE

8:00am – 8:30am	Warm-up & Team check-in	All fields
8:30am – 8:45am	Coaches Meeting	Command Center
8:50am – 8:55am	Opening Ceremonies	Near fields
9:00am – 3:30pm	Soccer Tournament	All fields
10:00am – 11:30am	Individual Skills	Near fields
11:00am – 4:00pm	Rolling Awards	Near fields
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch	Near stands
11:00am – 1:00pm	Special Smiles Screening	Near fields

TEAMS / INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES:

We welcome the following teams to our 2019 EAST REGION SOCCER COMPETITION:

Wenatchee Kickers	Tri-Cities All Stars
Wenatchee Kickers (skills)	Tri-Cities Guardian Strikers
Yakima Greased Lightning	Tri-Cities Lightning
Yakima Lightning Yakes	Tri-Cities Cougars (skills)
Yakima Lightning Storm	Spokane Wolfpack 1
Yakima Lightning Flash	Spokane Wolfpack 2
Yakima Lightning Bolts (skills)	Cheney P&R Coyotes
Stevens County Fireballs	Whitman College Gold
Stevens County Wolves	Whitman College Blue
Stevens County Stars	Cheney P&R Coyotes (skills)
Twin River Thunder	

MERCHANDISE

Our merchandise table will be located near COMMAND CENTER. Along with our current SPRING SEASON clothing, we will be selling our “past season” clothing at deeply reduced prices. **Cash / check / credit cards are all excepted.**

TOURNAMENT APPROACH

TEAMS: Our soccer competition is using a **ROUND ROBIN** approach. Games are played to determine seeding for semi-final and gold medal games. We are using 4 fields and games are scheduled every 50 minutes (breaks built into each division).

SKILLS: Scheduled to begin at 10:00am – we currently have 22 athletes registered to participate. **Located near COMMAND CENTER.**

HOUSING INFORMATION

ALL housing will be at DAYS INN YAKIMA this year. Teams within approximately 60 miles of Yakima do not receive housing.

DAYS INN YAKIMA

1504 N. 1st Street
Yakima, WA. 98901
Ph: 509-248-3393

A housing report based on a team's HOUSING REGISTRATION form will be sent out for review a few days before the competition. It is vital the coach carefully looks over the report and submits any suggested adjustments soon after received. Housing is based on gender and verifiable medical restrictions. Please help us keep rooms at a minimum by assigning 2 people to a single room and 4 people to a double room. We reserve the right to adjust the room assignments in order to reduce overall room numbers – of course, keeping certain restrictions found on your housing form in mind.

Check the hotel's website in advance of your arrival for any details regarding check in and amenities:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/yakima-washington/days-inn-yakima/overview?CID=LC:DI:20160927:RIO:Local:SM-dipaci>

For the best experience, please consider the following: lights out by 11:00 PM, no alcohol or smoking, and keep your areas clean out of respect for the facility and other patrons. Please be aware of your surroundings.

IMPORTANT: We do not provide rooms for transportation drivers, i.e. bus drivers. Companies are responsible to arrange lodging and will incorporate the cost into the contract.

COMMAND CENTER

Here is what you will find at COMMAND CENTER:

Team check in and COACHES MEETING (pick up your packets)

Bracket tracking

Lost and Found

Merchandise table

Volunteer check in

General Information

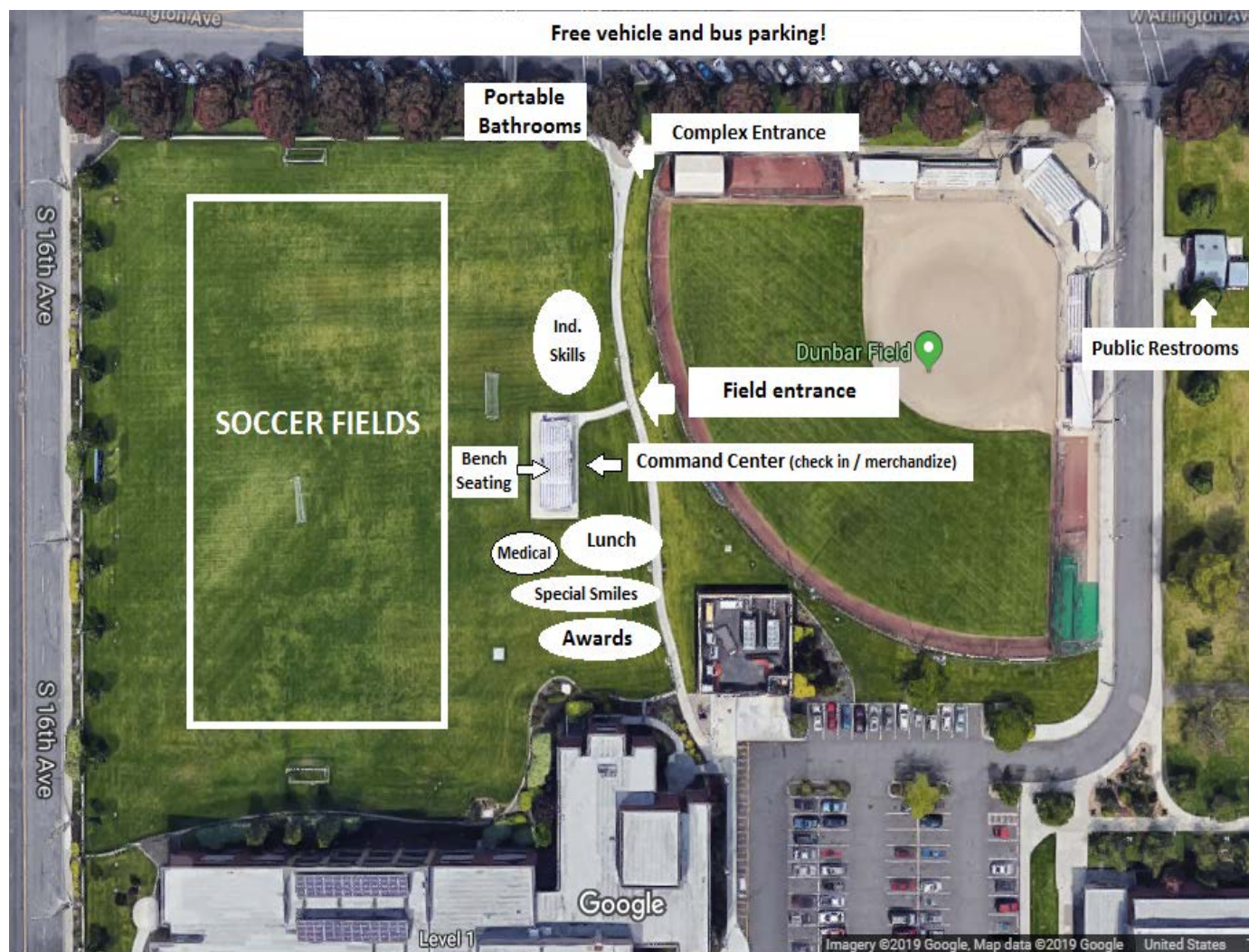
Onsite COACHES MEETING:

April 27TH 8:30am – 8:45am

We will have a short COACHES MEETING at the COMMAND CENTER on the day of the event – don't forget about our ON-LINE/PHONE-IN meeting on April 22 (instructions in this manual)!

Venue Information

The entire competition will take place on the **YVC campus**: W. Nob Hill Blvd & S 16th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902



RESTROOMS: Located in two areas, you have access to the portable bathrooms near the complex entrance and the public bathrooms located near the park.

GARBAGE: Please use the garbage cans located around the complex. Help us out by picking up garbage as you see it and especially as you leave at the end of the day. **WE WANT TO LEAVE THE COMPLEX** in great shape!

SMOKING: Smoking is **only allowed in designated areas** or off the venue premises.

THANK YOU: YVC is allowing us to use their complex at **NO CHARGE!** YVC's head women's soccer coach, **Abby Drollinger**, has helped pave the way for us to be here – THANKS Abby!

LUNCH:

We are thrilled to have **June Wentz** and her crew provide a barbeque lunch. Located near spectator seating – we will announce when lunch is ready to be served. Please use garbage receptacles for all trash!

Lunch is available **for athletes /partners / coaches / and volunteers**. However, an announcement will be made if we determine we have enough food to offer families and friends. A donation container will be available to help off-set the cost of lunch for those interested in helping.

Application for Participation (AFP) – Unified Participation release (UP)

SOWA requires all participants to poses a current AFP / UP in order to participate during the season – that includes practice and competition! Coaches are **required to carry copies** of those forms while at practice and competitions. It is very important to keep those forms in a safe place as they contain personal information.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play a vital role in the success of our EAST REGION SOCCER COMPETITION. Dozens of dedicated and enthusiastic persons are needed in the days before, during and after our Saturday event.

Coaches – if you know of anyone interested in helping us at this event, please refer them to our online registration site:

<https://2019ersoccer.my-trs.com/>

A heart-felt thank you to **ALL** who have volunteered to help make this competition happen! Special thanks to:

June Wentz – lunch

Abby Drollinger – venue and soccer officials

Ginny Jones – team check in and SKILLS manager

Sue Hodges – merchandise

Jessica De Bord, DDS (Children's Village) – Special Smiles screening

Ron Sabari – line painting

ON-LINE/PHONE-IN COACHES MEETING:

April 22 6:30pm – 7:30pm

It is the responsibility of the **HEAD COACH** to attend the April 22nd East Region Coaches Meeting. If the HEAD COACH is not able to attend the meeting, they must arrange for a liaison from their team to attend in their place. Follow access instructions below:

ER Soccer Coaches Meeting

Mon, Apr 22, 2019 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PDT

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/434452917>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122)

Access Code: 434-452-917

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<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/434452917>

AWARDS



Awards will be presented near the designated area as results are processed and completed. **This is a state qualifying competition.**

We ask that all teams or individuals remain at the venue until their awards have been presented. If it becomes impossible to stay for the award presentation, the HEAD COACH is responsible to have a team or individual representative pick up the awards as they are presented and be responsible to deliver them to the recipients.

DIVISIONING INFORMATION

Special Olympics competitions provide teams and athletes with the opportunity to demonstrate sport skills they have acquired during training. Special Olympics teams and athletes strive for their best performance at each competition. Most regional competitions are also used to advance teams to our season's STATE GAMES based on their results and allowed state allocations (see "allocation" section for explanation).

TEAMS: Based on Special Olympics International’s Article 1, teams are divisioned by age group and skill level. If absolutely necessary and safe, age groups may be divisioned together. However, allocations are adjusted so that the age groups are not competing against each other for a state invitation – we are simply looking for ways to provide regional competition.

In order to cultivate equitable competition, we try to division teams according to their level of play. Skill level is based on scores submitted by the coach during the FINAL REGISTRATION process and past season results if the team is basically made up of the same athletes/partners.

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS: Based on Special Olympics International’s Article 1, athletes are divisioned by age, gender, and ability unless there are not enough participants to create a competitive division within these parameters. Divisions are generally created with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 participants. However, if there are not enough participants to accommodate age, gender and ability while also abiding by the minimum and maximum division numbers, we may combine the categories above in order to cultivate equitable competition.... or, in some cases reduce the minimum number to 1 or 2.

In addition to using the guidelines above to cultivate equitable competition, we use the BSAT scores submitted on the INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM.

We will always strive to create the best divisions, however, there may be times when divisioning pairings fall short of our stated goals.

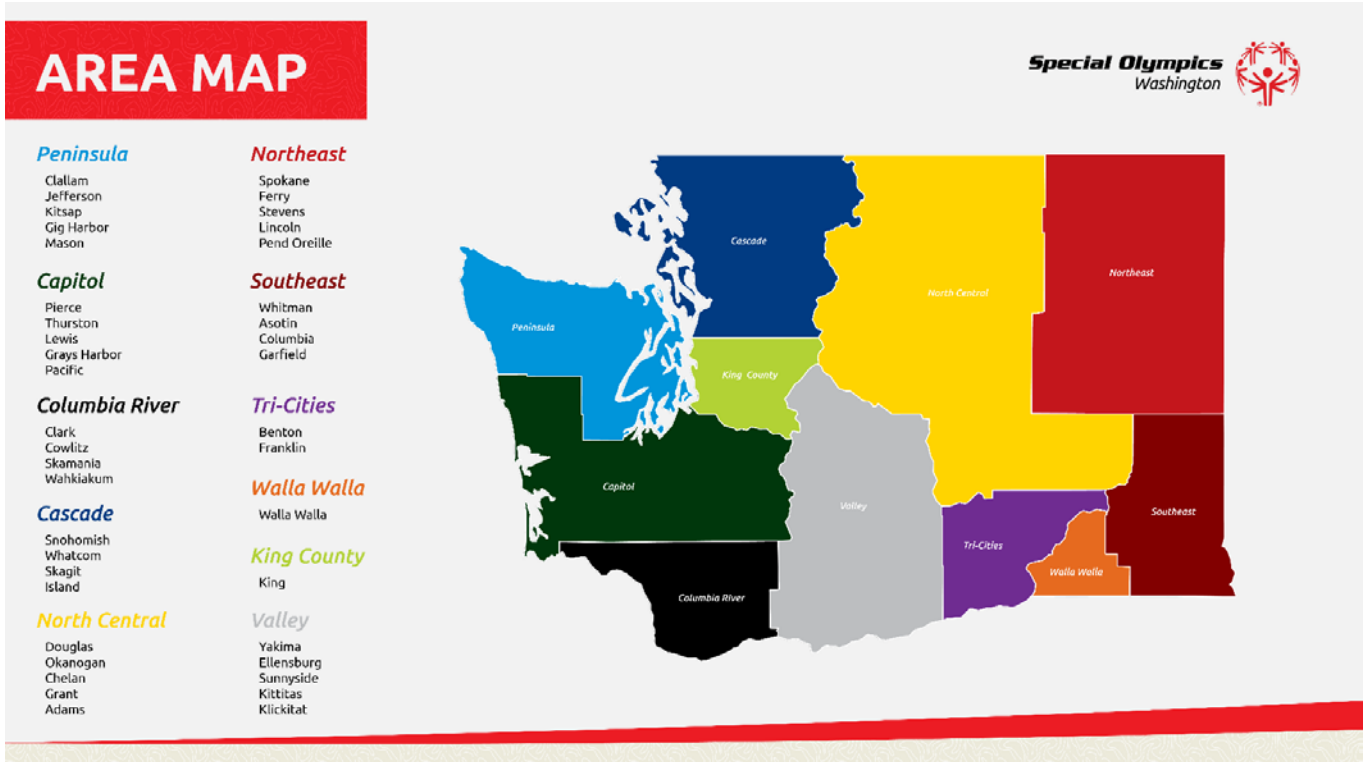
MEDICAL

American Medical Response (AMR) is once again providing medical care during the competition and will be located near the spectator seating area. Any medical condition requires a coach to complete an INCIDENT REPORT form (form included in coaches packet or available at COMMAND CENTER). Please submit completed form to COMMAND CENTER.

STATE SOCCER ALLOCATIONS:

Here are how the state soccer allocations (how many teams/individuals the EAST REGION can send) for our upcoming SPRING STATE GAMES are determined.

Special Olympics Washington has divided the state into three regions – the East Region includes the areas of **North Central / Northeast / Southeast / Tri-Cities / Walla Walla / Valley** as shown on the map below:



The state office works from a pre-determined matrix (formula) in order to approve how many ALLOCATIONS a region is allowed. That matrix includes things such as: housing space / venue space / time restraints / volunteer availability / budget boundaries / etc.

The total ALLOCATION number must then be divided amongst the three regions. This is determined by calculating the number of teams/skills individuals representing each region. The number of ALLOCATIONS each region is awarded is proportionate (percentage) to the number of participants/teams the region reports. This season, the east region has been awarded **11 allocations for Teams and 12 allocations for Individual Skills.**

We are excited to offer the following screening during our competition. **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE** of this opportunity as it can lead to some amazing ongoing health care! The screening will take approximately 20 minutes from start to finish, so manage accordingly related to when your athletes have a break – don't get "caught" in the screening when their team is scheduled to start a game.

All athletes who participate in the SPECIAL SMILES screening on **April 27th during the EAST REGION SOCCER COMPETITION (available from 11:00am - 1:00pm)** receive a summary sheet to be taken home and shared with parents, guardians and health care providers. These summary sheets contain individual athlete screening results and, when appropriate, indicate whether the athlete should schedule a follow up visit with a health care provider.

Special Smiles is the dental health discipline of Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® that provides athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to take charge of their oral health.

Special Smiles provides comprehensive oral health care information, offers free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing techniques to Special Olympics athletes. This also includes issuing preventative supplies, like toothpaste, toothbrushes and fluoride varnish.

Importance and Impact

Special Smiles screenings have found that a large percentage of Special Olympics athletes are unaware of the condition of their oral health.

46% have periodontal conditions

36% have untreated tooth decay

14% need urgent care

15% have dental pain

Special Smiles is an event designed to:

Increase access to dental care for Special Olympics athletes, as well as people with intellectual disabilities.

Raise dental professionals' awareness of the oral health concerns of people with special needs, including difficulties involved in accessing care.

Develop a body of knowledge about the oral health care needs of children and adults with disabilities.

Provide a list of regional dental professionals who care for people with special needs to all athletes who participate in Special Smiles