

BOWLING

The following events will be offered at State level competition. Counties/areas may offer additional events at their competitions.

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| <u>Regular Events</u> | Ramp Unassisted Singles Bowling |
| | Ramp Assisted Singles Bowling |
| | Singles Bowling |
| | Doubles Bowling |
| | 4-person Team Bowling |
| | Unified Sports® Doubles Bowling |
| | Unified Sports® 4-person Team Bowling |

Athletes may enter one event only.

United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules with modifications established by SOI (January 2011 Official Special Olympics Summer Rules Book) will be followed for all training and competition. Averages for divisioning at state level events will be based on the total of **Ten** games bowled or verified league averages based on a minimum of 10 games (documentation must be provided).

Athletes must have a minimum average of 30 pins after 10 games to be able to compete at the State Fall Classic.

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Greendale, WI 53219
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BASIC RULES

1. Bowling ramps and other assistive devices (but not bumpers) may be used with prior approval of the Bowling Competition Committee.
2. Athletes using ramps may be placed in separate divisions from other Bowlers in Singles Bowling only.
3. Athletes using ramps can compete on bowling teams and will compete in the same divisions with all other athletes in the event.
4. Bowlers may be allowed to bowl up to three frames consecutively.
5. Foul lights will be used for all competitions.
6. In all competitions except Ramp Bowling, athletes will be expected to cross lanes after each frame.
7. **Coaching is allowed but coaches must remain in the designated coaches area.**
8. Unified Sports® **Bowling** teams must consist of an equal number of Special Olympics athletes and partners.
9. All Bowling teams and doubles teams will be divisioned as mixed (coed) teams.
10. No substitutions for absent team members will be permitted. The bowling team members who competed at the Area Games must be the same people bowling at State Games.
10. For Doubles Teams, if a player is absent from competition, the team will not be able to compete. Alternates will not be permitted
11. **A four person team consists of 4 bowlers. At County/Area Games, if a team is missing any players it must scratch from competition. At State Games, if a team is missing bowlers, the United States Bowling Congress "Absent Player" rule will be used (missing bowlers 10 game average minus 10 pins will be used for each game)**
At least 2 original members of a bowling team must be present for a team to compete.

Divisioning for Competition is based on athlete or team averages. Final places at a competition are based on each athletes/Teams total score for that competition

RAMP BOWLING RULES

1. Ramps are used when an athlete does not have the physical ability to roll the ball with their hand or hands.
2. Ramp Dimensions: Minimum height-24 inches, maximum height-28 inches; width is 24-25 inches across. The Sloped piece from the point where it connects to the stand to the 1st bend is 16 inches and from the 1st bend To the bottom of the sloped piece is 54 inches.
3. For Ramp Unassisted Bowlers, the athlete must aim the ramp into position with no assistance. The athlete then positions the ball on the ramp and independently pushes the ball down the ramp. The athlete may receive assistance in putting the ball onto the ramp.
4. For Ramp Assisted Bowlers, the athlete aims the ramp into position with assistance. An Assistant may aim the ramp toward the pins, but must, at all times, have their back to the pins and aim based on direction (either verbal or by physical cues) from the athlete. If an athlete is incapable of giving directions as noted above, they are potentially better suited to participate in M.A.T.P. events
5. The athlete positions the ball on the ramp with assistance and independently pushes the ball down the ramp. Assistants may not support or assist with the ball's forward movement.

UNIFORMS/APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

1. There are no specific uniform rules for bowling.
2. Bowlers are encouraged to wear bowling shirts with collars, casual slacks for males and skirts or slacks for females.
3. Team uniforms do not have to carry any team identification.
4. Collared shirts at State level events are suggested.

REQUIRED FORMS FOR STATE GAMES ENTRY

- ◆ Athlete Sports Entry Form (for individual/doubles/4 person team athletes)
- ◆ Bowling 10-Game Scores Form for all bowling athletes
(Athletes that are bowling in sanctioned leagues may submit league averages as long as they can be verified as including a minimum of 10 games)

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA
SINGLES BOWLING HEAT SHEET**



Special Olympics
Florida

EVENT: _____

HEAT: _____

| ATHLETE NAME | GAME 1 | GAME 2 | GAME 3 | TOTAL | PLACE |
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA DOUBLES/TEAM BOWLING HEAT SHEET

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HEAT: _____



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