

# Pool tournament will rack up funds for Special Olympians

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A nine-ball pool tournament set for Saturday, May 4, will raise money to send local Special Olympians to compete in Orono this June. Sponsored by Living Innovations and The Thirsty Moose in Machias, proceeds from the event will be split between the charity and cash prizes for first, second and third place.

Living Innovations Community Coordinator Lisa Mitchell said that costs for the Orono trip will vary according to the needs of the athlete attending the event, but in general include

overnight accommodations and expenses for travel. Before going to Orono, all of the local athletes will compete in a qualifying event at the University of Maine at Machias on Friday, May 3.

Individual events include three distances for running races, a walking race, a softball throw and a long jump. Each athlete may compete in a maximum of three events over the course of the three-day event, which will take place June 6, 7 and 8 in Orono.

"For the fundraiser, it's a \$20 entry fee, and based on your ranking you lose so many times before you're done," said

Mitchell. "The last man standing wins."

The tournament will also feature a 50/50 raffle, with half of the proceeds to benefit Special Olympics and half offered as a prize.

The pool tournament will take place Saturday, May 4. The Thirsty Moose doors will open at 10 a.m. for people who want to arrive early and practice, and the competition will begin at 11 a.m. The Thirsty Moose is located at 36 Main Street, Machias. For more information, contact Living Innovations at 255-3733.