



Dear Coaches and indoor tournament players,

In the spirit of the goals Special Olympics IL has created as part of our mission of outreach and education, we are asking all softball and baseball players to join us in a contest to help spread the end of the use of the R' word that can be considered very hurtful to those with intellectual disabilities.

R-Word contest: To help end the use of the R word we ask players to collect signatures and donations from classmates, family, and friends. Forms for this are attached. The top team with the most combined signatures and donations will receive a pizza party from Alongi's Italian Restaurant in Duquoin during the tournament weekend. So please have your dollars and signatures counted on the attached team tracking form.

Please use 1 team tracking form per team! Please use this letter to track points, 1 form for each player. Turn in all pledge sheets (feel free to make additional copies of the pledge sheets) and donations with the tracking forms on top, we will have envelopes up front if you do not have one. Checks and cash are fine, please total before checking in to your coach and we are asking coaches to bring all these to Team Registration check-in Friday night. Winner will be announced Saturday. **MUST** be turned in Friday night before 11pm.

Name of Player: _____

Name of Team: _____

Age Group: _____

Number of signatures: _____

Total money raised: _____

Total Points rules: \$1.00 equals 1 point and 1 signature equals 1 point (we will be searching for duplicate names on signature sheets through volunteers who audit, to keep things fair).

Total Points: _____

Thank you so much for participating in this fun and educational event to promote inclusive communities and schools all over the Midwest and your efforts help so much in this process.

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