



## **How to Launch Unified Sports, Bowling (A Guideline for NSAA Schools)**

- **Present:**
- Get faculty on board & educate (Superintendent, Principal, Special Education Department, Athletic Dept.)
- **Form a school group/committee that will volunteer to launch Unified Sports, Bowling (Supt., Special Education Dept., Community Member(s), Coaches). Find the right people that will help take the ownership and run with the vision.**
  
- **February:**
- Market and promote the Unified Sports, Bowling program in school & community through pep assemblies, newsletters, school websites, social media, organizational meetings, and the NSAA website
- Meet with Special Education Department to identify athletes
- Meet with teachers, sponsors, and coaches to identify partners
- Contact local proprietor(s). Assess accessibility & availability of the bowling center(s)
- Create and implement an interest survey amongst your high school students &/or community
  
- **March:**
- Simultaneously to your interest survey, work and communicate with local school administrators indicating the needs surrounding the program:
  - Facilities
  - Transportation (# of practices per week)
  - Costs
    - Equipment
    - Rental Fees
    - Coaches
    - Uniforms

- Coaches (will need proper NSAA coaching certifications)
- Insurance (verify local district level liability insurance coverage)
- Practice dates/time
- Additional local level needs pertaining to interested student athletes
- Assimilate survey data, share with school administrators, and proceed forward with the positive results
- Sign up by May 1<sup>st</sup> with the “Unified Schools, Intent Form” to potentially received grant money next fall.

- **April/May:**

- IF NEEDED, seek a co-operative agreement with a neighboring member high school
- Secure facilities
- Secure transportation based on local level needs & circumstances
- Secure a coaching staff
- Get your partners on board: National Honor Society, Student Council, others

- **June:**

- Complete NSAA registration for Unified Sports, Bowling
- Confirm completion of the required coaches certification & training (certified, Concussion in Sports video, Coaching Unified Sports video)
- Seek competitions (dual, tri-angular, tournament) with member high schools

- **July/August:**

- Finalize a competition schedule with member high schools