Week #3 – October 28, 2024

Welcome to the 2024-2025 season of Unified Bowling! Please read through this information as this is important information coaches need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email <u>ssmith@kshsaa.org</u>. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

UNIFIED BOWLING REGIONALS

Regional Bowling Assignments: <u>https://www.kshsaa.org/Public/UnifiedBowling/RegAssignments.cfm</u>

Please remember that during the regular season, schools decide how many Unified Bowling teams they have. However, schools are allowed ONE team during postseason competition.

Schools must attend the Regional they are assigned or be subject to disqualification. Schools assigned but not entering should notify the KSHSAA immediately.

Each school may enter a maximum of five players in one of the regional tournaments.

REGIONAL LANE ASSIGNMENTS: Participating schools will be seeded based on their team average. Teams with the highest averages will be assigned to lanes in the center of the facility, moving to the outer lanes accordingly. Managers will adjust groupings to have equal distribution of all lanes (in so far as possible).

REGIONAL SUBSTITUTIONS: Regional managers will send tournament results to the KSHSAA what's your question identifying the qualifying bowlers for state competition. Substitutions will be allowed in an emergency only with the approval of the tournament manager.

ALLOWABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Decisions made about accommodations during Unified Bowling should align with the accommodations found in the athlete's IEP or 504. For example, if an athlete is non-verbal and needs to use a device for communication, that device can be allowed in the settee during the meet. Other accommodations would include the use of headphones for sensory issues.

Looking Ahead:

-Don't forget a team picture for postseason!
-November 5: UB Regional Entry and Pass Gate Form due to Regional Manager
-November 11-16: Regional UB
-November 11-16: State Qualifying Teams - State Unified Bowling Tournament Squad List, Pass Gate Information and Photo DUE by NOON the day after Regional is complete.
-November 19: State Tournament at Topeka West Ridge Lanes (hosted by Washburn Rural)

USEFUL LINKS :

KSHSAA Unified Bowling Page: <u>UnifiedBowling (kshsaa.org)</u> KSHSAA Unified Bowling Manual: <u>UnifiedBowling.pdf (kshsaa.org)</u> Special Olympics: <u>About (specialolympics.org)</u>

Questions

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