

Unified Bowling

2019-20 NJSIAA Rules and Regulations



Special Olympics
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Unified Bowling Topics

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- ✓ Competition format
- ✓ Post-Season



Participation



- All NJSIAA member schools are eligible to participate in Unified bowling
- Schools must [declare/register](#) their Unified Sports team prior to the start of the season.
- Unified bowling team records will not impact varsity nor sub-varsity team records/standings
- Students may participate in Unified bowling even if they are participating in another winter sport
- Bowling teams should arrange matches against other teams participating in NJSIAA Unified bowling

Team Composition



Special Olympics Unified Sports® were created to give individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and compete in sports activities alongside their non-disabled peers.

- Teams may consist of up to five bowlers: 3 competitors + 2 subs
- The three students competing can be comprised of...
 - 1 student with an intellectual disability (athlete) and 2 students without disabilities (partners)
 - OR-
 - 2 students with intellectual disabilities and 1 student without
- One of these two ratios must be maintained at all times during competition
- Teams may be boys, girls or co-ed

Eligibility



ALL students participating must have a valid school physical form on file

Athletes (students with [intellectual/developmental disabilities](#))

- Students must be enrolled in high school, but may compete up to 21-years-old

Unified partners (students without intellectual disabilities)

- Students must meet all NJSIAA eligibility requirements
- Varsity level bowlers are NOT permitted to be Unified partners

Coaches

- Unified Sports coaches will follow the certification standards as outlined by the [NJSIAA](#)
- In addition, first year coaches are required to complete the free [NFHS Coaching Unified Sports course](#)

Format at State Competition



Baker Format

- Fast-paced and team-based method of bowling
- Multiple bowlers bowl one game, alternating frames

Three Player/Trio Baker Game Format

| Athlete | Partner | Partner | A | P | P | A | P | P | A |
|---------|---------|---------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 8- | 5/ | 35 | 81 | 71 | X | 9/ | X | X | 8/6 |
| 8 | 21 | 29 | 38 | 46 | 66 | 86 | 114 | 134 | 150 |

- Order: The bowling order (bowler 1, bowler 2, bowler 3) for Baker is set each game (1 game = 10 frames). Coaches may change their order from one game to another. However, the athlete must always be bowler 1 and bowl four frames in each game (frames 1, 4, 7, 10).

Competition Format



Substitutions:

- A coach may substitute players at any time (frame) during the game. Once a player has been substituted for, he/she may not re-enter the current game. Substitutions must keep the original team composition in place (Athlete/Athlete, Partner/Partner).

Games/Winner:

- Each Trio team will bowl 6 Baker games within each state meet. The winner of the meet will be decided by total pinfall. This means that the total score from all 6 games for each team is added together and the team with the most pins wins the event.

Lanes:

- All team members bowl on the same lane, bumpers are NOT used. After three games, teams shall switch lanes with one another for equal competition. In an effort to stay on the same schedule, teams shall not start a new game until their opponent has finished their current game.

Competition Format



Score Sheets/Information:

- Coaches/Administration shall pre-communicate their team information including: team composition and substitutions, bowling order, and shoe orders. All scoring discrepancies should be reported to the score monitor or the event administrator.

Official:

- The administrator in charge during regular season events and district competition will serve as the head official regarding any disputes. During state competition, the NJSIAA will have personnel in place.

Ramps:

- Ramps can be provided for sectional and state level competitions if requested in advance

Coaching:

- All coaches should remain outside of the lane area unless assistance with accommodations is needed. There are no restrictions on when a coach may communicate and coach participants.

Competition Format



Playing Rules:

- All contests shall be conducted under the official bowling rules of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) in conjunction with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling. In such case, the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling shall apply or those approved by that organization with modifications approved by the NJSIAA.

Tie-Breaking Procedure:

- In a bracket setting, the higher seed gets the choice of lane and whether to bowl first or second. In other meet formats, a coin flip will determine who decides on lane and order.
- Each team gets one delivery. Higher pinfall wins the tie breaker. The bowler and order is determined by the last game, including substitutions. The same rotation must be used during a tie breaker. For example, the athlete from the final game will bowl the first tie breaker delivery, followed by the first partner (2nd tie breaker delivery, if needed), then the second partner (3rd tie breaker delivery, if needed). The pins are cleared and re-set following each tie-breaker delivery.

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Dress Code:

- It is recommended that players wear school uniforms during play. The following shall apply during tournament play:
- All bowlers must wear similar shirts of the same color. Bowlers should also wear full length slacks. These slacks may be of any color as long as they are similar to that of the rest of the team and do not have any tears or holes in them. Bowlers may NOT wear shorts, skirts, jeans or hats. Bowlers out of uniform will not be allowed to bowl until they are able to comply with the rules. Proper shoes are required.
- Participants must keep their uniforms on while in the competition area. Coaches should wear either a team uniform or appropriate coaching apparel in school colors or the colors of black, white, gray or khaki.

Registered Teams & Conferences



Moorestown - BCSL

Ewing - CVC

West Morris Mendham - NJAC

Matawan Aberdeen - SC

North Hunterdon - SKY

Somerset Academy - SKY

Gloucester City High School - TCC

Franklin High School - SKY

Union High School - UCC

Union City High School - HCIAL

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Registration & Season Dates

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SECTIONAL QUALIFIER

- Tournament Entry Deadline: Monday, January 20th
- Unified Teams will go to the same site as their High School Team if lane space is available. Dates are January 30, January 31, February 1, 2020.
 - Site assignments will be available no later than January 25.
 - [Interscholastic Unified Sports Schedule](#)
- Baker Scoring will be used for all games.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- February 10, 2020 at Bowlero Lanes – North Brunswick, NJ
- All teams will be ranked by their total pins count at the Sectional Qualifier and then divided into Group A and Group B. There will be a maximum number of 8 teams per division. The top 2 teams in Group A and the top 2 teams in Group B will be notified to report to Bowlero Lanes on February 10 to bowl.
- The Group A team with the highest number of pins will be the Group A State Champion.
- The Group B team with the highest number of pins will be the Group B State Champion.

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