



Attached is information for the 2019 State Bowling Tournament being held November 21-24 throughout the state. Please take the time to review this information carefully and **pass it along to all coaches and parents** prior to the event as well.

This e-mail has the following attachments:

- **Delegation Report** (*Roster of bowlers with events, days and shift times. Divisions and lane assignments will be emailed Friday, November 15*)
- **Exceptions Report** (*Only delegations with expired or missing forms for athletes, Unified partners and coaches*)
- **Scratch Sheet**
- **Sample of Verification Report** (*example of what will be received at registration check-in*)

State Bowling Tournament Contact Information

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THREE IMPORTANT ITEMS

- **Shift Assignments:** Shift assignments which include the day and shift time are listed for each bowler on your delegation report. **Final divisions and lane assignments will be emailed out on Friday, November 15.**
- **Meal Counts:** Once you've had time to look at your shift assignments we will need to know your delegation's lunch counts for the day that you are scheduled to bowl. **Please email your lunch counts to Leah Wolkow at leah.wolkow@somn.org by Sunday, November 10.**
- **Unified Doubles teams** will be separated with one bowler on each lane of their set. This may be confusing to some athletes or spectators but will not affect scoring.

General Schedule and Information

Please visit our venue's website to view the general schedule and information about lunch times, menus and FANstop.

<https://bowling.specialolympicsminnesota.org/alexandria/>

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Bowling Roster

Please check the attached Delegation Report to see that all your bowlers are entered in the proper events and **have been entered with the correct score**. Scores listed should be the bowling average that was submitted with your online registration. The days and shift times for each bowler are indicated **under** the bowler's name. If a bowler needs lane assistance or uses a wheelchair and this is not listed on your report, please let us know. If there are **any** discrepancies, you must notify Leah Wolkow at leah.wolkow@somn.org by Sunday, November 10. **Changes cannot be made in event assignments or registration scores after November 10.**

Athlete and Unified Partner Forms

To be eligible to participate in the State Bowling Tournament, all athletes, Unified Partners and coaches must have complete participation paperwork on file at the State Office by Sunday, November 10 or they will be scratched from the tournament. If your email does not include an errors/exceptions report, the information for your delegation is current at the State Office. **If you do have an errors/exceptions report, please review and turn in the completed missing/expired information by Sunday, November 10.**

Scratches

Scratches must be submitted by **Sunday, November 10** to receive automatic credit of games fees. **Substitution for scratches will not be allowed.** To obtain credit for a scratched bowler after November 10, coaches need to submit the Games Fees Credit Application no later than 30 days after the tournament. Special consideration will be given for illness and emergencies.

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Lunch Menu

Lunch for both days will be a Grilled Chicken Sandwich with lettuce and mayo (packets), potato chips and a cookie.



Important Bowling Information

- For liability purposes, the bowling centers have asked that no one except their staff go past the foul lane for any reason.
- Bowlers will bowl two games per event. Bowlers will not alternate lanes.
- Bowlers will be asked to stay at their assigned lanes after they have completed bowling. A volunteer will come pick up each group at their lanes when their awards are ready.
- Coaches must pick up registration packets in order to obtain lunch tickets. ***If you do not have meal tickets, you will not be served. Please note that meal tickets are based on the information provided to us by your delegation when you registered online.***
- **Substitutions for scratches will not be allowed for any event.** Should a bowler scratch from a Unified doubles event the remaining bowler may bowl, but will receive a participation ribbon.
- Bowling shoes will be provided for bowlers who do not have their own.
- Appropriate dress for all bowlers will be enforced. Hats/baseball caps will not be allowed to be worn during competition.
- Lane passes will be provided for those assisting athletes with their bowling. These passes will be issued according to the assistance information that was entered in your online registration. With the exception of bowlers and lane monitors, no one without this pass will be allowed on the lanes during competition. If you have an athlete who requires assistance and you did not receive a pass for their assistant, please see the volunteer at the delegation registration table. **Delegations are responsible for providing their own lane assistants.**
- **As we have for the past several years, we will again be enforcing the rule that any bowler not on site 10 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled shift will be scratched.** This rule is the result of some delegations not turning in or knowing their scratches until the start of the shift because bowlers have not arrived at the center or are arriving at the last minute. This holds up the start of the shift and makes it difficult on everyone, from the bowling center, who has to take names out of the system, to lane and awards volunteers who have to figure out who is present and who is not. With over 4000 bowlers registered this year it will be imperative for timelines to be maintained and for shifts to start on time.
- **Ramp Bowlers** – Delegations are responsible for providing their own lane assistants. Ramp assistants need to be Level 1 certified coaches that are registered for the tournament. Each assistant will receive a nametag allowing them to be on the lanes with their athletes. Please ensure that all your ramp athletes that need assistance have an assistant assigned to work with them prior to the competition.
- **Ramp Bowlers** – ramp bowlers are able to use their own ramp to bowl. We will also have ramps available to use at each venue.
- **Ramp Bowlers** – Every effort will be made to have ramp bowlers bowl multiple frames at a time.
- There will not be staging for any of the bowling shifts. We will make announcements when bowlers should proceed down to their lanes for the next shift.
- Whenever possible competition divisions will be set by dividing bowlers by age, then ability.

Day of Event Registration Process – Verification Forms

When you check in at the State Bowling Tournament delegation registration table you will be given a Verification Form listing your registered bowlers by shift (a sample is attached). Prior to the start of each shift, please review the verification form and indicate for each bowler whether or not they are at the bowling center. Please place a check mark next to their name if they are physically present or draw a line through their name if they are not present and are a scratch.

Please do not check that a bowler is present unless you positively know the bowler is at the bowling center. As mentioned above, we will be enforcing a policy that any bowler not present 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their shift will be scratched from competition. In order to manage this policy all completed verification forms will need to be turned back in to delegation registration or the bowling desk no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the shift in order to get scratches removed from the system.

Completed verification forms may be turned in as soon as completed, but no later than 10 minutes prior to the **scheduled** start time of the shift.

Awards

Placement for awards for the State Bowling Tournament is based on the scores of the games bowled. The bowling handicap will not be used.

The formula used to determine an athlete's final score for placement is:

Game 1 score + Game 2 score = Total score

For Unified doubles the same formula is used to determine each individual bowler's total and the individual totals are then added together to determine the final team total.

Statewide Team Standings

All delegations that compete in the State Bowling Tournament will have their team's average posted the week after the tournament to see how they compared to other delegations across the state.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA
2019 State Bowling Tournament
SCRATCH SHEET

Delegation _____ Area _____

If you have participants who are scratching from the state competition, please contact Katie Anderson at katie.anderson@somn.org at the State Office by **Sunday, November 10**. Scratches after this date must be submitted on this form at delegation registration. A Games Fee Credit Application must be submitted within 30 days of competition to be considered for a refund of the tournament fees.

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Please include event, shift time and lane.

Participant Name	Bowling Events	Date of Scratch