

## **Special Olympics Kansas Registration Fee Policy**

Participation at Regional competitions is free for Local Programs.

Each Local Program must submit a registration fee for the total number of athletes and coaches (your delegation) attending a state competition. An invoice will be sent to Local Programs following a state competition based on the number of registered individuals for each program minus any scratches that we know about prior to the competition dates. Payment on invoices is due within 30 days of receiving the invoice to ensure that the Local Program remains in good standing to be able to compete in future competitions. The number utilized to establish your delegation number for fees is established prior to the competition during call backs. We urge programs to inform the state office of scratches and other changes to the delegation as soon as possible prior to a competition. Scratches and changes received on-site at the competition create several challenges for games management staff that can have adverse impact on the games.

Registration fees are based on \$10/day for each delegate member for the total length of the competition.

### **Registration Fee Schedule (on a per athlete and coach basis):**

Winter Games - \$20.00

State Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament - \$20.00

Summer Games - \$30.00

State Powerlifting and Flag Football - \$20.00

State Swimming - \$10.00

State Bowling - \$10.00

Fall Outdoor Classic - \$30.00

State Volleyball - \$10.00

### **Why does Special Olympics Kansas charge a state games assessment fee?**

Special Olympics Kansas strives to offer high-quality, inclusive sports opportunities at little or no cost to participants. However, organizing competitions involves many necessary expenses. An assessment fee helps cover some of these costs and ensures that events are safe, well-organized, and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Key reasons for the assessment fee:

#### **Facility Rentals**

Competitions often take place in gyms, arenas, or sports fields that charge rental fees. The fee helps cover these venue costs.

#### **Equipment and Supplies**

Items such as sports equipment, uniforms, medals, first aid supplies, signage, and event materials all require funding.

### Volunteer and Staff Support

While many volunteers support Special Olympics, some roles—such as certified officials, security, or medical personnel—may require honorariums or paid support.

### Insurance and Safety Measures

Ensuring that all participants are safe means covering insurance, liability, and medical preparedness.

### Meals and Hospitality

Events often include meals, snacks, or water stations for athletes, coaches, and volunteers, which are supported by these fees.

### **Keeping It Affordable:**

Special Olympics programs remain committed to accessibility. Assessment fees are typically kept as low as possible, and financial assistance is often available for those in need. The goal is not to create a barrier, but to share the cost of running meaningful, empowering competitions.