



October 9, 2023

First Day of Competition

Competition may begin TODAY (Monday, October 9, 2023)! Best of luck with your season! Be sure to read through the Unified Bowling manual for updates regarding playing rules, etc. Please remember to tag the KSHSAA in any social media posts from these competitions.

Questions

As this is only the third season of Unified Bowling and since we have so many new schools, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. Taylor Obersteadt from Special Olympics Kansas as well as Annie Diederich are excellent resources for our schools.

Taylor's email: obersteadtt@kssso.org

Annie's email: diedericha@soks.org

Bowling Ramps

Ramps may be used and may be held by partners. The athlete MUST instruct the partner where and how to place the bowling ramp. This should be discussed prior to competitions starting. Host sites may provide for someone to place ramps for athletes.

Bowling Attire

On page 28 of the Unified Bowling Manual, it lists appropriate and inappropriate attire. We recognize the fact that for some of our athletes, sweatpants might be appropriate attire for that individual. That is acceptable, if the presentation is still one of neatness. Attire should be school approved. Another accommodation for an athlete might be headphones/ear buds to block noise as some athletes have sensory needs. We do not want this experience to cause undue stress for our athletes based on needed accommodations.

Number of Teams

During the regular season, a school determines how many teams they will maintain. During postseason (regional/state) only one team will be entered in and represent the school in competition. No student may participate in more than four Unified competition days during the regular season, exclusive of regional/state.

Reminders for the 23-24 Season

- No student may participate in more than four (4) Unified competition days during the season exclusive of regional/ state.
- Members of the Unified Bowling team are not subject to the limitations detailed in Buffer Week.
- All competition will follow Baker format with 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th frames bowled by the partner and 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th frames bowled by the two athletes.
- Team – "Trio teams" may be comprised of up to five players, three are designated as competitors and the remaining two as substitutes. The three competing students must include two athletes and one partner. Teams may be co-ed.

Regarding Outside Competition Rule 22

Per Executive Board action, Unified Bowling is a different activity from interscholastic bowling, so students (athletes and partners) may participate in competitions (leagues and tournaments) while on the school Unified Bowling team without violating Rule 22, Outside Competition.

Regional Bowling Assignments

There will be four regional bowling sites this year. The top five teams to state from each regional. Regional assignments will be released as soon as host sites have been finalized.

Unified Bowling State Tournament

The site for the Unified Bowling State Championship has been set for Topeka-West Ridge Lanes in Topeka, KS. The date is set for Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and the host school is Seaman High School.