

# **2024 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

## **COACHES HANDBOOK**



**SINGLES  
RAMPS  
UNIFIED TEAMS**

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	AM Registration at Woodland, Western, & Expo Bowl
8:00 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, Western, & Expo 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
4:15 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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024**

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	PM Registration @ Western Bowl
1:15 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.	Practice Bowling
1:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
1:30 p.m.	Unified 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

## RAMPS AND SINGLES TOURNAMENT FACILITIES

Woodland Bowl: 3421 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis (317) 844-4099  
Western Bowl: 6441 West Washington Street, Indianapolis (317) 247-4426  
Expo Bowl: 5261 Elmwood Avenue Indianapolis (317)787-3448

## UNIFIED TOURNAMENT FACILITIES

Western Bowl: 6441 West Washington Street, Indianapolis (317) 247-4426

Saturday Singles and Ramp Area Session Assignments		
Morning Session	8:15AM – 1:00PM EST	Areas 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9
Afternoon Session	1:00PM – 5:30PM EST	Areas 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 10

## ATHLETE & UNIFIED PARTNERS SUBSTITUTIONS

Due to the qualifications of Athletes and Unified Partners at the Area tournaments and the assignment of lanes for divisioning, athletes who qualified for the State Tournament, but cannot attend for any reason, cannot 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 cannot participate in Unified Team competition, 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 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, as to whether we conduct the tournament. Notification will be sent via text alert. **To sign up for text alerts please text 2024BO to 84483.** You can reach the State Office by calling 1-317-328-2011 . You may also call the bowling alleys directly at the numbers listed on page one.

## HOD CHECK-IN

One coach from each delegation should be designated to check in at Registration. Each delegation should designate an HOD who is **NOT** bowling to act as a contact person during the tournament. This contact person will be listed as the main point of contact if the Bowling Management Team should need to contact someone from 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. **MEDICALS WILL NOT BE CHECKED ON SITE, THE BOWLING MANAGEMENT TEAM WILL HAVE A COPY OF ALL ATHLETE MEDICALS.**

***Coaches or County Coordinators will have received a PDF copy of all medicals for athletes registered in the State Tournament. While it is not mandatory to show your medicals anymore, it is best practice to bring a copy of this report with you while you are traveling to any State competition.***

At HOD Check In, we will also have plunge materials available to be picked up.

### **LABELS**

Athletes will be required to wear their 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 cannot be handled routinely will be transported to a nearby Indianapolis hospital.

### **NO SMOKING POLICY**

All 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. No outside food should be brought into any of the facilities.

### **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. For this change not to hamper the flow of the game, a group of 12 ramp bowlers will be taken out 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 are required to have a ramp assistant, unless they have already communicated that they don't need an assistant. All ramp assistants must have completed the ramp assistant training.

**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! Allow extra time for weather/road construction as needed.

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 30% above their established average. In that case, the 3-game or 2-game series will be added to the individual's average.

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 on Saturday, 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 on Saturday, all bowlers in a division must complete their second game by 4:15 p.m. or they will be stopped at that point. In this case, awards will be based on their two-game series, plus handicap.

For Unified competition on Sunday, 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 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**

Opening Ceremonies for Saturday competition 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.

Opening Ceremonies for Sunday competition 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 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.

### **HYGIENE GOODIE BAGS**

One of our sponsors, Eli Lily and Company, put together some hygiene goodie bags for all of our athletes. There will be a table located near the exit with these goodie bags, please take a goodie bag as you leave the facility after your session.

### **EXPO COMPETITION**

Expo Bowl has two sides of the facility, Side A is labeled purple side, and Side B is labeled Blue Side. We will have flags outside of each entrance. Side A, Purple Side, has lanes 1 – 40, lane 1 is the handicap accessible lane. Side B, Blue side has lanes 41 – 80, lane 80 is the handicap accessible lane.

Delegation and Volunteer Check in will be located on the Blue Side of Expo Bowl.

There will be souvenir sales at Expo Bowl. Souvenirs will be located on the Purple Side of Expo Bowl.

As with most bowling alleys, seating is limited. If your parents or spectators would like to bring a chair, they are welcome to do so.

For ramp bowlers, handicap accessible ramp on both sides of the facility. We will utilize both access points on each side of the facility, which means there will be ramp divisions on both the purple side and the blue side. Please make sure to pay attention to your lane assignments when you receive your final delegation report.

