

Greetings SONM Bowling Delegations:

Starlight Lanes, the venue for the 2024 SONM State Bowling, has been under lane renovations for several months, and we have just been informed that the project will not be completed until late November. The facility is still open for business during the renovations but only 24 of the 36 lanes will be available for use. At this point in time, we have 763 bowlers competing in the 2024 Bowling Tournament, and with only 24 lanes available, we would need to offer between 8 – 10 sessions to provide competition to all who qualify, which is just not possible. We have investigated adding more venues to the tournament to help with the number of sessions needed, but with so little time remaining until the end of October, those venues need more of a lead time to offer any assistance. Our only option, other than canceling the event, is to move the tournament date into December.

The weekend of December 13-15 would provide time for the renovations to be completed and would allow SONM to not double book during our Posole Ole fundraiser on December 7. We plan to offer two sessions on December 13, three sessions on December 14, and one session on December 15. The times for each session will remain the same.

Changing a State Level competition is never a good idea, but under the circumstances, we don't have much choice. We realize that the new dates will not work for everyone, but it is still better than canceling the tournament. Please let us know if your delegation will not be attending this year.