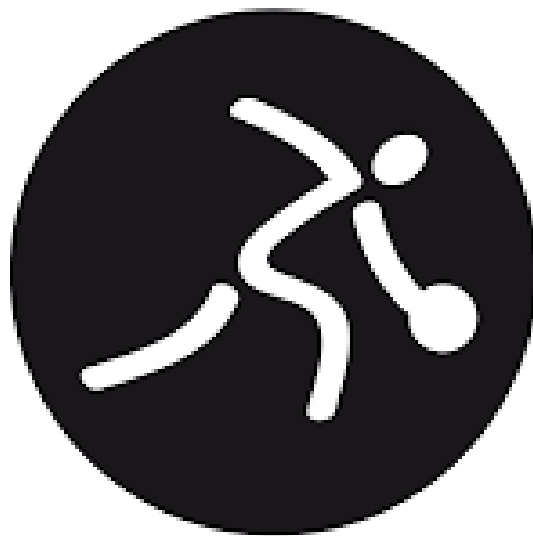


SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2021 EVENT HANDBOOK



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2021 Bowling Tournament Contact Telephone Numbers

Tournament Central	309-242-7602
Fire & Police Emergency	911
OFS St. Francis Medical Center	309-655-2109
Unity Point Health - Methodist Medical Center	309-672-5500
Fire Department - Non-emergency	309-674-3131
Police Department - Non-emergency	309-673-4521
Landmark Lanes	309-685-7000
IDOT Hotline (Offering road construction information at press time)	1-800-452-4368

Text Alerts & Event Status Updates

Please sign up for the text alert. This alert will send you any last minute changes in the State Bowling schedule. To register, please text Bowling to the number 844-393-0980.

In case of inclement weather, check the website at www.soill.org for schedule changes or cancellations.

<https://www.soill.org/blog/events/state-bowling/>

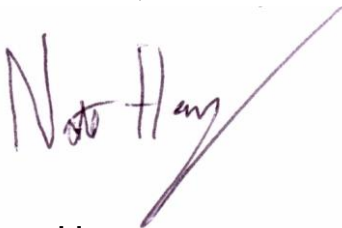
Hello,

Congratulations and welcome to the 2021 Special Olympics Illinois State Bowling Tournament! The staff of Special Olympics Illinois and the Region G Committee extend their best wishes for your athletes' success at this year's tournament.

This handbook is designed to answer as many of your questions as possible and make your trip to the tournament an enjoyable experience. Instructions for registration, meals, the Opening Ceremony, medical assistance, a tentative schedule of events and other general information are contained in this handbook. Please make sure to read the handbook carefully since there have been changes made from last year.

During the tournament, please take time to thank the many volunteers who make this competition the success that it is. Also, take a moment to thank the staff at Landmark Lanes for being a part of the Special Olympics Illinois State Bowling Tournament.

Good luck,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nate Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a long, diagonal purple line that extends from the bottom right of the signature towards the right edge of the page.

Nate Henry
Director of State Championships

2021 State Bowling Tournament Event Handbook

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Special Olympics Illinois 2021 State Bowling Tournament

Tentative Schedule of Events

Saturday, December 4, 2021

7:30am - 8:30am	1 st shift Registration
8:15am	First Shift Bowlers Report to Lanes
8:30am - 9:00am	Opening Ceremony
Online Only	Souvenir Sales
9:00 am - 11:30am	First Shift Bowling (Ramp and Doubles)
10:00am - 11:30am	Second Shift Bowlers Lunch
11:30am - 1:00pm	First Shift Bowlers Lunch
11:45am-12:00pm	Second Shift Bowlers report to lanes for practice frames
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Second Shift Bowling (Female Singles)
1:00pm- 2:30pm	Third Shift Lunch
2:15pm-2:30pm	Third Shift Bowlers report to lanes for practice frames
2:30pm-5:00 pm	Third Shift Bowling (Male Singles)

Coach's Responsibilities

It is important that coaches are adequately prepared to deal with the athletes for an extended period of time.

1. The coach is responsible for the athletes 24 hours a day. It is up to the coach to ensure the athletes' physical and emotional needs are met during the tournament.
 - a. Be sure athletes are properly warmed up prior to competition.
 - b. Be sure needed first aid is administered promptly. Bring a first aid kit if possible to deal with minor problems not needing professional attention.
 - c. Be sure athletes get adequate rest.
 - d. Be sure athletes eat properly and avoid overeating or missing meals.
NOTE: If an athlete requires a special diet, it is the responsibility of the coach to provide for the athlete's needs. For special diets, bring a cooler with all the proper foods.
2. Each coach should be aware of the athlete's possessions. Check for lost items at Tournament Central.
3. The coach is expected to be totally familiar with the medical conditions, precautions and medication requirements of the athletes. It is the coach's responsibility to administer medication. Knowledge of the medication regimen (what, how much and when) is essential.
4. The coach is required to carry a copy of the valid Application for Participation for each athlete at all times.
5. The coach must be totally familiar with all schedules. Make sure that the athletes are on time for their games or events so they do not miss the opportunity to compete.
6. The coach is expected to be familiar with sports rules.
7. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.** Agencies breaking alcohol use rules will be disciplined by Special Olympics Illinois.
8. **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT THE VENUE SITES.**
9. Communicate with families of the athletes. Inform them of the upcoming tournament and encourage them to attend the Special Olympics Illinois State Bowling Tournament.

Registration

Location: Landmark Lanes
Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am *
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

1. Only the Head Coach should report to the registration area and bring a state or federal issued photo ID.
2. Verify number of coaches and athletes who are actually attending the tournament. The head coach will either agree to verify the identity of all of his/her agency coaches/chaperones or these individuals will be required to present their photo ID for verification.
3. Report the names of those registered as of Scratch Deadline but unable to attend (no shows). No mementos or meal tickets are issued for “no show” athletes or coaches.
4. Receive the tournament Coaches Packet containing:
 - a. Computer printout listing your agency’s athletes and their divisions, lane and shift assignments.
 - b. Meal tickets for athletes and coaches.
 - c. Tournament mementos for athletes and coaches.
 - d. Name tags for athletes.

* If your agency is scheduled for the second or third shift, you can register your athletes from 10:00 am - 11:00 am or from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm. Please allow time to register, eat lunch, and practice before competition begins at 12:00pm and 2:30pm.

Equipment

Landmark Lanes has a limited number of small size shoes and lightweight balls. Please bring your own balls and shoes if possible. Landmark Lanes will require each individual needing bowling shoes to leave one of their own personal shoes as a deposit while they bowl. When an athlete returns their bowling shoes, the lanes will return the individual's shoe. **RAMP BOWLERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN RAMPS.**

Proper ball rolling will be enforced at this bowling event. The facility has stated that "lofting" the ball and other actions that can be considered unsafe will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification.

Awards

Awards will take place immediately following the competition. In case of protests, awards for the division in question will be presented once the protest is adjudicated by the Rules Committee. Medals are awarded to all athletes who finish first, second or third and ribbons are awarded to 4-8 place finishers. In cases of disqualification, athletes will receive a participation ribbon. Please do not delay awards presentations for picture taking. In cases of ties, awards will be presented using the Olympic format, i.e., 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th.

Results

Special Olympics Illinois will post results on the Special Olympics Illinois website at www.soill.org. Go to the results table to secure a team's scores or place of finish; do not ask event officials or awards presenters; this will delay the process of presenting awards to Special Olympics athletes.

Lunch

A lunch is provided to each registered athlete and registered coach. Please eat at your scheduled time and leave the banquet areas as soon as possible. Meal tickets must be turned in at lunch. Extra meal tickets cannot be purchased.

Lunch will consist of a deli sandwich, apple, chips, cookie and a drink. If an athlete requires a special diet, it is the responsibility of the coach to provide for the athlete's needs. Provisions for special dietary needs of athletes or coaches cannot be made by Special Olympics Illinois.

If an event is cancelled or postponed, Special Olympics Illinois may not be able to provide all scheduled meals. In this case, each agency is responsible to arrange and pay for meals Special Olympics Illinois is unable to provide.

Disqualification

Disqualifications are handled in accordance with Special Olympics Illinois' Disqualification Process (8/1/19):

1. It is the coach's responsibility to be aware of disqualifications at all times. . . Event officials will not announce disqualifications to the general audience.
2. Disqualified athletes are given notice of the rule infraction upon completion of the event.
3. A Competition Rules Committee will be available to hear questions concerning disqualified athletes.
4. Awards will be presented upon completion of the event which includes: running of the event; notice of disqualification if necessary; appeal of disqualification if brought forth; and final decision of Competition Rules Committee.
5. Decisions of the Competition Rules Committee are final and binding.
6. Disqualified athletes will receive a participation ribbon unless the disqualification is for unsportsmanlike conduct, then no award is presented.
7. No disqualification protest will be heard once awards have been completed.

Filing Protests

1. Protests to the Games Rules Committee may be made concerning only Games presentation, structure and conduct.
2. Protests to the Competition Rules Committee may be made concerning only competition of athletes within a venue, where within that competition; rulings are either made or not made in regard to fairness and equity of competition. Procedural or technical issues may be protested. Judgment calls made by officials cannot be protested.
3. Protests must be presented by the Sport Head Coach to the Head Official of the event immediately in an oral fashion so that other event officials may be made aware of the appeal.
4. Any verbal protests must be made prior to the presentation of awards. (All awards for the division in question will be held until resolution of the protest.)
5. If the awards presentation has taken place the registered coach has 30 minutes after the awards presentation to file a protest. A corrected awards presentation will be made to that athlete if needed.
6. The Head Official may rule immediately on appeals. If the response of the Head Official does not resolve the protest, a formal protest may follow.
7. All formal protests must be made by the Sport Head Coach within one hour of the event being protested.
8. All formal protests must be made on the specified form obtained from the Head Official.
9. All protests will be brought to the Competition Rules Committee for Final resolution. The decision of this committee shall be final and binding unless this committee concludes that the protest concerns Games presentation, structure or conduct, and refers the protest to the Games Rules Committee.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on the lanes beginning at 8:30 am. We ask that all first shift bowlers be on their lanes before the Ceremony begins. All other athletes and coaches will be seated in the chairs or bleachers behind the lanes.

Families/Spectators

Our constituent's health is a priority for Special Olympics Illinois. Special Olympics Illinois is not recognizing spectators at State Bowling in 2021, but Landmark Lanes is open to the public and SOILL staff cannot monitor who comes into the facility. However, SOILL staff will monitor specific areas that are designated for athletes and coaches only: Athlete seating area on lanes, the banquet room (lunch room), awards/results room and tournament central). There will not be a Families table for State Bowling this year.

Souvenirs

Souvenir sales are pre-order only and you can pick items up at the tournament. Please use the below link to access tournament merchandise.

The cut-off for pre-orders is November 28th.

Please go to https://orders.minervapromotions.com/soill_state_bowling/shop/home to view items and submit your order

Souvenir items are offered by Minerva Promotions and a percentage of sales are given to Special Olympics Illinois.

Live Streaming

Special Olympics Illinois will be providing LIVE streaming so you won't miss any of the competitive action. You watch by tuning into [SOILL Facebook Page](#) and State Bowling section on the [SOILL website](#).

Alcohol Policy

Athletes and coaches are not allowed in the lounge area. Athletes or coaches determined to be drinking during the competition will be disqualified from competitions. Reported incidents are forwarded to the Rules Committee and the Special Olympics Illinois staff for additional follow-up.

Medical Information

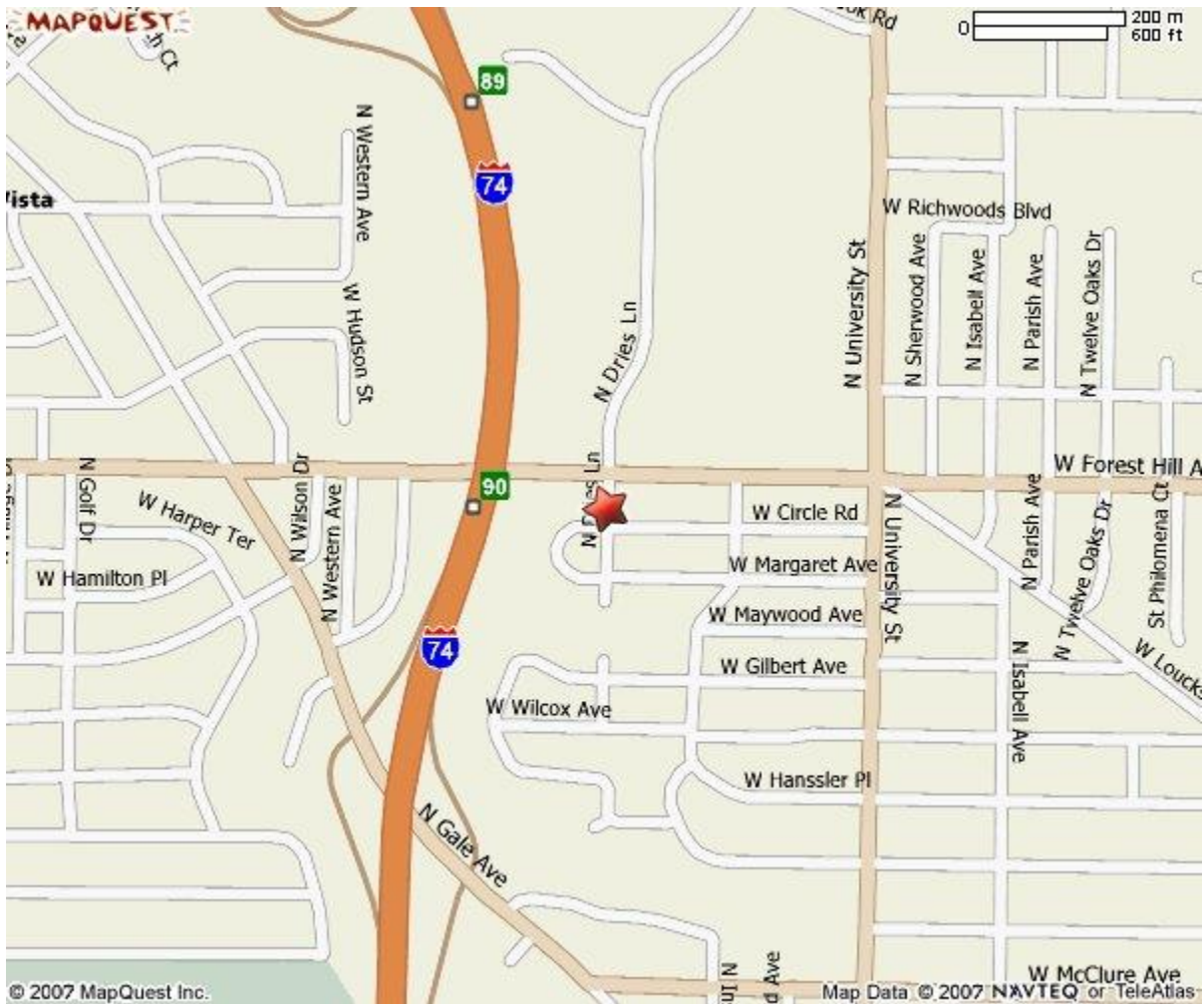
Trained medical personnel will be at the competition site. Coaches are encouraged carry a copy of each athlete's current Special Olympics Illinois Medical Form with them at all times.

Special Olympics Illinois has an accident insurance policy which provides secondary coverage for all athletes, coaches and volunteers. This is provided as backup coverage to your personal insurance. Accident claim forms will be available at Medical Stations or Tournament Central.

Water Safety Policy

All Special Olympics Illinois swimming training, competition and recreational sessions must be conducted in accordance with basic safety practices as specified in the SOI Sports Rules Book. Briefly, this policy specifies that in all swimming activities, there must be a certified lifeguard on duty while Special Olympics Illinois athletes are in the water. This policy is in place for training and competition as well as recreational swimming activities off-site, such as use of a hotel pool.

Peoria



Landmark Lanes

3225 N Dries Ln, Peoria, IL

309-685-7000

Directions if traveling from the East

74 West

Exit Gale Avenue

Turn left off of the ramp

Turn right onto Forrest Hill Ave

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Directions if traveling from the West

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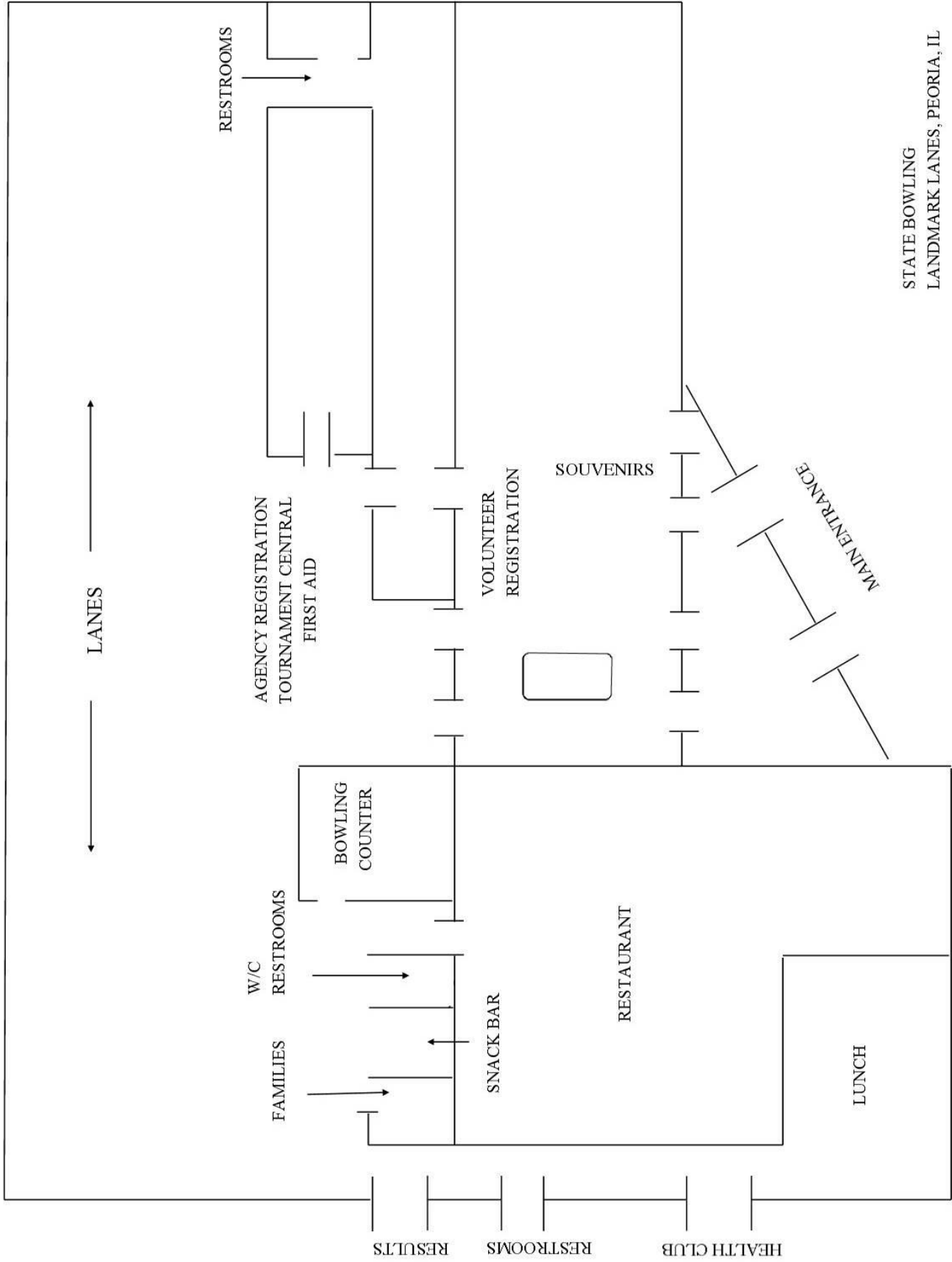
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Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt.
— Special Olympics Oath

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