



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on State Bowling & Vaccinations

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### Memo Clarifications & General Questions

1. Can we start entering vaccine information now?
  - a. Yes, the site for submitting information is live:  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e59d88d333cb430e965d55d1ff406b36>
2. What do we do if an athlete does not have their vaccine card anymore?
  - a. The Wisconsin Immunization Registry, also called WIR, is an internet database that tracks vaccine records for Wisconsin children and adults. To access immunization records you will need the person's first and last names, their date of birth, and either their Social Security number, Medicaid ID number, or their health care member ID number: [Public Immunization Record Access](#)
3. Are local program manager responsible for reaching out to their constituents (Athletes/coaches) to complete the online vaccination status form, or is SOWI reaching out to everyone?
  - a. SOWI would ask that local program manager (especially those active in bowling) forward to their Athletes/coaches. We will also be posting the memo and link on our website.
4. Not everyone will have access to upload their vaccination card. Would it be possible for coaches to scan them in, and send them to you?
  - a. If possible, have athletes take a picture and provide necessary information for you to upload/complete the process. Please let us know and we can work with you on these sort of issues.
5. Will SOWI be protecting the privacy of this information?
  - a. Only those on a need to know basis will have access to the vaccine information. We will be utilizing our medical records database to store information and run reports for local program managers as currently done for athlete medicals.
6. Does this policy pertain to Volleyball too?
  - a. No – we are able to get creative with the facilities and schedules. This would not be feasible with bowling.
7. What is the plan for volunteers, families and spectators?
  - a. Because the bowling tournaments will be offered for only athletes/coaches that are vaccinated, we will have flexibility to remain above the SOI requirement of 80% vaccination rate for events. We will share information on volunteers and spectators as we get closer to the event.
8. If our team (including coaches) are 80% vaccinated, we can continue on to competitions ....OR if we are in Yellow/Green, (under 15/100,000 people rate status) and then vaccinations are not a factor?
  - a. For bowling, we are only offering the tournament for those that are vaccinated. We want to be at 100% athletes/coaches so we have flexibility with bowling alley staff and volunteers & spectators to remain at 80%.
9. What if I have athletes bowling on a team or doubles for the Bowling League but one of the athletes on that team or doubles is not vaccinated. Can the vaccinated athlete still advance to State?
  - a. Yes. If a team or doubles pair qualifies for State but one of the athletes is not vaccinated, the athlete(s) who are vaccinated can still attend the State Bowling Tournament and participate in Bowling Singles or create

one Doubles pair from that team's roster. Their qualifying score will be taken from their scores in the Bowling League.

10. Will this policy be extended into the 2022 basketball season and beyond?
  - a. We are required to follow SOI guidelines and hope to have an updated policy from them later in the year. Once we receive this new information we will evaluate plans for the next sports season.
11. If these policies are required going forward, some local agencies may opt to not attend the state tournament to avoid the potential undue hardship that comes along with this requirement.
  - a. We understand the difficulties of participation during the COVID-19 pandemic and that some local programs may opt out of participation. We will continue to work with those programs that wish to participate in practice only activities.

### **Exemptions**

1. Will there be an exemption for athletes 8-11?
  - a. Because the CDC has not authorized vaccinations for individuals under 12, athletes 8-11 will be exempt and allowed to participate.
2. Will there be a method for claiming medical and religious exemptions?
  - a. Because the bowling tournament is an optional event, we will not be accepting medical and religious exemptions.

Thank you to all that submitted questions. We will continue to update this documents as needed.

Please contact us at [covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org) with any questions.