



Khairul Zaim Kamarulzaman

Athlete - M
Age: 19 / Malay - SO Selangor

Sport – Bowling

Event 1 - Men's Singles
Event 2 – Unified Sports* Double
Event 3 – Team of Four



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Khairul's story is one of resilience and determination, marked by the challenges he faced since infancy. Struck by Meningitis at just three months old, Khairul's hyperactivity made it difficult for his mother, Zaini, to take him out in public without a toddler leash. With the birth of his younger brother, Zaini had to be cautious, fearing that Khairul's hyperactivity might harm his sibling. Additionally, Khairul exhibited aggressive behavior by biting people, making it even more challenging for his mother to care for both children simultaneously. His father, Kamal, made sacrifices for the family, even losing his job to attend to Khairul's medical needs.

Despite his lively spirit, Khairul remained non-verbal at the age of four, struggling to communicate his needs and feelings. He faced many challenges throughout his childhood, often throwing severe tantrums and displaying hyperactivity. Determined to help their son, Zaini and Kamal took Khairul to speech and occupational therapy sessions, hoping to improve his communication skills.

Khairul's passion for bowling developed at a young age, with his family frequently engaging in the activity. Even as a child, he displayed a natural talent for the sport. In 2019, he won his first Gold at the Super Autism Games, which motivated his mother to enroll him in Special Olympics Selangor Bowling. With the support of his coaches and family, Khairul dedicated countless hours to training and achieved remarkable success. He won at the State Games and the National Games, securing a place at the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023.



Sport has had a transformative impact on Khairul's life, providing an outlet for his boundless energy and improving his mood and ability to focus. Pursuing his dream of becoming a successful bowler, Khairul has gained newfound confidence in all aspects of his life. His family is immensely proud of his achievements and eagerly anticipates a trip to Berlin to support him during the world games.

Khairul's journey has not only strengthened his family's bonds but also showcased the power of love and support in overcoming life's challenges. His story is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the determination to pursue dreams against all odds.