



Team BC set to topple pins at 2018 Special Olympics Canada Bowling Championships *Special Olympics BC bowlers ready to hit the lanes in P.E.I.*

Seventy-one members of [Special Olympics Team BC 2018](#) are set to travel from coast to coast to compete in the [2018 Special Olympics Canada Bowling Championships](#) in Prince Edward Island. This exciting event will take place from May 15 to 19 and will see Special Olympics athletes from across Canada show their skills in 5- and 10-pin bowling.

The bowling contingent of Team BC 2018 is made up of 56 athletes with intellectual disabilities, 12 coaches, and three mission staff members, representing 23 communities across British Columbia.

Team BC 2018 members qualified for the provincial squad through their performances at the [2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games](#) in Kamloops. Since being named to Team BC 2018, bowlers have been working hard to further develop their skills and fitness levels so they can be at their best for the competition in Prince Edward Island.

“Team BC 2018 bowlers are ready to hit the lanes and represent their province with pride at the 2018 Special Olympics Canada Bowling Championships,” says Leslie Thornley, Team BC 2018 Chef de Mission. “These athletes have been training very hard to elevate their performance, and this will be an excellent opportunity for them to show their skills and sportsmanship on the national stage.”

Approximately 410 athletes, coaches, and support staff will come together in P.E.I. for the National Bowling Championships. At the event, 10-pin bowlers will compete for the opportunity to represent Canada at the [2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games](#) in Abu Dhabi. The National Bowling Championships will mark a big change for 5-pin bowling, as after the competition the sport will move into the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games cycle.

Team BC 2018 members will also represent their province at the [2018 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games](#) in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. This competition will run from July 29 to August 5 and will feature athletics, basketball, bocce, golf, powerlifting, rhythmic gymnastics, soccer, softball, and swimming.

Find Team BC 2018 roster, stories, photos, and resources: www.soteambc2018.ca



About Special Olympics BC

Special Olympics BC is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through sport. In 55 communities around the province, we provide year-round training and competitive opportunities in 18 different sports to more than 4,600 athletes of all ages and a wide range of abilities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of over 3,900 volunteers. For more information, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca and find us on Facebook and Instagram @specialolympicsbc and Twitter @sobcsociety.

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