

Credit Unions of Rhode Island  
Social Responsibility Committee

# 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

## STRIKE FOR GOLD



To benefit:

**Special Olympics**  
Rhode Island



### Date & Time

Wednesday  
March 25

3:00 pm -  
6:30 pm

**East Providence Lanes**

80 Newport Avenue  
East Providence, RI

# STRIKE FOR GOLD BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On behalf of the *Credit Unions of Rhode Island's Social Responsibility Committee*, we invite your credit union team of three players to join us for the 17th Annual Strike for Gold Bowling Tournament (Ten-Pin) on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, to benefit *Special Olympics Rhode Island*. **This year, we're thrilled to continue a unified tournament experience! Each credit union team will be joined by a *Special Olympics* athlete, forming a complete team of four.** This exciting partnership celebrates inclusivity, teamwork, and the spirit of the game!

The event will take place at East Providence Lanes, located at 80 Newport Avenue in East Providence, from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Registration opens at 3:00 pm, with bowling beginning promptly at 4:00 pm. We've reserved 32 lanes, accommodating up to 128 players. Spots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register by the **deadline on Wednesday, March 18, 2026** to secure your team's place!

The entry fee is **\$100 per team**, which includes bowling, shoe rental, and refreshments. Credit unions are welcome to enter multiple teams to increase the fun and competition! Adding to the excitement, the winning team will take home the *Strike for Gold Bowling Tournament Trophy*, proudly displayed at their credit union for the year. Let the friendly rivalry begin!

In addition to the entry fee, each team member is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges to support *Special Olympics Rhode Island*. Pledges should be collected in advance, with team captains gathering and submitting their team's total. To add to the excitement, special prizes will be awarded to the team that raises the most in pledges and the individual bowler who raises the most. Plus, don't miss our raffle drawings during the event, featuring exciting prizes—including two sets of two Red Sox tickets!

Your generous support of *Special Olympics Rhode Island* helps ensure that Rhode Islanders with intellectual disabilities can participate in sports training, competition opportunities, and leadership programs at no cost to them or their families. Thank you in advance for making a difference! If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Roberts at (508) 229-5604 or [droberts@ccua.org](mailto:droberts@ccua.org).

Sincerely,



David P. Dupéré, Chair  
Social Responsibility Committee



The 2025 winning team, Navigant Credit Union, and *Special Olympics Rhode Island* athletes.



## MISSION

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

## HISTORY

Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver



## PARTICIPANTS (per the 2024 census)

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 3,799  
Coaches: 222  
Competitions: 1,227

## SUPPORT

Receipt of \$2.243 million as of December 31, 2024 funding.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Participating in the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy.
- Participated in the 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany.
- Participated in the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi.
- Participated in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Graz, Austria.

## TWENTY-SEVEN OFFICIAL SPORTS

Alpine Skiing	Golf	Swim	Unified Croquet	Unified Tennis
Athletics	MATP	Ten Pin Bowling	Unified Cross Country	Unified TopGolf
Basketball	Powerlifting	Tennis	Unified Flag Football	Unified Volleyball
3x3 Basketball	Snowboarding	Unified Basketball	Unified Golf	
Cross Country Skiing	Snowshoeing	Unified Bocce	Unified Softball	
Cycling	Soccer	Unified Cornhole	Unified Ten Pin Bowling	

## OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Athlete Leadership, Athlete Leadership University, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes Program, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement

Torch Run (LETR)

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

Ed Pacheco, President and CEO

Stephanie Palladini, Chief Mission Officer

Sarah LaBreche, Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors

Michael Bullock, Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors



## PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Special Olympics Rhode Island

370 George Washington Hwy

Smithfield, RI 02917

(401) 349-4900

[www.specialolympicsri.org](http://www.specialolympicsri.org)

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## FUNDRAISING MADE EASY WITH GIVEFFECT!

Special Olympics Rhode Island provides a secure fundraising platform through Giveffect, allowing your credit union bowlers to personalize their own fundraising page and share it with their contacts.

**Important Note:** Giveffect charges a 4.1% processing fee, which donors have the option to cover in addition to their donation.

### GETTING STARTED:

*(This is for fundraising only. Please register your team with Dawn Roberts)*

1. Scan the QR code below or click the link:

<https://bit.ly/2026-strike-for-gold>

2. Click “Register Your Own Team” to start a new team, or...
3. Click “Participate as an Individual” to join an existing team.
4. Customize your fundraising page—kick things off by making your own donation if you'd like! Your page will be linked to your team.
5. Share your page link with friends, family, and colleagues to collect donations. You can also post directly to social media!



**Prefer not to use Giveffect?** No problem! We will gladly accept cash and checks (made payable to SORI or Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc.) at the event on March 25.

### REMEMBER

The top fundraising team and the highest individual fundraiser will each win a special prize!

For questions or assistance with Giveffect, please contact:

 Faith Lockhart (SORI) – (860) 782-1684  
faith@specialolympicsri.org

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## TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

*Please duplicate form for additional teams.*

**Credit Union:** \_\_\_\_\_

### CREDIT UNION TEAM MEMBERS

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Captain Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4<sup>th</sup> player per team will be an athlete from Special Olympics Rhode Island.**

**The entry fee is \$100 per team, and includes bowling, shoe rental, & refreshments.**

**Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Make check payable to:**

Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. and include "Special Olympics Bowling Tournament" in the memo line.

### **Send registration form by March 18, 2026 to:**

Email: Dawn Roberts at [droberts@ccua.org](mailto:droberts@ccua.org)

Mail: Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc.

845 Donald Lynch Boulevard Marlborough, MA 01752

Attn: Dawn Roberts



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## TEAM MEMBER PLEDGE FORM

Credit Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	PLEDGE AMOUNT
1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	
4. _____	
5. _____	
6. _____	
7. _____	
8. _____	
9. _____	
10. _____	
11. _____	
12. _____	

**PLEDGE TOTAL**

Please make checks payable to **SORI or Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc.** and include "**Special Olympics Bowling Tournament**" in the memo line. Players are encouraged to collect donations in advance and submit them at the event.

*Please duplicate this form for additional pledges.*