



2017 Bowling Championships
Information Packet



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Introductory Information

The 2017 Bowling Championships will be hosted at 5 different venues, across 4 communities. They are—

- Bigfork, MT- September 29th
- Butte, MT- September 29th
- Havre, MT- September 30th
- Billings, MT- October 1st

When choosing a location to compete at, remember there is limited capacity at each venue. Venues have been selected based on delegation attendance/geography, so in most cases, select the venue closest to you.

Bowling training

In an effort to increase the opportunity for training time for all delegations, the competition dates have been moved to the end of September/beginning of October. SOMT does understand that in cases where bowling alleys are not open in a community or schools do not begin meeting until the end of August, that completing the required 10 hours, 8 weeks of training is difficult. In order to address those difficulties, the SOMT Sports Department is willing to accept a shorter training season, as long as the 10 hours are still completed. Please contact VP of Sports, Jamie Wood, at jwood@somt.org or Sports Director, Scott Held, at sheld@somt.org to provide prior knowledge and permission if this is how you need to complete your team's training.

Modifications

All modifications or questions about modifications to an athlete's wheelchair/how they bowl, must be declared before registration to the SOMT Sports Department. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Ramps

If you have athletes who utilize a ramp, please bring one.

Roles available:

Athlete
Coach
LPC
Area Director
Volunteer
Unified Teammate

Changes for 2017 Bowling

- Athletes will only be allowed to compete in two events. In addition, athletes may not double up on singles/doubles/team events. Events available are—
 - Singles
 - Singles Ramp
 - Singles Ramp Assisted
 - Doubles
 - Doubles Ramp
 - Team
 - Team Ramp
- Assisted bowlers will only be allowed to bowl in the *Singles Ramp Assisted* event.
- All ramp bowlers/ramp doubles pairs/ramp teams will be divisioned together. Those athletes utilizing ramps will not be divisioned to compete against athletes who do not utilize ramps.

2017 Bowling Venues

Times may vary based on venue and pace of play

SOMT will ensure athlete's events will not overlap

- Bigfork, MT.
 - Pick's Bowling Center. 2849 MT-82, Bigfork, MT 59911.
 - September 29th, 2017.
 - Timeline
 - Registration- 8:00 AM- 8:30 AM
 - Opening Ceremony- 8:45 AM
 - Singles Competition- 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
 - 1st wave- 9:00 AM- 10:15 AM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 10:15 AM- 11:30 AM
 - Lunch- 11:15 AM- 12:00 PM
 - Doubles Competition- 12:00 PM- 2:30 PM
 - 1st wave- 12:00 PM- 1:15 PM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 1:15 PM- 2:30 PM
 - Team Competition- 1:30 PM- 2:45 PM
- Butte, MT.
 - Star Lanes. 4601 Harrison Ave, Butte, MT 59701.
 - September 29th, 2017.
 - Timeline
 - Registration- 8:00 AM- 8:30 AM
 - Opening Ceremony- 8:45 AM
 - Singles Competition- 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
 - 1st wave- 9:00 AM- 10:15 AM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 10:15 AM- 11:30 AM
 - Lunch- 11:15 AM- 12:00 PM
 - Doubles Competition- 12:00 PM- 2:30 PM
 - 1st wave- 12:00 PM- 1:15 PM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 1:15 PM- 2:30 PM
 - Team Competition- 1:30 PM- 2:45 PM

- Havre, MT.
 - Hi-Line Lanes. 1920 US-2, Havre, MT 59501.
 - September 30th, 2017.
 - Timeline
 - Registration- 8:00 AM- 8:30 AM
 - Opening Ceremony- 8:45 AM
 - Singles Competition- 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
 - 1st wave- 9:00 AM- 10:15 AM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 10:15 AM- 11:30 AM
 - Lunch- 11:15 AM- 12:00 PM
 - Doubles Competition- 12:00 PM- 2:30 PM
 - 1st wave- 12:00 PM- 1:15 PM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 1:15 PM- 2:30 PM
 - Team Competition- 1:30 PM- 2:45 PM
- Billings, MT.
 - Sunset Bowl. 1625 Central Ave, Billings, MT 59102.
 - All teams in need of handicap accessibility will compete at Sunset Bowl.
 - Fireside Lanes. 1431 Industrial Ave, Billings, MT 59101.
 - October 1st, 2017.
 - Timeline
 - Registration- 8:00 AM- 8:30 AM
 - Opening Ceremony- 8:45 AM
 - Singles Competition- 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
 - 1st wave- 9:00 AM- 10:15 AM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 10:15 AM- 11:30 AM
 - Lunch- 11:15 AM- 12:00 PM
 - Doubles Competition- 12:00 PM- 2:30 PM
 - 1st wave- 12:00 PM- 1:15 PM
 - 2nd wave (if needed)- 1:15 PM- 2:30 PM
 - Team Competition- 1:30 PM- 2:45 PM

Special Olympics Montana

Bowling Rules

- When submitting scores for registration, the scores should be a minimum of a 3 game average. This includes singles, doubles team average, and teams' average.
- ***For any questions on equipment modifications that may or may not be allowed, contact Special Olympics Montana Sports Department.***

Individual

- Singles will bowl 2 games.
- Single bowlers will bowl in a straight average system which is used to determine ability for divisioning.
- Single bowlers can compete in:
 - Singles
 - Singles Ramp Unassisted
 - Athlete aims ramp into position unassisted
 - Athlete may receive assistance lifting ball onto ramp.
 - Athlete pushes ball down ramp toward target.
 - A bowler may be allowed to bowl up to five frames consecutively.
 - Singles Ramp Assisted
 - An assistant may aim the ramp towards the pins, but must at all times have his/her back to the pins and aim based on directions (either verbally or by physical cues) from the athlete.
 - A bowler may be allowed to bowl up to five frames consecutively.

Doubles (Traditional & Unified)

- Doubles will use the Baker System format.
- Doubles will bowl 4 games.
- **Scoring:** Instead of each player having his/her own score, the combined effort of the team constitutes a game.
- In the **Baker System**, doubles partners take turns bowling frames within one game (as opposed to two bowlers bowling separate games). Each bowler bowls one frame at a time, regardless of the number of pins on the lane (i.e. if Player A throws a strike, he/she completes the frame and then Partner B bowls the next frame).

Bowler rotation for Doubles

Frame	Bowler
1	A
2	B
3	A
4	B
5	A
6	B
7	A
8	B
9	A
10	B

- Athletes in doubles must practice in accordance with the Baker System.
- Score entered on state-level registration form should be the doubles score (not an individual score) and the average is the total number of the 8 games divided by 8.
- Four of the scores submitted for teams must be verifiable score from the bowling house and must have the **team name** on the printout. The athletes associated with double should be indicated on the printout by the coordinator submitting registration. A back-up 12-game average for each player is also requested. This is to place the athlete in singles competition should their partner scratch.
- If a bowler bowls a strike, he/she is done for that frame. Bowler B bowls out the strike. For example, if Sara bowls a strike in frame 1, Jessica bowls frame 2 since you alternate frames for each bowler.
- Doubles competition **will not use the league format**. All doubles will play in “Open Bowling Format,” meaning doubles will bowl on the same lane for all games.
- For divisioning in doubles, divisions will be separated based on athlete need. There will be traditional doubles divisions and ramp doubles divisions. If a pair consists of any number of ramp bowlers, that pair will be placed in a ramp doubles division. If a team consists of only traditional bowlers, it will be placed in a traditional doubles division.

Team (Traditional & Unified)

- Team will use the Baker System format.
- A team **must** register with 5 bowlers. Teams can drop to 4 only if a bowler does not show up on the day of competition.
- Teams will bowl **5** games.

- Scoring: Instead of each player having his/her own score, the combined effort of the team constitutes a game.
- In the Baker System, team members take turns bowling frames within one games (as opposed to five bowlers bowling separate games). Each bowler bowls one frame at a time, regardless of the number of pins on the lane. (i.e. if Player A throws a strike, he/she completes the frame, and then Player B bowls the next frame, and so on).
- Athletes competing in teams must practice in accordance with the Baker System and submit scores as a team.
- Scores entered on the state-level registration should be the team score (not individual score) and the average is the total of the 8 games divided by 8.
- Four of the scores submitted for team must be verifiable scores from the bowling house, and must have the **team name** on the printout. The athletes associated with team should be indicated on the printout by the coordinator submitting registration. A back-up 12-game average for each player is also requested. This is to place the athlete in singles competition should their partner scratch.
- Team competition **will not use the league format**. All teams will play in “Open Bowling Format,” meaning all players of one team will bowl on the same lane for all games.

Bowler Rotation for Teams

4 person team

Frame	Bowler
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D
5	A
6	B
7	C
8	D
9	A
10	B

5 person team

Frame	Bowler
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D
5	E
6	A
7	B
8	C
9	D
10	E

- Teams will be allowed to bowl with a minimum roster of 4 and a maximum of 5. If a registered team has an athlete who does not attend the event at the last minute, the team will be allowed to compete with less than 5 bowlers. The rotation would continue through 3 games with bowlers A and B bowling the 9th

and 10th frame in the first game and bowler 3 starting off the 2nd game and so on. (See table above for 5 person teams).

- If a team falls below 4 bowlers, the team will be disqualified.
- For divisioning in team, divisions will be separated based on athlete need. There will be traditional team divisions and ramp team divisions. If a team consists of any number of ramp bowlers, that team will be placed in a ramp team division. If a team consists of only traditional bowlers, it will be placed in a traditional team division.

Special Notices

- Foul lights will be on during competition.
- Any team arriving late will begin play with the score to count from the frame then being bowled. A zero will be given for all prior frames.
- A bowler may compete in up to 2 events.
- Ramp bowling
 - If a delegation has ramp bowlers, it is expected the delegation can provide a ramp. Each alley has ramps to use, but in the event the alley's ramps are few or damaged, delegations need to be prepared.

SOI official rule book:

<http://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Bowling-Sports-Rules.pdf>