



COACHES HANDBOOK – UNIFIED BOWLING

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR UNIFIED SPORTS BOWLING TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2021

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	PM Registration
1:15 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.	Practice Bowling
1:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
1:30 p.m.	Afternoon Competition begins
3:30 p.m.	No division starts a 3rd game if all bowlers haven't finished a second game.
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremonies—On Lanes

UNIFIED STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT FACILITIES

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. Coaches should notify us at check-in with the names of athletes who scratch out of the tournament. If an athlete or partner scratches and can not participate, that individual will receive a blind score for the tournament. The rest of your Unified Team can still participate provided you have at least 2 of the 4 members bowling.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If extremely hazardous driving conditions place the bowling tournament in jeopardy, a decision will be made by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 5th, as to whether we will conduct the tournament. After 8:30 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 the Operations number 1-800-688-1064. You may also call the bowling alley directly at the number on page one.

COACH CHECK-IN

One coach from each local program 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, Covid Code of Conduct and Covid Waivers 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 and Covid 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!

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

The complete schedule is located at the front of this handbook. Pay close attention to the registration times – allow for weather/road conditions if necessary.

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 series at the Area competition was greater than 30% above their established average. In that case, the Area competition average is used. (Honest Effort Rule).

Due to a strict time restriction at all bowling centers, a time limit will be imposed on all divisions. All bowlers in a division must complete their second game by 3:30 p.m. or they will be stopped at that point. Awards therefore, will be based on their two game series, plus handicap.

SOUVENIRS

An assortment of souvenirs will be available. Credit cards, Cash 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 1:20 p.m. 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 (heat) 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.