



COACHES HANDBOOK

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR RAMP / SINGLES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	AM Registration at Woodland Bowl & Western Bowl
9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Souvenirs on sale
9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	Practice Bowling
9:05 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
9:15 a.m.	Morning Competition begins
11:30 a.m.	No division starts a 3rd game if all bowlers from that division haven't finished a second game.
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Awards Ceremonies—On Lanes
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	PM Registration at Woodland Bowl & Western Bowl
1:45 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Practice Bowling
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Competition begins
4:00 p.m.	No division starts a 3rd game if all bowlers from that division haven't finished a second game.
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremonies—On Lanes

STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT FACILITIES

Woodland Bowl: 3421 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis	(317) 844-4099
Western Bowl: 6441 West Washington Street, Indianapolis	(317) 247-4426

ATHLETE SUBSTITUTIONS

Due to the qualifications of Athletes at the Area tournaments and the assignment of lanes for divisioning, athletes who qualified for the State Tournament, but can not attend for any reason, can not be substituted.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If extremely hazardous driving conditions place the bowling tournament in jeopardy, a decision will be made by 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2nd, as to whether we conduct the tournament. After 5:00 a.m., call the Special Olympics Indiana toll-free number, 1-800-742-0612 and enter extension 200. A voice-mail message will inform you of the status of the tournament. Special Olympics Indiana staff can also be reached by calling our Operations Number 1-800-688-1064. You may also call the bowling alleys directly at the numbers listed on page one.

COACH CHECK-IN

One coach from each delegation should be designated to check in at Registration. Each delegation should have one designated coach present who is **NOT** bowling to act as a contact person during the tournament. This contact person will maintain in their possession the medical forms for all athletes that are participating within your delegation. There will be signs directing you to the Registration area at each bowling center. Athletes are not permitted in this area. Coaches are to report to officials any athletes who are not present to bowl. All local programs will be asked to show their athletes' medical forms at this time. **ATHLETES WITHOUT MEDICAL FORMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**

You are reminded to bring all athletes' medical certification forms with you to the tournament. Medical forms from all local programs will be checked at all sites. Failure to have an athlete's medical certification form on site will render the athlete ineligible!

GUM-BACKED LABELS

Athletes will be required to wear their gum-backed label on the front of their shirt while bowling. The labels are to help the volunteer lane assistants make sure that the athletes are bowling in the correct lane and order. The label will have the delegation and lane assignments on them. Coaches that have athlete's scratching from the tournament should return the athlete's label to the staff at coaches' registration.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Should any of your athletes, coaches or spectators need medical attention, please inform a staff member of the Royal Pin Bowling Center or a staff member from Special Olympics Indiana. Injuries or illnesses that can not be handled routinely will be transported to a nearby Indianapolis hospital.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Both facilities continue to be designated as “non-smoking” for the duration of the day.

FOOD SERVICE

Special Olympics Indiana will not provide lunch to athletes or coaches. However, all bowling centers will have their snack bars open throughout the tournament.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

NOTICE FOR RAMP COMPETITORS: REMINDER: all Royal Pin Bowling Centers now have only one (1) access point for all wheelchair/mobility impaired bowlers to access the competition surface. Temporary ramps to get from the concourse down to the pit area or up to the approach area will not be permitted. In order for this change not to hamper the flow of the game, a group of 12 ramp bowlers will be taken out together from the concourse area to the competition area; bowl five frames consecutively and then exit to the concourse. The next group of 12 will then bowl their 5 frames and exit to the concourse. Then the first group of 12 will bowl their final 5 frames followed by the next group as well. This rotation will be done for both games for ramp bowlers.

All persons competing with a ramp device are divisioned within the ramp bowling event. Ramp bowlers may have a staff or family member assist them on and off lanes if necessary, however volunteer lane assistants will be provided for assistance with their competition. **COACHES MUST PROVIDE THE RAMP OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED, AS THE BOWLING CENTERS WILL NOT PROVIDE THIS EQUIPMENT.**

The complete schedule is located at the front of this handbook. Pay close attention to the registration times!

All bowlers compete with a handicap. The handicap is based on 200 pins per game minus the established average. The average used is the qualifying average for their Area Competition, unless the individual's 3-game (or 2-game) series at the Area competition was greater than 20% above their established average. In that case, the Area competition average is used. (Honest Effort Rule).

Bowlers competing in ramp competition and those bowlers who are 8 - 11 years old in singles will bowl a two-game series. Bowlers in all other events will bowl a three-game series.

Due to a strict time restriction at all bowling centers, a time limit will be imposed on all divisions. In the morning session, all bowlers in a division must complete their second game by 11:30 a.m. or they will be stopped after two games.

In the afternoon session, all bowlers in a division must complete their second game by 4:00 p.m. or they will be stopped at that point. In this case, awards will be based on their two game series, plus handicap.

SOUVENIRS

An assortment of souvenirs will be available at all sites. Cash, Credit Cards or checks (made payable to Special Olympics Indiana) will be accepted.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Alcohol and illegal drugs will not be tolerated during the State Bowling Tournament. Any athlete, coach or spectator who is under the influence will be asked to leave the bowling center and will be reported to their respective school or agency the following Monday. There will be no reimbursement of fees if this occurs. The local law enforcement agency will be contacted if the individual in question does not leave voluntarily.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The State Bowling Tournament Opening Ceremonies will be held at 9:05 a.m. for the morning session and at 1:50 p.m. for the afternoon session. The ceremonies will be conducted live from the front counter.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

All awards ceremonies will take place on the lanes where the athletes competed.

Athletes finishing first, second, or third will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively. Fourth through eighth places will receive ribbons.

Once a division has concluded their bowling for the day, the athletes are to replace the balls on the racks, change shoes, and return to their lanes. **As soon as the results have been tabulated, awards personnel will come to their lane to present the awards.** Coaches and parents are reminded to hold the athletes' coats, jackets, ball bags, and any other personal items while they are being presented their medals and ribbons on the lane.