



2024 Rule Change Summary

Bowling

Change From	Change To
Old Formatting	See date change at footer to reflect September 2024
<p>Governing Rules</p> <p>The Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling shall govern all Special Olympics competitions. As an international sports program, Special Olympics has created these rules based upon International Bowling Federation (IBF) for bowling found at http://bowling.sport/ . IBF or National Governing Body (NGB) rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling or Article I. In such cases, the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling shall apply.</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>The Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling shall govern all Special Olympics competitions. As an international sports program, Special Olympics has created these rules based upon International Bowling Federation (IBF) for bowling found at http://bowling.sport/ . IBF or National Governing Body (NGB) rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling or Article I. In such cases, the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Bowling shall apply.</p>
New Section	<p>ADD:</p> <p>3. UNIFIED SPORTS®</p> <p>3.1 The athlete to Unified partner ratio must be 1 athlete to 1 Unified partner in Unified Doubles/Mixed Doubles and must be 2 athletes to 2 Unified Partners in the Team Competition.</p> <p>3.2 It is preferred that athletes and Unified partners are of similar age and similar ability. For more information on similar age and ability please see Sport Rules Article 1 Section 14.1.2</p>
<p>Section 3 – Equipment</p> <p>3.1.1 Must be approved and identifiable as a ball listed in the “Approved Bowling Balls” list. FIQ (WB) chapter 11 page 65 advises to check list on</p>	<p>CHANGE:</p> <p>3.1.1 Must be approved and identifiable as a ball listed in the “Approved Bowling Balls” list. To check list on the</p>



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3.5 Athlete Uniform

3.5.1 Attire should consist of neat and clean outfits.

3.5.2 The tops are to be short-sleeved and collared.

3.5.3 The rest of the attire may consist of long pants or dress or walking shorts. Women may also wear knee-length skirts.

3.5.4 No athletic-type shorts are to be worn for competition.

3.5.5 All competitors must wear bowling shoes.

3.5.6 Socks are required.

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4.5 Uniform Standards

4.5.1 **Uniform** should consist of neat and clean outfits. **No denim items of clothing allowed.**

4.5.2 The tops are to be sleeved **(short or long-sleeved) and collared or non-collared.**

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