

OU Irish Road Bowling

Irish Road Bowling Teams consist of 4 players (21 and older) who "bowl" a small cannonball as far as they can down a designated road. Scoring is on the honor system and it's similar to keeping score for golf. All throws are completed underhanded, and teammates move down the road ahead of each bowler to watch where the team's ball stops. Team members take turns rolling the ball. The team with the fewest number of "rolls" at the end of the course wins!

Tournament Rules

- Teams of 4. All members must be 21 or older.
- Be respectful of property along the course.
- The team's bowler can take 2-3 steps or a running start 10-15 yards behind the line but must release the bowl underhanded **before** going over the line.
- One team member can stand 20-30 yards ahead of the bowler to mark where they wish the bowl to roll.
- Once the bowl stops, its most forward progress is marked on the road (this mark is called a "butt") by a team member and that is the starting point for the next roll.
- The team's score keeper marks down each bowl taken.
- Roles can be rotated anytime during the tournament.
- Once you near the end of the 1-mile course, try to roll as far past the finish line as you can. In the case where teams are tied in the number of bowls thrown, the furthest past the finish line determines the winner.
- A member of the event staff will measure your distance past the finish line and collect your scorecard.
- You are responsible for your safety and those around you. Make sure your path is clear before you bowl. Yell "rolling", "clear the way" or "Faugh a ballagh" to alert other players. Don't try to stop bowls with your hands or feet. Remember these are cannonballs!
- Ties will be determined by a "Sham-rock – Paper – Scissors."

Parking will be available by the starting line in a designated area of the Hilton Garden Inn on the Sioux City Riverfront. Registration, music, a beer tent and games will be in the starting area while you wait your turn to participate.

Also, food, drinks, and music will be available at the conclusion of Irish Road Bowling. Shuttle service will be provided if needed to return to your car at the end of the celebration at the **Anderson Pavilion** area. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division. The overall winning team bowls free next year. There will also be a contest for "Best Dressed" Team. Proceeds from the event will support the Opportunities Unlimited "Annual Angels" program.

Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023

Time: Starts at 11 a.m. - last toss at 3 p.m.

Location: Larsen Park Road and the Anderson Pavilion, Sioux City, IA

Cost: Entry Fee is \$200 per team. | First 50 Entries received with payment will play.
(a wait list will be created & postmark will be used to determine first 50 entries)

Forms and payments must be mailed in to:

Opportunities Unlimited
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Sioux City, IA 51104

If you are interested, please contact Susan Vondrak with any questions.
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