



2022 Information Packet

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Casper, WY

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A. Area Games

Athletes are required to compete at Area Games prior to State competitions. The exception is if a sport is not available at area competition.

Please contact your Area Director about competition details.

NOTE: All material in this document is relevant to area competitions except for information on schedules, housing, meals, volunteers, and special events.

Contact Bobby Casey for technical support or additional assistance:

sports@specialolympicswy.org

B. Minimum Training Requirements

The minimum training requirements are sport specific and must be achieved by state Fall Tournament. It is important that athletes are trained by proper coaches for the appropriate amount of training weeks/hours per the requirements below. This ensures athletes gain enough sports skills and experience to successfully compete in competitions. Hours at Area Games competition are credited towards these requirements.

Bowling	8 weeks	or	12-15 games
Cycling	8-10 weeks	or	16 hours
Soccer	10-12 weeks	or	20 hours

C. Registration Process

Competition registrations are due 2 weeks prior to the competition start date. The 2022 State Fall Tournament Registration is **due Wednesday, September 21.** Registration contains the following materials;

Tab 1: Cover Sheet

- Program is a drop down menu, click on the “▼” to find and select your program.
- Please complete all information

Tab 2: Participation Entry

- We ask that you list all athletes, partners, coaches, and chaperones attending the state event.

Tab 3: Team Rosters

- Complete for all teams entering
- If you are completing for area events, complete event information.
- For state events, we will transfer scores from area tournaments
- If you are submitting information via GMS, please enter your double bowlers by;
Program – Last Name/Last Name
 - Ie: Cheyenne Brooks/Brent or Washakie T.Heckert/K.Heckert

If you need assistance please contact Bobby Casey for alternate materials.

FAQ:

- Do I need to turn in an area games registration and state games registration?
 - Yes, they are turned in to two different people therefore you must submit both.
Also, this allows for changes to be made to the state games registration (ex: updated scores or scratches)
- Can my athletes complete in more than one sport?
 - No

D. Participation Guidelines

Special Olympics General Rules state that no program may require Special Olympics athletes or their families to pay for registration, training, participation or competition fee.

Register athletes, Unified Sports® partners, volunteers and coaches

All participants are required to have basic paperwork on file prior to participation. Local Program coordinator is responsible for making sure these are up to date and on file at State office.

	Athletes	Unified Partners	Coaches
Registration/Consent Form	X		
Medical Form	X		
Communicable Diseases Waiver	X	X	X
Class A Volunteer/Unified Partner Registration		X	X
General Session			X
Protective Behaviors Quiz			X
Concussion Training			X
Sports Specific Training			X

Housing Guidelines

Housing arrangements for athletes and coaches are on a one person per bed basis. Arrangements cannot be made that will ask two people to share a bed. Housing male and female athletes and/or volunteers together is not permitted.

The exception to rule above is a married couple

Recreational Swimming Guidelines

Special Olympics Wyoming has determined, for the health and welfare of its participants, **to prohibit recreational swimming at any time while under the auspices of Special Olympics**. This applies not only to the time at Special Olympics competitions or activities but also while in transit to/from Special Olympics competitions or activities unless specifically authorized and stated otherwise by Special Olympics Wyoming concerning a specific event.

We are currently working with the Rec Center for potential open swim opportunities. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Haines (CEO@specialolympicswy.org).

NOTE: It is the responsibility of Head Coaches to inform all members of their delegation of the Special Olympics Wyoming policies.

E. Housing Information

Teams are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. When calling, be sure to identify yourself with Special Olympics Wyoming.

F. Meals

Special Olympics Wyoming will offer the following meals:

	WED, OCT. 5	THURS, OCT. 6	FRI, OCT. 7
Lunch		✓	✓
Dinner	✓	✓	

The menu for each meal will be available soon.

Notes regarding meals:

- If you or your athletes have specific dietary needs or do not like meals choices, please make arrangements to bring your own lunch or dinner.
- Special Olympics will not reimburse you if you choose not to eat one of our prearranged meals and go off site for food.
- It is important that local coordinators provide an accurate number of meals on the Delegation Registration Form for athletes, volunteers, and families to keep costs down.

G. Facilities

Bowling

Boomtown Bowl

4370 S Poplar St.
Casper, WY 82601
307.333.4990

Bowling

El Mark-O Lanes

2800 CY Ave #A
Casper, WY 82604
307.237.9558

Cycling

Edness Kimball State Park
8700 east US Hwy 20, 26
Evansville, WY 82636
307.577.5150

Banquet

Central Wyoming Fairgrounds
1700 Fairgrounds Rd
Casper, WY 82604
307.235.5775

Opening Ceremonies & Wed. Dinner

Natrona County High School
930 S Elm St.
Casper, WY 82601

Soccer & Bocce

North Casper Soccer Complex
1700 East K St.
Casper, WY 82601

Lunches

Troopers Bingo
1801 East E Street
Casper, WY 82601

H. Competition Rules

- All Special Olympics rules have been created based on National Governing Body (NGB) rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with Special Olympic modifications.
- All Special Olympics sport official rules can be found at; <https://www.sowmya.org/sports/sportsresources>
- Athletes may compete in one sport only.
- Athletes must have completed training requirements and competed at Area Games before competing at Fall Tournament.
- Athletes may not compete in the same event in Unified Sports AND traditional Special Olympics competition.
- Please make every effort to match athletes with partners of similar age and ability.
- In order to properly division athletes for competition and provide the best competition possible for all participants, **it is imperative that accurate and recent scores/times are provided on registration for every participant in every event. These scores/times are due by the registration deadlines.**

I. Attire and Equipment

- Athletes must wear athletic attire appropriate for their sport and weather conditions.
 - Soccer teams need numbers on the back of uniforms
 - Jeans are not appropriate competition attire for ANY sports at Fall Tournament.
 - Bowlers must wear dress shorts or slacks with a collared shirt.
- Teams must provide their own adaptive equipment for all sports.

J. Registration/Check In at Competition

Location: Natrona County High School (tentative)

Time: 4:00pm

Date: Wednesday, October 5

Setup: Five separate sections set up by Area

1. Only the Head Coach or Local Coordinator should go to the registration area.
2. You will be asked to verify with the registration volunteers the information on the Registration Packet Check list.
3. Notify the registration volunteer of any last minute scratches. Please be prepared to notify which sports and/or events they were registered in.
4. You will receive a packet containing the following:

- a. Delegation Report- list of all registered participants and their events, divisions, and lane assignments (for bowling).
 - b. Final schedules for all sports events.
 - c. Fliers with updated information and details about clinics, special events and emergency instructions.
 - d. Competition Maps
 - e. An event evaluation.
5. Once the Head Coach or Local Coordinator has completed the check in process, they can then proceed to dinner.

K. Block Schedule: Session Sports Choices

2022 Fall Tournament Block Schedule



*Please note, this schedule is subject to change.

	Wednesday, October 5 PM	Thursday, October 6 AM (8:30-11)	Thursday, October 6 PM (1pm start)	Friday, October 7 AM (9am start)
Bowling	Doubles Bowling	Doubles Bowling Singles Bowling	Singles Bowling	Assisted Bowling Unified Doubles Singles Bowling
Cycling	No Events	No Events	Road Race - 10 Kilometer Time Trial- 2 Kilometer Time Trial – 500 Meter Relay – 1 Kilometer Unified Sports Relay- 1 Kilometer	Time Trial – 5 Kilometer Road Race – 5 Kilometer Time Trial - 1 Kilometer
Soccer	No Events	Divisioning Rounds: Unified Sports Team Traditional Team	Competition Rounds: Unified Sports Teams Traditional Team Divisioning Round Soccer Skills	Championship Round: Unified Sports Teams Traditional Teams Soccer Skills
Bocce	No Events	Divisioning Rounds: Singles Doubles	Match Play: Singles	Match Play: Doubles

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L. Bowling

- Appropriate attire for bowlers is khaki or dress pants, Bermuda shorts or knee length skirts and a colored shirt. Jeans are NOT appropriate.
- Tournament play consists of three games per event.
- Assisted bowlers (ramp and other adaptive equipment)
 - Must provide their own equipment.
 - Will be heated together.
 - Bowlers using handle balls will be considered assisted bowlers and will be heated with other assisted bowlers. Please enter as such on the registration form.
 - Please indicate on the registration form whether the assisted bowler self aims or if they compete with the coach aiming.
- The qualifying score is the athlete's average score from practice (preferably 15 games minimum).
 - Qualifying score= Total Game Points divided by number of games bowled.
 - Example: Total pins knock down 1264 divide by 21 games bowled = 60 (drop all fractions) average/entry score.
- Fall Tournament will be a scratch bowling tournament. In a scratch tournament athletes are assigned divisions based on their entered average. An athlete's bowling average/entry score is determined by dividing the total number of pins knocked down by the number of games bowled.
- Members of competing teams, doubles and single entrants shall bowl one frame on one lane, and for the next frame alternate and use the other lane until five frames are bowled on each lane of the pair.
- **Bowling Quota allocations**
 - For programs with more than 6 athletes attending Fall Tournament:
 - 55% of the total number of athletes from your program registered for Fall Tournament may compete in any form of **doubles** bowling.
 - 55% of the total number of athletes from your program registered for Fall Tournament may compete in **singles/assisted** bowling.
 - Be sure to check this information closely when sending in registration materials. Please pay close attention to your entry percentages. Also, please indicate when you would prefer to bowl based on the block schedule on Page 9 when you submit your registration. *There is no guarantees we will be able to meet all requests.*
 - Please place any bowling time preferences in Cover Sheet registration.
 - **Athletes may not compete in both Doubles and Singles.**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** We will make every effort to assign all athletes from each program to the same alley. In some cases that will not be possible. Programs will be notified of alley assignments in the follow-up package sent the week of September 28th.

- **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- Can assisted bowlers be on a doubles team?
 - Yes, please make a note on the registration if one or both athletes use a ramp.



M. Cycling

- Cycling athletes may compete in a maximum of four events.
- Cyclists are expected to provide their own equipment ~ a safety check will be conducted before competition.
- Sanctioned helmets are required for practice and competition for athletes and coaches on the course.
- Please secure training times (qualifying score) for each athlete for each registered cycling event during training sessions and include these times on the registration forms. Times for events are due with registration forms by the registration deadline.



N. Soccer (Football)

- Athletes may compete in either Soccer Skills, Traditional or Unified Sports Team Soccer.
- Unified Sports and Traditional Team Soccer will be played according to Special Olympics Soccer rules.
 - Unified: Each team must have three athletes and two Unified Sports partners on the field at all times. If a player has been expelled, the team will play with less than 5 players on the field until substitution is allowed.
- Team Soccer uniforms must have a number on the back a minimum of 6" tall.
- Rosters should contain a proportionate number of Unified Sports Partners and Athletes.
- A team roster may not consist of more than 10 players.
- The qualifying score for Soccer Skills= total of a complete Skills competition held during a practice session.
- The qualifying score for Team Soccer is derived from the Team Assessment Form.

O. Bocce

- Athletes may compete in either Singles, Doubles, or Unified Bocce events.
- Athletes will play modified games at Fall Tournament to determine divisions. These will be considered preliminary rounds.
- Post preliminary rounds will lead to bracket play based on division size.



P. Competition Protest Policy & Procedure

- All formal protests must be written on a Special Olympics Wyoming protest form (*blank forms can be found at the awards table or with your venue director*) and returned to the Venue Director within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the event being protested.
- Protest forms must be filled out by a non-playing Head Coach.
- Head Coach filling out the protest must list and identify the Special Olympics or National Governing Body rule that has been violated.
- Once the Venue Director is informed of the protest the following procedure will take place:
 - The Venue Director will make a decision based upon Special Olympics and National Governing Body rules and their own official judgment.
 - If the Venue Director cannot make a final ruling at the time of the protest decision will be passed onto the Vice President of Programs. The occurrence of the protest will be communicated from the Venue Director to the Vice President of Programs and a meeting to make a ruling will be arranged.

Notes:

- DISQUALIFICATIONS should be made by the official running the event at the time of the event.

Q. Special Events

Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, October 5 6:30pm-8:00pm Natrona County High School

Featuring:

Entertainment, Law Enforcement Torch Lighting, 50th Anniversary Presentation

Victory Banquet & Dance

Thursday, October 7 6:00pm-9:00pm Central Wyoming Fairgrounds

Featuring:

Buffet style dinner & dance party