



August 19, 2008

Dear Coaches and Program Coordinators:

The 2008 fall season will start September 8, 2008. It is time to schedule your facilities, check the status of your athletes' Application for Participation forms, and let your athletes know when and where your practices will take place. If you have questions, please call 1-800-442-2508, cell: 509-430-1371, or email jives@sowa.org. Please take a few minutes to review the following information, attachments and/or enclosures:

- 1) Checklist for a Successful Fall Season and Registration Deadlines
- 2) SOWA forms are available on the www.sowa.org web page.
- 3) Fall Sports Registration Paperwork
 - a. Preseason form, transportation form, and check request forms are due **Sept. 29th**.
 - b. Registration packet: team cover sheet, individual sports entry roster, current copies of all athletes' Application for Participation forms, and Unified Partner Release forms, are due **October 14th by 4:30 PM. No exceptions!**
- 4) Fall Sports Training
 - a. Bowling Sports Specific training will be offered Sept. 12th at Spare Time Lanes, Kennewick WA. It will take place from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. The trainer is Paul Wheeler. Please RSVP by September 11th to jives@sowa.org
 - b. Bowling Sports Specific training will be offered Sept. 20th, at Valley Lanes, Spokane WA. It will take place from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM. The trainer is Alan Kazemba. Please RSVP by September 11th to jives@sowa.org
- 5) General Orientation training and Protective Behaviors training is available at www.sowa.org. First, click on the coaches tab. Next, click on coaches' education tab. You will see the General Orientation and Protective Behaviors presentation in the middle of the screen. Use your arrow keys on your keyboard to guide you through the presentations. You will need to take the test at the end of each presentation in order to receive certification.



6) East Region Bowling Tournaments: PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES

Spokane Area Bowling Tournaments will be on **October 25th** and **October 26th**, at Lilac Lanes in Spokane, WA

Tri-Cities Area Bowling Tournaments will be on **November 1st** or **November 8th** at Atomic Bowl in Richland, WA and Spare Time Lanes in Kennewick, WA

I may schedule further tournaments depending on the number of teams this year, and the available space in our present facilities.

Reminders:

- 1) All Fall Sports information will be posted on our website: www.sowa.org. All forms are available on the web page.
- 2) Note that the preseason form listed on the web no longer requires you to list your athletes. If you would like us to check the status of an athlete's application for participation form, or the volunteer status of a volunteer please email the names to mharves@sowa.org. The preseason form that has coaches list the athletes' names will be in the mailed Fall Sports Packets.

Please remember to distribute information to all of your athletes, coaches, chaperones and family members. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of Special Olympics Washington.

Sincerely,

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