MEDIA ALERT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – *EVENT CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER*

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA'S 2019 EASTERN BOWLING SECTIONAL HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO IMPENDING INCLEMENT WEATHER

(Norristown, PA) January 17, 2019 - The 2019 Eastern Bowling Sectional scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 2019 has been cancelled due to an inclement weather advisory calling for snow and ice. We regret to inform the public that the event will no longer take place; however, the safety of our athletes and volunteers is our primary concern.

This storm is having significant impact statewide and, as a result, we will be canceling all of our sectionals in each of our three regions that were scheduled to take place this weekend.

The 2019 Eastern Bowling Sectional competitions were to serve as qualifying events for athletes who expressed an interest in competing at the inaugural 2019 Indoor Winter Games in York, PA from March 2nd – 3rd.

Athletes will still have a chance to qualify for the Indoor Winter Games through a random selection. The bowling drawing will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd, and athletes will be notified soon thereafter.

Approximately 325 athletes, 100 coaches and more than 200 volunteers were scheduled to participate during the Games. The event was scheduled to take place at Rose Bowl in Allentown, PA, Jordan Lanes in Whitehall, PA and Hampton Lanes in Northampton, PA.

For information, contact Gina Reid, Senior Competition Director, at 610-630-9450, ext. 234.

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