

2016 BOWLING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Sectional – District – State

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors October 22, 2015.

The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The District Athletic Boards organize and conduct Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective Districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The State Tournaments are under the control of the Commissioner's office.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids.

3. DIVISIONS

There will be two Divisions in the Sectional, District and State Tournaments for Bowling, both boys and girls.

4. ENTRIES

Schools shall transmit all entry information to the manager of the sectional tournament to which the school has been assigned by the District Athletic Board as per the instructions from each Board. Sectional managers shall retain all entry forms for schools entering the tournament for 42 days following the close of the season. Sectional managers *should forward* such forms to the District manager for those teams or individuals advancing.

Each school may enter one girl's team and one boy's team (eight participants per team) provided their names are on the eligibility certificate submitted with the entry form.

*A contestant who starts on a team in a sectional, district or state tournament must continue until that respective tournament is completed.

Substitutions may be made prior to the start of the next level of the tournament.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Five bowlers compete at one time on a team at each tournament level. There may be up to eight participants listed on a team's roster. The roster/lineup must be given to the tournament manager prior to the start of tournament play. Substitutions may be made in the Sectional Tournaments according to the general sports regulations for bowling.

A school that **SPONSORS** girl's bowling, has less than five girls participating and was unable to field a team throughout the season may permit the girls to participate with the boy's team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA-sponsored girls' tournament competition. The maximum number of *individual* bowlers that may compete in the sectional tournament from a *sponsoring* school is four.

A school that does not sponsor girl's bowling but has girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boy's team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys' tournament competition.

6. SEEDING AND DRAWING FOR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Coaches shall be notified when the draw meeting is scheduled so they may be present to help with the seeding in the Sectional Tournaments. The current draw date has currently been scheduled for January 31, 2016. **NOTE: The draw/seed meeting is to be held at 2:00 p.m.** There will be no *mandatory* seeding of teams for the purposes of lane assignments or placement into tournament sites.

It is the responsibility of each District Athletic Board to determine the number of qualifiers from the sectional tournament to the district tournament. Advancement of teams to the state tournament is based on a formula that takes into account the number of school teams that participate in each of the OHSAA's six districts.

7. FAILURE TO APPEAR

When national playing rules do not address failure to appear, the following regulations will apply.

A. If a team or individual participant fails to appear or is not ready to compete at the time of their scheduled competition, the team or individual participant shall be disqualified and removed from the event or tournament competition.

All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a member of the respective district athletic board or the OHSAA Commissioner's Office.

B. The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff, District Athletic Boards and/or Board of Directors, and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a tournament contest/competition provided it is practical to delay or reschedule such contests/competitions.

8. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

Bowling matches shall be continuous with no scheduled break in play during regular games. There may be a short break between the end of the three regular games in team play and the start of the Baker games. For any lane changes there may also be a short break in play. Tournament games are meant to be played with minimal interruption. There will be a break in state tournament play prior to the Team Championship rounds.

9. QUALIFIERS

- A. **Sectional to District Tournament:** The District Tournaments will be comprised of the qualifiers from the Sectional Tournaments. Each Sectional Tournament will qualify a proportionate number of individual bowlers and teams to the District Tournament. The number of qualifiers from each Sectional Tournament to each District Tournament will depend on the number of Sectional Tournaments held and the number of teams represented.
- B. **District to State Tournament:** There will be five District Tournaments in Division II only. Division I will have four district tournaments. In **Division I**, the East school(s) geographically closest to the Northeast District, will bowl in the NE district tournament, while other East school(s) will be sent to the Central District. **In Division II, please note that for the boys and girls state tournament, the East and Southeast District will each host their own sectional tournament with qualifiers advancing to a combined East/SE District Tournament to be hosted by the East District in 2016 and the Southeast District in 2017.**

The number of team/individual qualifiers from the District to the State Tournament shall be:

DIVISION I

DISTRICT	BOYS	GIRLS
C/E/SE	4	4
NE/E	6	5
NW	1	1
SW	5	6

DIVISION II

DISTRICT	BOYS	GIRLS
Central	2	3
E/SE	2	2
NE	5	5
NW	3	3
SW	4	3

10. TIEBREAKER

Team: ties for team match total pins and the advancement of teams in tournaments and/or the placement of teams on brackets will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off between one player from each team selected by each respective head coach. This roll-off will be repeated, with the same players selected, until the tie is broken. For the initial tiebreaker, the winner of a coin toss will select their starting lane. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame (s).

No Individual Baker game shall end in a tie.

Individuals: ties for advancement/awards in individual competition will be broken based on the high game bowled in the series being used to determine advancement/awards. Should this also result in a tie, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken. For the initial tiebreaker, the winner of a coin toss will select their starting lane. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame(s).

Please review the bowling sports regulations outlined in the 2015-16 Bowling Manual.

11. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the Sectional, District or State Tournaments unless accompanied by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by a coach or authorized person will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present during play of their entries.

12. AWARDS

Awards presented at the site of the District or State Tournaments must be approved by the OHSAA.

- A. Sectional Tournaments – awards will not be presented.
- B. District Tournaments – Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams, and medals will be presented to the participating members of the championship and runner-up teams. Medals will be awarded to the district individual champion and runner-up.
- C. State Tournament – Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Individual members of championship and runner-up teams and the coach will be presented with medals by the OHSAA. Medals will be awarded to the state individual champion and runner-up as well as the third, fourth, and fifth place finishes.

Note: Additional awards can be ordered through Croten Craft by calling 1-800-947-5521

13. TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

To enter the District Tournament, an individual bowler must first qualify from the Sectional Tournament. Substitutions may not be made for individual bowlers.

All tournaments must be played to a winner.

14. VOLUNTARILY DEFAULTING MATCHES

A player who voluntarily defaults a game/match, shall not be eligible for further tournament competition.

15. RULES

The United States Bowling Congress Rules as adopted and amended by the OHSAA shall prevail for all tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA unless otherwise noted.

16. FORMAT

The OHSAA bowling tournaments at all levels will consist of individual participants and teams. The only exception may be the sectional tournament. It is possible that a sectional tournament will have only full teams participating. Those schools that sponsor boys and/or girls bowling that have less than five bowlers will enter their participants as individuals at the sectional level. Schools that sponsor boys and/or girls bowling that have more than four bowlers will enter the tournament as a team.

The Sectional Tournament shall consist of:

Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling, totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and six Baker games. District qualifiers for teams are determined by highest total pin count of all regulation games and Baker games. Individual District qualifiers are determined by the highest total pin count after the three game regulation 10-pin bowling for all participants. The top individuals not on a district qualifying team will advance to the district tournament. The District Athletic Boards determine the number of district qualifiers from each sectional site (see Section 9).

The District Tournament shall consist of:

Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and six Baker games. State qualifiers for teams are determined by highest total pin count of all regulation games and Baker games. Individual State qualifiers are determined by the highest total pin count after the three games of regulation 10-pin bowling for all participants. The top individuals not on a state qualifying team will advance to the state tournament. The number of qualifiers to the state tournament from each district tournament is outlined in Section 9.

The State Tournament shall consist of: See Section 8 below of the State Tournament regulations.

17. LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

This policy is not applicable to indoor events. Should there be mechanical or other failure, refer to the regulation regarding "interrupted contest." All contests suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption. Also refer to the failure to appear policy.

18. INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT

Any OHSAA tournament interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

19. UNIFORMS

Bowlers must wear uniforms that conform to the requirements outlined in the bowling sports regulations **in all tournament matches. Any lettering or pictures on clothing must pertain to the school name, school emblem, or the student's name.** Exception – Manufacturer's names or logos, and commemorative patches are permitted on all bowling uniforms provided they do not exceed two and one-quarter square inches with no dimension exceeding 2 ¼ inches. The dress code is to be enforced by the tournament manager. Failure to comply will result in a player being denied the right to participate.

Please refer to the 2015-16 Bowling Regulations for complete text of uniform requirements and other regulations specific to bowling.

20. STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA Tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played.

Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGE

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at the state-sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

22. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District and State Bowling Tournaments. **The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions.** Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District Tournaments and the OHSAA Commissioner's Office for the State Tournaments.

23. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

24. RAFFLES PROHIBITED

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of bowling tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

25. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

26. PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are prohibited: *coolers, food or drink purchased outside the contest venue*. Signs, including those with participant photos, school banners, pennants, shakers, balloons, flowers, and noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc. are **NOT PERMITTED!** This list of prohibited items is not meant to be exhaustive.

27. SPECTATOR ATTIRE

Shirts/appropriate attire must be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.

28. NEWS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations are made directly with the site manager for sectional and district competition.

TENTH ANNUAL BOYS AND GIRLS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS
DIVISION II – FEBRUARY 26, 2016- BOYS; FEBRUARY 27, 2016- GIRLS
DIVISION I - MARCH 4, 2016 – BOYS; MARCH 5, 2016 - GIRLS
Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207
Greg Coules, Manager-Boys Tournament- DI, DII
Kyle Wilson-Manager-Girls Tournament- DI, D II

1. REGULATIONS

The regulations for Sectional and District Bowling Tournaments shall apply to the State Bowling Tournament. These regulations are in addition to those listed below.

2. STATE TOURNAMENT MANAGER

The State Bowling Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of The Ohio High School Athletic Association with the cooperation of the proprietor of the assigned bowling center. The Boys State Tournament Manager is Greg Coules, 8719 Cobblecreek Dr., Centerville, OH 45475-0996; P: 937-602-1475; E-mail: greg@ohiohighschoolbowling.com . The Girls State Tournament Manager is Kyle Wilson, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501, P: 740-501-4259; E-mail kwilson@pc.edu.

3. COACHES MEETING

There will be a coaches meeting the morning of both the state boys and state girls bowling tournament for each respective division. The meeting time will be listed in the tournament information that is given to each respective school that earns a trip to the state tournament.

4. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the Sectional, District or State Tournaments unless accompanied by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by a coach or authorized person will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present during play of their entries.

5. ENTRIES

Individual bowlers and teams that qualify from a District Tournament are automatically entered in a State Tournament.

6. EQUIPMENT

Each bowling participant is permitted to store up to four balls in the bowling area, if no safety issues exist.

7. SEEDING: STATE

There will be no mandatory seeding of teams in the state bowling tournament.

8. FORMAT

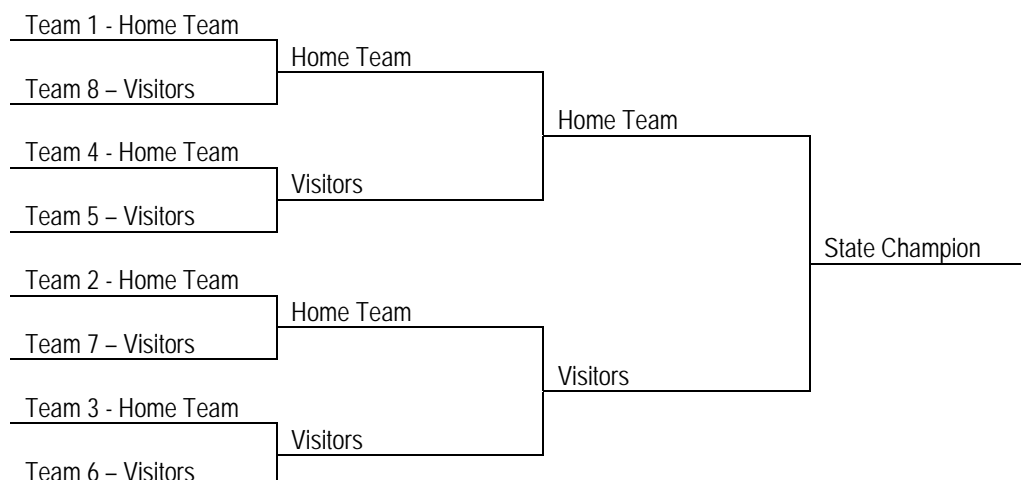
Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and three Baker games. The top two individuals with the highest total pin count following the three games of 10-pin bowling will be the state champion and runner-up. The individuals with the third, fourth, and fifth highest total pin count will also receive an award.

See Section 10 of the previous section for tiebreaker procedures.

In addition, the top eight teams with the highest total pin count following three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and the three Baker game competitions will compete for the team state championship. These teams will be seeded 1 through 8 based on the order of finish following the three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and the three Baker games, and will compete in head to head competition in a best of five Baker game format. The head to head competition will continue until a champion and runner-up is determined.

See the state tournament team bracket below.

2016 State Tournament Team Championship Bracket



9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DIVISION II

Friday, February 26, 2016 – Boys State Bowling Tournament – Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207.

Championship begins at 10:30 A.M. Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The coaches’ meeting is scheduled for 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate

Saturday, February 27, 2016 – Girls State Bowling Tournament - Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207.

Championship begins at 10:30 A.M. Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The Coaches’ Meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate.

DIVISION I

Friday, March 4, 2016 –Boys State Bowling Tournament – Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207.

Championship begins at 10:30 A.M. Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The coaches’ meeting is scheduled for 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate

Saturday, March 5, 2016 – Girls State Bowling Tournament - Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207.

Championship begins at 10:30 A.M. Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The Coaches’ Meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate.

10. ADMISSION

The admission price for each day of the tournament will be \$8.00 per person.

11. RESPONSIBILITY

Transportation, meals and lodging shall be the responsibility of the school or the participants.

12. PASS ADMISSION REGULATION

Individuals - the number of participants plus one

Teams with five bowlers – the number of participants plus one

Teams with six to eight bowlers – the number of participants plus two

For all others it will be paid admission. This includes school administrators.

13. PASS OUT

Individuals will be permitted to leave and reenter the competition venue if they have the appropriate stamp/credentials.

14. ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

There will be no financial allowance for the 2016 State Bowling Tournament.

15. NEWS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

There is no official credential application form to submit to the OHSAA for the state bowling tournament and no other advance registration is needed. Media members shall show their company identification (badge or letter from editor/supervisor on station letterhead) for admittance. Media shall sign in and ask tournament personnel to obtain media packet, which contains a credential, release, welcome letter and program.