



TO: Local Coordinators
FROM: Special Olympics Ohio
DATE: August 1, 2016
RE: State Team Bowling

The twenty-eighth Annual State Team Bowling Tournament will be held at two sites this year: Holiday Lanes and Sawmill Lanes in Columbus. First, the Holiday Lanes will host traditional Special Olympics team bowling event on October 22-23, 2016. Sessions will be held each day with even number areas (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12) to compete on Saturday and odd numbers areas (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 & 13) to compete on Sunday. Generally, we will try to assign organizations with unified to Sawmill Lanes. However, to balance the participation between both sites, we may assign select organizations with only traditional athletes to Sawmill as well. ***There will be a State Games Participation Fee of \$15.00 per athlete or partner.** ** Also, please note the earlier start time for Sunday's bowling at both facilities.

Unified Special Olympics team bowling will be held at Sawmill Lanes in Columbus on Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, 2016. Three sessions of unified and traditional competition will be held at the Sawmill Lanes. You need to read the tournament and quota information very closely. If you have any questions about the different team events, traditional or unified, quotas, etc. please call our state office.

Again this year, we are conducting a "scratch tournament." By that, we mean that no handicaps will be added to the final score.



I. SCHEDULE

Saturday October 22, 2016

A. Holiday Lanes (Traditional)

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Check-in for Session #1
12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Session #1
- Doubles Divisions
- (Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12)

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Check-in for Session #2
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session #2
- Four Person Divisions
- (Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12)

B. Sawmill Lanes (Unified & select Traditional organizations)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Check-in for Session #1
9:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Session #1
- Doubles Divisions
- (Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Check-in for Session #2
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Session #2
- Unified & Traditional Four Person Divisions
- (Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12)

Sunday, October 23, 2016

A. Holiday Lanes (Traditional)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Check-in for Session #3
9:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session #3
- Doubles & Four Person Divisions
- (Areas 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 & 13)

B. Sawmill Lanes (Unified & select Traditional organizations)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Check-in for Session #3
9:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Session #3
- Doubles, Traditional & Unified
Four-Person Divisions
- (Areas 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 & 13)



****PLEASE UNDERSTAND YOU NEED TO REQUEST A QUOTA USING THE ATTACHED QUOTA REQUEST FORM & SEND IT TO THE STATE OFFICE BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.**

II. COMPETITION & RULES – Competition will be held in the following events:

- A. Traditional – Competition means all competitors are Special Olympics athletes. Competition will be offered in traditional doubles and four-person.
- B. Unified – Unified competition means equal members of Special Olympics athletes and community partners on a team. Unified competition will be offered in four-person only this year.
- C. An athlete will be eligible to be on either a double or four-person team, **not both**. Also, athletes can only compete in traditional or unified, **not both**. Partners are eligible to bowl only for one unified four-person team. Competition in each division will consist of two games by each member of the team. After each game, an athlete's or partner's final score will be based upon their scratch score for that game. The team score for each game will be a total of the competitor's final scores for both games. All athletes and partners **must be** in active training programs and be familiar with the rules, crossover bowling and the foul line. *Unified teams entered in this event must be in active training programs where they bowl together as a team.*
- D. This year will be a "scratch" tournament. The team score for each game will be the total of the competitor's scratch score for that game.
- E. Ramp Bowling – Any athlete who uses a wheelchair or walker is eligible to use a bowling ramp. In addition, an athlete who has limitations in balance or has a physical limitation that impairs their ability to bowl independently is eligible to use a ramp. There will not be a separate division for bowlers who use a ramp. Bowlers who use a ramp and need assistance will be assigned a volunteer by the tournament committee to provide necessary assistance as arranged by the athlete or coach prior to the competition. *Our stock of bowling ramps is limited; we encourage you to bring your own ramp(s) for your bowlers who need them.

Attention coaches with bowlers who need special consideration

In an effort to address the needs of athletes with limited communication skills, Special Olympics Ohio has put into place a "Petition for Special Consideration for Bowlers." This petition if approved by your Area Director and the State Office will allow for a local volunteer to assist the athlete during the competition. You may request this form directly from the State Office.



Entry Deadline – All team entries must be received in the State Office. Entry Forms and information will be sent to local organizations after the quota process is complete.

Quotas – Due to the popularity of bowling throughout the state and the limitations of lanes at the Holiday and Sawmill, there will be a quota on the number of teams, doubles and four-person, each organization can take to this state event. The quota is based upon the total number of teams that can bowl in the scheduled sessions and your Area's percentage of registered athletes compared to the entire state. If your organization is interested in participating in this event, you must return the Quota Request Form to the State Office by **noon on September 1, 2016** to determine how many teams your organization may take. Use the attached Quota Request Form. Final confirmation of your organization's quota, as well, as entry forms will be mailed to you after September 1st deadline.

***BE SURE TO RETURN THE QUOTA REQUEST FORM DIRECTLY TO THE STATE OFFICE TO REQUEST HOW MANY TEAMS IN EACH EVENT YOUR ORGANIZATION WISHES TO TAKE.**

State Event Participation Fees – As stated previously, there will be a state participation fee of \$15.00 per athlete and partner. This amount is due with your entries by the **September 29, 2016 entry deadline**.