



Disabilities Act

When it comes to hosting meetings or tournaments, be aware of the Americans with Disabilities Act, also known as ADA. The ADA is a federal civil rights law that requires businesses and organizations to have buildings and/or events that are handicap accessible.

As stated in the bylaws, one of the purposes of an association is to “provide equal opportunity for all in the sport of bowling without regard to...disability.” For this reason, an association is strongly encouraged to host any function at a venue which complies with the ADA.

Below are some items to consider before scheduling an event:

- Is adequate handicap parking available?
- Are doorways and aisles wide enough for a wheelchair to get through?
- Does the facility have handicap accessible restrooms?
- Do the door handles have levers or loop-handles opposed to knobs or handles that require gripping?
- If there are stairs, does the facility have an elevator or a ramp for wheelchairs and individuals with canes or walkers?

For more information on ADA requirements or tips the association can use to make events more handicap friendly, please visit the Americans with Disabilities Act Web site at www.ada.gov, or call (800) 514-0301.