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**Poly Hockey and Unified Bowling State Finals Return to Lansing**  
Competition Runs from November 17-18

**(LANSING, Mich.)** – More than 1,100 athletes from 49 counties across the state will compete in the **Special Olympics Michigan Poly Hockey and Unified Bowling State Finals** in Lansing from **November 17-18**.

The Poly Hockey Finals will take place at Lansing Eastern High School and Fieldhouse (220 N. Pennsylvania Avenue). The Unified Bowling Finals, which features athletes with and without intellectual disabilities competing together on the same teams, will be held at Royal Scot (4722 W. Grand River Ave.).

With 68 poly hockey teams and 352 bowlers, the 1,133 total athletes mark the second-highest athlete turnout in the history of the Poly Hockey and Unified Bowling State Finals. The event is proudly sponsored by the Water Warriors, a group of dedicated volunteers and personal watercraft enthusiasts who work year-round to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan.

The Poly Hockey and Unified Bowling State Finals is one of six state-level competitions held annually for Special Olympics Michigan, with more than 700 additional competitions being offered at the local and regional levels each year.

Poly Hockey is an adaptive sport similar to floor hockey. Athletes use plastic hockey sticks and pucks and play on a gym floor surface. The State Poly Hockey Finals will consist of both team play and individual skills competition.

The State Poly Hockey and Unified Bowling Finals also feature components of the Healthy Athletes® program. On Saturday at Lansing Eastern High School, athletes will have the opportunity to receive free dental screenings, oral health information and instructions on proper brushing and flossing through the Special Smiles® program.

**POLY HOCKEY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, November 17**

9:00 a.m. - Ongoing

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Arrival & Registration

Special Smiles®

Coaches meeting

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Competition

Fieldhouse N. Entrance

HS First Floor

HS Gym – Court #1

HS Multi-purpose Gym

Fieldhouse & HS Gym





10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.  
 4:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
 5:15 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Special Events  
 Lunch  
 Souvenirs  
 Skills Registration  
 Dinner  
 Skills Competition  
 Opening Ceremony  
 Victory Dance

HS Multi-purpose Room  
 HS Cafeteria – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 Fieldhouse N. Entrance  
 Fieldhouse  
 HS Cafeteria – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 Fieldhouse – Court #1  
 HS Gym – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 HS Gym – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Sunday, November 18**

8:00 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Arrival & Registration  
 Special Events  
 Competition  
 Souvenirs  
 Box Lunch

Fieldhouse N. Entrance  
 HS Multi-purpose Room  
 Fieldhouse & HS Gym  
 Fieldhouse N. Entrance  
 HS Cafeteria – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor



**UNIFIED BOWLING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, November 17**

8:00 a.m.  
 9:00 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m.  
 3:00 p.m.

Arrival & Registration  
 Competition Begins  
 Lunch  
 Tournament Completion

Royal Scot  
 Royal Scot  
 Royal Scot  
 Royal Scot



**MEDIA NOTE:** Special Olympics Michigan athletes, volunteers and coaches will be available for interviews and photographs during all competitions.

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About Special Olympics Michigan

Special Olympics Michigan Inc. (SOMI) provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for 27,745 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes build physical fitness, develop self-confidence and prepare for participation in society.

SOMI is a non-profit organization supported almost entirely by corporate and individual gifts and events. The generosity of Michigan organizations, individuals and statewide businesses enable the program to continue.

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