

*Credit Unions of Rhode Island  
Social Responsibility Committee*

# 15th Annual Bowling Tournament



Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
East Providence Lanes  
80 Newport Avenue  
East Providence, RI  
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

*To benefit . . .*

**Special  
Olympics**  
Rhode Island



# Strike For Gold Bowling Tournament

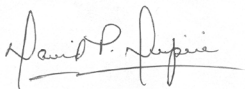
On behalf of the Credit Unions of Rhode Island's Social Responsibility Committee, your credit union team (4 players) is invited to participate in the 15th Annual "Strike For Gold Bowling Tournament" (ten pins) on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**, to benefit Special Olympics Rhode Island. The event will be held at the **East Providence Lanes** on **80 Newport Avenue** in **East Providence** from **3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. and teams will start to bowl at 4:00 p.m. Thirty-two lanes have been reserved for a total of 128 players. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 20, 2024.** Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The entrance fee is \$100 per team and includes bowling, shoes, and refreshments. Credit unions may enter more than one team. To encourage a bit of competition among credit unions, the winning team will receive the **Strike For Gold Bowling Tournament Trophy** to be displayed at the credit union for the year.

Each team member is also encouraged to raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges. Team members should collect pledges in advance of the event. Team captains should collect team members' pledges and submit as the team total. The team that raises the most in pledges will receive a special prize. The individual bowler that raises the most will also receive a special prize. There will also be raffle drawings during the event including **2 sets of 2 Red Sox Tickets**.

Your generous support of Special Olympics Rhode Island helps ensure that Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to be brave in their attempt to win. Thank you in advance for your generous support. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bevilacqua, at (508) 229-5616 or [dbevilacqua@ccua.org](mailto:dbevilacqua@ccua.org).

Sincerely,



David P. Dupéré, Chairman  
Social Responsibility Committee



The 2023 winning team from Coastal1 Credit Union and the Special Olympics Rhode Island athletes take a moment together at the end of the tournament with the trophy. The Bowling Tournament sparks some great competition among the teams every year! Who will win in 2024?

## Special Olympics History

On July 20, 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver ushered in a new era for people with intellectual disabilities, when — with 1,000 athletes from three countries — she opened the very first Special Olympics International Games at Soldier Field in Chicago. Since those first games more than 50 years ago, Special Olympics has grown to a global movement with more than 5.5 million athletes participating in more than 200 countries/jurisdictions. In June 2023, Special Olympics World Games took place in Berlin, Germany. The historic event drew 500,000 spectators and featured 7,000 athletes and Unified Partners. Sports will always be the foundation of Special Olympics, and today they offer several opportunities for athletes:

- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program has grown into the largest worldwide provider of health services for people with intellectual disabilities. **In Rhode Island, various Health Screenings are provided at the State Summer Games and the yearly MedFest.**

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But if I cannot win,  
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in the attempt. . . ”

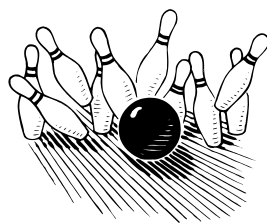
Special Olympics Athlete Oath

- Special Olympics Young Athletes Program reaches children as young as 2-years-old, providing social and motor skills development and encourages parents and siblings to get involved in the activities.

- **Special Olympics Rhode Island's Athlete Leadership Program and recently launched Athlete Leadership University,** create opportunities for people

with intellectual disabilities to develop and demonstrate their abilities in leadership roles both on and off the playing field.

- Unified Champion Schools promotes social inclusion by bringing together young people with and without ID on sports teams (Special Olympics Unified Sports®), through inclusive student clubs, together in school or community-wide initiatives, and by fostering youth leadership. At its core, this strategy is about unifying all students - with and without disabilities - using sports as a catalyst for social inclusion and attitude and behavioral change. **In Rhode Island, there are 4 SO Colleges, 37 High Schools, 36 Middle Schools and 27 Elementary Schools.**



- Rhode Island currently has over 3,000 athletes involved in more than 447 training and athletic competition opportunities in a variety of Olympic-type sports.

***The mission of Special Olympics Rhode Island is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. All training and competition opportunities are provided free of charge to the athletes and their families, enabling everyone to experience the benefits of Special Olympics that extend well beyond the playing field.***

# Bowling History/Facts

## How old is the game of bowling?

Very, very old. Bowling pins and other bowling equipment have been discovered in an Egyptian child's grave dating back to 5200 BC. Bowling games have been popular all over the world. The Germans in 200 AD rolled stones at nine wooden clubs called kegels (bowlers in Germany are still sometimes called "keglers"). The English were bowling as early as the 1100s. The Dutch are the ones who introduced the sport to America in the 1600s. They called it "Dutch pins" and Dutch colonists in what is now New York City liked to bowl in a particular section of the city so much that it acquired the name "Bowling Green."

## Why did an extra pin get added to the game of bowling?

People used to bowl at "nine pins" rather than "ten pins." According to bowling historians, the practice of using ten pins in the game of bowling actually originated in colonial America as a means of getting around a gaming law that forbade "bowling at nine pins." The colonial authorities tried to quash the sport because too many colonists were gambling on it. To avoid punishment for disobeying the law, bowlers decided to add an extra pin and call it ...ten pins.



## What is the size of a regulation bowling alley?

A regulation bowling alley is made of polished wood and measures 41 to 42 inches wide and 60 feet from the foul line, where the ball is delivered, to the center of the head pin.

## What are the pins made of?

Pins are made of laminated maple coated in plastic to extend their life and stand 15 inches high and are not more than 4.75 inches wide at their fattest point. They weigh in at less than four pounds and are set up in a triangular array in rows of increasing width at the opposite end of the alley.

## What are bowling balls made of?

The bowling balls are constructed with a weight block, a low density inner core and a polyurethane outer shell. The weight block is added to make up the loss when the holes are drilled. To choose the correct size ball, you should find one that is approximately 1/10 of your weight.



***Don't miss out on all the fun  
with your colleagues!***

## How is a game determined?

A game consists of 10 frames, with two balls allowed a bowler in each frame. Each pin knocked down counts one point. Toppling all pins with the first ball is a strike and scores 10 points plus the total of the next two balls. Clearing the alley with two balls is a spare and scores 10 points plus the next roll. A perfect game, 300 points requires 12 consecutive strikes.

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## Giveeffect/SORI Online Team Fundraising Site

Special Olympics Rhode Island offers access to a secure site through Giveeffect. Your credit union bowlers can personalize their own fundraising page as part of a team and send it to all their contacts.

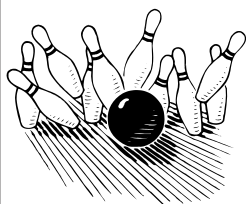
**Please note:** The Giveeffect fee is 4.1% which donors have the option to pay in addition to the donated amount.

### Here's how it works:

- Go to the page at <https://give.specialolympicsri.org/ge/24curi>
- Click on: Register your own team to start a team, or
- Participate as an individual and you can chose from a team listed from the teams already registered
- Create your customized individual fundraising page, and start with your own donation if you wish to make one. Your page will be linked to your team.
- Now you can send your individual page link to your contacts to ask for donations. You can also share directly with social media.
- If you do not wish to set up a fundraising page, we will accept cash, credit cards and checks (made out to SORI) at the event on March 27.

If you have any questions or need help with the Giveeffect site, contact Donna Bevilacqua at CCUA (508) 229-5616 or Tracy Garabedian at Special Olympics Rhode Island (401) 349-4900.

***REMEMBER, the team that raises the most wins a special prize, and the individual bowler that raises the most wins a special prize.***



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## **Team Registration Form**

CREDIT UNION: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Credit Union Team Members**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Please duplicate this form for additional teams.**

Fee: \$100.00 per team includes bowling, shoes, and refreshments.

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

Make check payable to Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. and reference Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Mail registration form by March 20, 2024 to:

Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc.  
845 Donald Lynch Boulevard  
Marlborough, MA 01752  
Attn: Donna Bevilacqua



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## Team Member Pledge Form

CREDIT UNION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Pledge Amount
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**Pledge Total**

Make check payable to Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. and reference Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Players should collect donations in advance to turn in at the event. Please duplicate this form for additional pledges.