



## 2023 Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Baton Rouge, LA

Group A- 9:00am-12:00pm

Group B- 1:00pm-4:00pm

### Deadlines & Due Dates

All Entries Due: **1/20/2023 by 4:30 PM**

All entries must have all required personal data submitted before entries are submitted.

*Athletes-Athlete Packet*

*Coaches - Class-A Certifications (Bowling Sport Certification for coaches)*

**ANY ATHLETE OR COACH SUBMITTED WITHOUT ALL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLE'S REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS WILL RESULT INTO AN AUTOMATIC SCRATCH AND THAT ALLOTMENT SPOT WILL BE FORFEITED.**

**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE OR INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS.**

### Allotment and Competition

The quota allotment process will begin 8 weeks before competition and final numbers will be given 6 weeks before competition to programs.

We will be offering singles, and ramps (assisted and unassisted). The competition will be broken up into a morning and afternoon session. I will work on how athletes are broken up once we get all of your registrations in. Because of that, it is extremely important we have all your registrations on the due date of **1/20/2023**.

### Venue

#### All Star Lanes

9829 Airline Hwy,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

## Registration Fees

Delegates are all qualified athletes, certified coaches, and local training program leaders. The registration fee for the 2023 State Bowling Tournament is **\$10 per delegate**. The **\$10** fee will also apply to any additional certified coaches **THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL OFFICE** (i.e. coaches of athletes that compete in wheelchairs will require the 1:1 ratio). Additional coaches will cause your total area assessment fee to increase. See the Registration Qualifications section for more info.

This registration will be automatically allocated to your local training program budget. No adjustments will be made for delegates who do not attend. Registration fees help defray costs associated with the games including facility charges, meals, insurance, games management and general management and administrative costs associated with the planning and execution of a state-level event.

## Allowed and Non-Allowed Expenses

- Because this year's games are one day only, **only preapproved housing that is included in your 2023 local training program budget will be reimbursed.**
- Meals prior to arrival at state games will only be reimbursed if approved in your local training program budget.
- SOLA will be providing registered athletes and coaches with lunch during competition. Concessions and food will also be available for purchase at each bowling venue at your own expense.
- Approved transportation will be reimbursed. For local training programs requiring bus transportation, contracts must be submitted to the state office for prior approval. Rental cars will not be allowed for any areas which use bus transportation. **Any vans or other non-bus transportation must be reserved using SOLA's corporate account with Hertz.** Please remember that 15-passenger vans are not allowed.

## Registration Qualifications

### Athletes & Alternates:

- Qualifying athletes will be given the opportunity to compete against their peers, with similar skill levels, in bowling singles and ramp bowling, assisted and unassisted.
- Local Training Programs are to use the advancement procedure in order to fill their allotment. Make sure to submit **alternates** as well in case an athlete has to be scratched at the last minute.
- Alternates must be submitted with your official entries in order for them to be use them. All deadlines and documentation requirements apply to alternates as well. Alternates must be clearly marked in the entry submission.
- No alternates may be used if they were not submitted using the advancement procedure. *Please contact Max Fernandez or Brock Banos for advancement procedure.*
- Delegations should bring ramps for their ramp bowlers, as the bowling alleys only have a limited amount.
- When sending in entries, please be sure to assign a Supervised By person to each athlete.

- As per Special Olympics rules and requirements, please make sure that your area has an accurate athlete to coach ratio. 5:1 athlete to certified coach ratio and a 1:1 athlete to certified coach ratio for athletes in a wheel chair.
- The local training program allotment for coaches will be determined by the required ratio and local training program requests.
- All participating athletes must have an accurate and current Athlete Packet.
- Any athlete that does not have an Athlete Packet before that entry deadline will be scratched and replaced by that area's alternate. If there is no alternate than the allotted spot will be nullified. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS
- **STATE BOWLING WILL NO LONGER BE A HANDICAP SCORING COMPETITION. We will use "Scratch Scoring" moving forward. We find this method to be fair and less confusing for all participants. This is also the method that is used at USA Games.**

#### Coaches:

- All participating coaches must be Level 1 coaches in order to participate at State Bowling or any other state competition. Volunteer Delegate are no longer a recognized role at Special Olympics Louisiana.
- All Class-A Volunteers (Coaches and Unified Partners) must have the appropriate certifications by the deadlines stated above or they will be scratched.
- To obtain the required Class-A certifications please [click here](#).
- All coaches must have a copy of each athlete's medical page of the Athlete Packet for the athlete they are supervising. This is a requirement of being a coach in Special Olympics Louisiana.
- Areas are only allowed to register coaches in accordance to the ratio for their local program allotment requests. Any excess coaches over the ratio will not be allowed unless otherwise approved by the central office. All former participants that had the role of "Volunteer Delegate" must now complete the necessary steps to become a Level 1 Certified Coach in order to participate as a Class A volunteer at any state competition.

### Healthy Athletes

SOLA will be hosting two disciplines of Health Promotion and Strong Minds. Health Promotion is a general health screening aimed to check the athlete's height, weight, blood pressure, and BMI. Additionally, athletes are educated on proper sun safety habits, tobacco use, nutrition, and hydration. We will also be hosting Strong Minds, which is an interactive learning activity focused on developing adaptive coping skill. Please be sure to bring your athletes through the two Healthy Athlete disciplines!

### Game Day Registration Procedures

- Delegation Name Badges will be available at registration as you arrive to the bowling alley.
- We no longer print and issue coaches handbooks. It is required that each coach review this handbook upon arrival. Coaches handbooks will be issued in early January.
- Please contact Max Fernandez with any questions regarding the tournament. I can be reached at [mfernandez@laso.org](mailto:mfernandez@laso.org) or at 1-800-345-6644 ext 109