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Inaugural NSAA Unified Sports, Bowling Championships to be Held in Lincoln

LINCOLN – The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is pleased to announce that the inaugural NSAA Unified Sports, Bowling Championships will be held in Lincoln on December 5th at Sun Valley Lanes.

“Providing championship opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities in conjunction with students without intellectual disabilities has been a long time goal of the NSAA,” said NSAA Executive Director Dr. Jim Tenopir. “In combined efforts with Special Olympics Nebraska, we are thrilled that vision is becoming a reality culminating in the inaugural Unified Sports, Bowling Championships.”

“Unified Sports has the power to completely transform a school community, and this event is the first of many in our state that will make a difference in providing a way for every student to feel like they matter,” adds Special Olympics Nebraska President & CEO Carolyn Chamberlin.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased online [here](#). A limited amount of tickets will be available for purchase at the door so be sure to get your tickets early. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. with a 10:00 a.m. start.

The tentative championship bowling schedule is as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies
- 10:30 a.m. – Seeding Round
- Noon – Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. – First Round (Best of 5 match play)
- 2:30 p.m. – Final Four
- 3:45 p.m. – Finals

*Awards to follow the finals match

“We are excited to host this inaugural event in Lincoln, a City that has a long history of hosting NSAA State High School Tournaments,” said Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Jeff Maul. “We are proud of the combined efforts of the NSAA, Special Olympics Nebraska and Sun Valley Lanes and we look forward to welcoming families and competitors for what we think will be a memorable event for all involved.”

“As the past host of multiple national and world championships, Sun Valley Lanes is both proud and honored to host Nebraska’s first Unified High School Championships. It’s only fitting that an event of this importance and magnitude would be conducted in our world-certified facility. We are excited to be a part of this historic event,” states Sun Valley Lanes Proprietor John Losito.

The eight team championship will follow the Baker Trio Format which is conducive to the Play Unified concept. The eight teams are comprised of an approximate equal number of students with intellectual disabilities and students without intellectual disabilities.

For more information about NSAA Unified Sports, Bowling head on over to <http://nsaahome.org/unified-sports/>.

