



2015-2016

Bowling Manual

For Coaches



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TO: Boys and Girls Bowling Coaches

FROM: Roxanne Price, Assistant Commissioner

RE: OHSAA Bowling Regulations and Related Materials

This bowling manual is intended as a guide to assist with the coaching and administration of interscholastic boys and girls bowling. Included in this manual are the sports regulations for bowling as adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors. Also, you will find information on the rules interpretation meetings scheduled for the 2015-16 season. There will be a very limited number of face-to-face rules meetings. Additional information regarding the OHSAA bylaws and constitution can be found in the current edition of the OHSAA Handbook or on our website at www.ohsaa.org. Please refer to our handbook or website for information regarding academics, residency, transfers, recruiting and other issues that may affect a student's eligibility for interscholastic athletics. Questions regarding a student's eligibility should be referred to the student's athletic administrator.

It is mandatory that each school that sponsors bowling send a representative to a bowling rules interpretation meeting OR for the head coach to view an online rules meeting. For face to face meetings, the head varsity coach, assistant coach, or an athletic administrator from each school that sponsors a bowling team may attend. The online meeting should be viewed by the head coach (assistant coaches are welcome to view as well). **Attendance at or completion of a meeting is required in order to be eligible to enter the OHSAA sponsored bowling tournament.** In order to receive credit for attending a face to face meeting, you must be present within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting and stay until the conclusion of the meeting. **Please bring the attendance card previously mailed to you to the rules interpretation meeting that you attend. If you coach both the boy's team and the girl's team, you will receive one mailing card. Please bring this card to the meeting. You will need to attend only one meeting or complete an online meeting. If you fail to bring your attendance card, you will receive one at the meeting. You will need to indicate if you are both the boys and girls coach. Online meetings will be available by October 7, 2015.** If a school has a separate coach for the boy's team and the girl's team, each respective coach must attend a face to face meeting or complete the online meeting.

The USBC 2015-2016 Playing Rules and the OHSAA Bowling Sports Regulations will serve as the official rules of Bowling. The OHSAA may have modified some USBC rules so that they are in alignment with OHSAA sports regulations. The USBC 2015-2016 Playing Rules can be found at www.bowl.com/rules.

A bowling team for OHSAA tournament purposes will consist of eight team members, five of whom may participate at any given time. Participants in interscholastic bowling cannot participate in a non-interscholastic event while bowling on a school-sponsored team. There are **two divisions in girls and boys bowling**, thus there are two separate non-interscholastic dates...one for each division. **The non-interscholastic date for bowling is January 11, 2016 for Division II. The non-interscholastic date for Division I is January 18, 2016.** There have been too many violations of the non-interscholastic rule. Please make your bowler(s) aware that they may **not** engage in non-interscholastic competition during their school season.

Please note that a member school may be in one division in boys bowling and that same member school may be in a different division in girls bowling. Divisional alignment is based on member school enrollments, per gender, as well as the number of school teams. *Note the changes in the bowling calendar reflecting the two divisions.*

Please be reminded that coaching and instruction in bowling begins October 30, 2015. Regular season competition begins November 13, 2015. **Scrimmages are no longer permitted. The contest limitation for bowling has increased from 22 matches to 24 matches.** Please refer to the bowling regulations regarding tournaments and regular season match limitations. Also

note that the bowling sports regulations specifically address girls playing on boy's teams. There are no "co-ed" teams. Please speak to your athletic administrator if you have girls playing on a boys' team.

You should print and keep a copy of this manual. Check with your school's athletic director to see if they have indicated that your school will enter the State Bowling Tournament. If your school has indicated that it will participate in the state tournament and does not enter a team in the state tournament, there will be a penalty of \$150 assessed if the OHSAA does not receive online correspondence, through MyOHSAA, by January 25, 2016 that your school will not enter a girls and/or boys team in the postseason tournament(s). If your school has not indicated that it will enter the state bowling tournament and wishes to do so, your athletic administrator will need to change your tournament participation on MyOHSAA prior to January 25, 2016. Beginning January 26, 2016 there will be a \$150.00 penalty to enter the tournament.

In regard to bowling sport regulation (7) which refers to open play and/or practicing at the host center, the coach and/or bowlers shall be most responsible for adhering to this regulation.

You are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations of bowling. Take the time to read and review the materials. If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please contact me at (614) 267-2502, or email me at rprice@ohsaa.org. Email correspondence is preferred.

Online Rules Meeting Available on October 7, 2015

**Meeting will be available on bowling page at www.OHSAA.org beginning at 4pm. There is no pre-registration.*

Online Rules Meeting Must be Completed by November 11, 2015

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship, and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

By OHSAA Board of Directors regulation, any school sponsoring interscholastic contests in high school bowling must have the head coach, assistant coach or athletic administrator attend one of the meetings listed below or complete an online rules meeting. Any school failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for OHSAA sponsored tournament competition. It is the responsibility of the attendee to be in attendance within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting and stay until the conclusion of the meeting in order to receive credit for attendance. **Online meetings must be completed by November 11, 2015. After this date, there will be a \$50.00 late fee for the online meeting.**

Those coaches/administrators who do not attend a regularly scheduled rules interpretation meeting, or complete an online meeting may request a special make-up meeting from an interpreter listed below. The fee for a Special Make-up Meeting is \$50.00.

In case of questionable weather or driving conditions, **a face to face meeting may be postponed**. Postponed meetings will be announced on local radio stations by noon if possible. For verification, call 614-267-2502 after 12:00 Noon or check the OHSAA website at www.ohsaa.org.

CALENDAR

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
September 23, 2015 4:00 P.M.	Columbus Square Bowling Palace 5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus 43231	Julie Wells
October 20, 2015 7:15 P.M.	Lakota West High School, Community Room 8940 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester, 45069	Gregory Coullles
October 14, 2015 7:15 P.M.	Heritage Christian School, Auditorium 2107 6 th Street SW, Canton, 44706	Fran Miller
October 14, 2015 7:00 P.M.	Al Mar Lanes 1010 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, 43402	Bob Black

*Rules meetings updated 9/23/15

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IMPORTANT DATES

2015-16 OHSAA BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING CALENDAR	
October 30, 2015	First Day of Coaching , Tryouts, and Instruction
November 13, 2015	First Regular Season Contest Permitted
January 11, 2016	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted- <i>DIVISION II</i>
January 18, 2016	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted- <i>DIVISION I</i>
January 25, 2016	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament
January 31, 2016	Tournament Draw/Seed Meeting Date. <u>Meeting at 2:00 p.m.</u>
February 8-13, 2016	# Sectional Tournaments- <i>DIVISION II</i>
February 15-20, 2016	# Sectional Tournaments- <i>Division I</i>
<i>February 15-20, 2016</i>	District Tournaments- <i>DIVISION II</i>
<i>February 22-27, 2016</i>	District Tournaments- <i>DIVISION I</i>
February 26, 2016	Boys State Tournament- Division II
February 27, 2016	Girls State Tournament- Division II
<u>March 4, 2016</u>	<u>Boys State Tournament- Division I</u>
<u>March 5, 2016</u>	<u>Girls State Tournament- Division I</u>

#Unless an earlier date is established by the District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).

OHSAA CONTACT INFORMATION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING BOWLING

Listed below are frequently asked questions regarding bowling as an interscholastic sport. This question and answer guide is specific to the sport of bowling and the sport regulations associated with it. The constitution and bylaws of the OHSAA apply to bowling as they do to all of the other recognized OHSAA interscholastic sports.

Q. As a member of a school sponsored team, can an individual continue to bowl on a non-school league team when also a member of a school team? Can a member of a school sponsored bowling team bowl in a charity event during the school season? What about a scholarship competition during the school season?

A. **No.** When a school has indicated to the OHSAA that it will sponsor bowling, no member of that school team can simultaneously bowl for a school-sponsored team and a non-school sponsored team. A team member cannot bowl in a non-school sponsored tournament, scholarship or charity competition. ***Once a member of a school-sponsored team begins his/her season by participating in a contest, non-interscholastic competition is no longer permitted.*** Pre-bowling is also not permitted, *nor is "pacing" along side a league.* What is permissible is to "use" the scores from a high school event toward a non-school contest – such as a track athlete's "time" in a high school meet may be used to qualify the athlete for a non-school event, but no student-athlete can compete in a non-school event once the student has participated on the school team during the school season.

Q. If a team member wants to bowl in a league and join the school-sponsored team at a later date, is this permissible?

A. Yes. There is a *Non-Interscholastic Participation Date* established for each sport recognized by the OHSAA. This date is 42 days prior to the Monday of the OHSAA state tournament for that sport. The non-interscholastic participation date established for the 2015-16 bowling season is *January 11, 2016 for teams/individuals assigned to Division II.* The non-interscholastic date is *January 18, 2016 for teams/ individuals assigned to Division I.* In order for a student-athlete to participate in the OHSAA post-season tournament, the student-athlete must stop participating in non-interscholastic bowling prior to their respective non-interscholastic date. It is important to remember that a student-athlete cannot participate in a non-interscholastic event while bowling on a school-sponsored team. Such 'dual' competition would render a student-athlete ineligible for interscholastic bowling.

Q. Will my high school "club" team be permitted to participate in the OHSAA post-season tournament?

A. This may be the most frequently asked question. The OHSAA does not label sports as club or varsity. Each spring the OHSAA asks each member school to designate their "sponsored" sports. The principal (or designee) must designate, on-line through MyOHSAA, which interscholastic sports the school will sponsor during the upcoming school year. The deadline to designate sports is generally May 1. The school administrator must indicate that the school will sponsor boys and/or girls bowling and whether or not the school will enter the OHSAA post season tournament. The deadline date for entering (or withdrawing from) the OHSAA State Tournament is January 25, 2016. Schools that failed to indicate that they would sponsor bowling initially can still log into MyOHSAA and update their records. The record must indicate whether the school team will participate in the OHSAA tournament. This records update must be received by January 25, 2016 in order to participate *without penalty.*

Q. How does the OHSAA adoption of bowling as an interscholastic sport affect a team's regular season? For example, can a school participate in a contest with a non-interscholastic team?

A. The OHSAA does not determine conference affiliation or against which teams a school will compete. OHSAA sports regulations prohibit more than 24 contests in a regular season. A school-sponsored team may bowl against a non-school sponsored team or a non-member school team provided the non-school sponsored team or non-member school team is in compliance with the playing rules of the OHSAA. *Bylaw 9-Contests Requiring Special Attention-* in the OHSAA Handbook addresses contests with non-interscholastic teams and non-member schools.

Q. What will constitute an official regular season match?

A. A regular season match will consist of a minimum of two regular games of tenpin regulation scoring followed by a minimum of two Baker games. Total combined pins for all games bowled shall win the match. Regular season matches in which more than the minimum number of games is bowled (excluding tournaments) require the permission of the participating schools. School teams may also participate in tournaments that utilize an All-Baker game format. See Bowling Sports Regulation 1.21. All contests count in the 24 match season limitation.

Q. What is a Baker game?

A. A Baker game consists of 10 frames, but each of the five participating bowlers' only bowl two frames each. Bowler #1 bowls the first and sixth frames, bowler #2 bowls the second and seventh frames, bowler #3 the third and eighth frame, etc. until all 10 frames are bowled.

Q. How many matches can a team bowl in a regular season?

A. An interscholastic team and/or an individual can bowl in no more than 24 contests. Each interscholastic contest counts. *Regular season tournaments with multiple teams count as one contest. However, a tournament that is designed to run more than one day shall count as the same number of matches as days of the tournament.* For tournaments that feature only head to head competition between teams rather than field of play competition, each head to head competition shall count as one contest. *Scrimmages are not permitted.*

Q. Have some dates for the 2015-16 bowling season been established?

A. Yes. Coaching/tryouts may begin on October 30, 2015. Regular season competition begins on November 13, 2015. The non-interscholastic participation date FOR **DIVISION II** is January 11, 2016. The sectional tournament FOR DIVISION II will run from February 8 - February 13, 2016. The district tournament FOR DIVISION II will be held the following week. The DIVISION II BOYS State Bowling Tournament will be FEBRUARY 26, 2016. The GIRLS State Bowling Tournament is scheduled for FEBRUARY 27, 2016.

FOR **DIVISION I** the non-interscholastic date is January 18, 2016. The Sectional Tournaments are scheduled for February 15-20, 2016 and the District Tournaments are scheduled for February 22-27, 2016. The DIVISION I BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016. THE DIVISION I GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 5, 2016.

Q. Is a member of an interscholastic bowling team required to have a physical exam?

A. Yes. All interscholastic athletes must have a physical (unless exempt) and complete all required forms. These forms must be filed with the designated school administrator prior to any practice or competition.

Q. What are the coaching requirements for Bowling?

A. The requirements to coach interscholastic bowling are identical to those for other interscholastic sports. A coach must obtain a Pupil Activity Supervisor Permit and CPR training as required by the Ohio Department of Education. Concussion Management Training is also a relatively new requirement. Each Board of Education may determine if there are additional coaching requirements. For further information on the ODE Pupil Supervisory Permit, go to www.ohsaa.org and click on Coaches Corner, which can be found under the School Resources link.

Q. Who serves as the contest official?

A. The home school coach shall serve as the contest official, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USBC rules.

Q. What kind of expenses should we plan on?

A. Bowling is a relatively inexpensive sport. Team members must wear the same sleeved, bowling shirt, which conforms to school/OHSAA regulations. All players must wear the same color pants. Girls are permitted to wear skirts/shorts provided the skirts/shorts are of the same color as the pants. Cargo, yoga and painter pants are not permitted. **Please refer to Bowling Sports Regulation (4) Uniforms for more detailed information in regard to uniforms.** Bowling balls and bowling shoes are also required. Each Bowling Center determines its own fees; many Bowling Centers may reduce lane fees for interscholastic teams.

Q. Are there any transportation issues with which we should be familiar?

A. Transportation is a local school issue. All questions regarding transportation to and from practice and competitions should be directed to the school's athletic administrator. Please refer to the OHSAA Sports Regulations in the OHSAA Handbook (item #21) for more information regarding transportation to and from interscholastic contests.

Q. How can I locate a Bowling Center near my school?

A. There are many ways to locate a bowling center. One of many possible sites is www.bowlOhio.com. Click on "members" and you will be able to view a list of bowling centers and the city in which each center is located. In regard to contests, bowlers are prohibited from engaging in open play/practice on the days of the match prior to official team warm-ups.

OHSAA GENERAL SPORTS REGULATIONS

General Sports Regulations are available at www.ohsaa.org. Under "Sports & Tournaments" select bowling. The General Sports Regulations are listed under Bowling info on left side.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Tournament Regulations are available at www.ohsaa.org (after approval at October Board meeting). On the website, under "Sports & Tournaments" select Bowling. They are listed under Tournament Information on the left side.

Note from Roxanne Price:

Chair of the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Committee:

As we prepare for the upcoming seasons, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) wishes to emphasize to each of you the importance of your leadership role in the promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. The professional manner in which officials and coaches conduct themselves prior to, during and following a contest unquestionably impacts the behavior of others who may be involved.

The OHSAA has joined the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in its quest to improve sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. We are involved in an ongoing campaign in every sport to do just that. Printed below is a sample statement of the OHSAA concerning sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. Please take the time to read and digest this statement and then carefully consider your impact upon students, officials, coaches, and fans. Thank you and have a great season!

Speak with Courtesy
Act with Dignity
Play or Observe with Pride

BOWLING 2015-2016

3. BOWLING — BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) All high school bowling matches shall be played utilizing USBC rules modified according to OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations.
- 1.2) A minimum of two (2) regular games of tenpin regulation scoring followed by a minimum of two (2) Baker games will constitute an official, regular season match. Total combined pins for all games bowled win the match. Regular season matches (excluding tournaments) that bowl more than the minimum number of games as described above require the permission of the participating schools.
 - 1.21) In addition to regular season matches, teams may participate in tournaments that utilize an all-Baker format, provided that a minimum of five (5) teams participate in the tournament and no fewer than six (6) Baker games are bowled by each participating team. Boys teams and girls teams may not participate against each other in regular season matches/tournaments. All contests count in the 24 match season limitation. **Note:** See Bowling Regulation B.7 for additional tournament information.
 - 1.22) A team/individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) or participates in regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA tournament.
- 1.23) **Tiebreakers**
 - a. **Team**—ties for team match total pins and/or 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, utilizing the same two players, will be repeated 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.
 - b. **Individual**—ties for advancement/awards and/or placement on brackets in individual competition will be broken based on the highest single 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.
 - c. **Baker Game**—no individual Baker Game shall end in a tie in head-to-head Baker game competition that advances teams on brackets or tournaments. In such situations, the tie 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, utilizing the same two players will be repeated until the tie is broken. The team shall continue to bowl on the same lane until the tie is broken.
- 1.3) A team will field five (5) players at a time in contests. A minimum of three (3) players must be present to constitute a legal lineup. Absent and/or tardy bowlers will receive a score of zero (0) for any missed frames. Missed frames cannot be made up. Any school that fails to field a legal lineup shall not be permitted to participate in a contest.

Note: School teams are not permitted to practice against each other. School teams may practice in the same facility at the same time, but member schools may not “combine” teams to practice simultaneously on the same lanes.
- 1.4) A maximum of eight (8) eligible student-athletes are permitted on the roster for OHSAA tournaments. The number of individuals listed on the roster during the regular season is not limited, but each roster member must be certified as eligible on the school’s eligibility certificate.

- 1.5) Lineups – A coach may change his/her team lineup (order of bowling) prior to the start of any game.
- 1.51) Participation Limits–Players may be moved between varsity and non-varsity teams at the discretion of the coach. The maximum number of matches in which a bowler may participate during the season is 24. Bowling a frame or any part of a frame in any game shall constitute a match. No player may compete on a school varsity and school non-varsity team simultaneously during a match. The match in which the student first competes (non-varsity or varsity) must have concluded prior to the student bowling in the next match (non-varsity or varsity).
- 1.6) Substitutions – A coach may substitute a player “at will” at any time before or during a game. However, once removed from the lineup, the removed player(s) may not re-enter play until the start of the next regular or Baker game. A player once removed is reclassified as a substitute bowler and may be used as a substitute bowler in any spot in the team lineup upon legal return to play (subsequent game). A coach substituting any player for any reason must notify the match scorekeeper and opposing coach at the time of the substitution. The partial game score produced by the removed player and substitute shall not be computed in the individual average of either player. **Penalty:** An illegal substitute shall be assessed a score of zero (0) for all frames, or part of a frame, bowled.
- Note:** Any frame, or part of a frame bowled, counts in the total number of contests bowled in the season limitation of 24 matches.
- 1.7) School Representative – No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by a school coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body.
- 1.8) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date – An individual who has not participated as a representative of the school in a bowling contest during the current season must cease non-interscholastic competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Bowling Tournament to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition in bowling.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in bowling who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest or event in bowling shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in bowling in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: Division II – January 11, 2016; Division I – January 18, 2016

- 1.9) The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USBC rules.
- 1.91) Electronic Devices–Bowling participants (players) are not permitted to use electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, cameras, etc.) during competition. Coaches are permitted to use electronic devices for the purpose of scorekeeping only.
- 1.92) Protests–There are no protests allowed for regular season and/or OHSAA tournament competition. Scoring errors and other sports regulation disputes must be corrected/resolved before teams depart the competition. A match becomes official when all final scores are agreed upon and/or teams depart the competition.
- 1.93) Use of Foreign Substances–The use of foreign substances applied to bowling balls, bowling shoes, towels, or the use of items that emit a foreign substance, including powder, are prohibited. **EXCEPTION:** The use of approved cleaning agents such as isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol for the purpose of ball cleaning is permissible during competition. Ball polishing machines are not permissible once competition begins. Competition is defined as when scoring

begins. **Penalty:** For each frame bowled, or part of a frame, where a foreign substance has been used, a score of zero shall be assessed.

- 1.94) Altering the Ball Surface—A bowling ball surface may not be altered once competition has started for the remainder of the event. **Competition is defined as when scoring begins.** All bowling balls so altered must be removed from competition. **Penalty:** The altered ball shall be removed from competition and for each frame in which the altered ball was used, a score of zero shall be applied. The frame does not have to have been completed for the score of zero to apply for that frame.

2) Out-of-State Travel

A bowling team may travel out of state to compete in contests, and matches in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance of travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a bowling team may travel out-of-state one time per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time. A bowling team may not travel out of state to practice only. **EXCEPTION:** A school team that utilizes an out-of-state facility as its home facility may practice at that facility.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. **Penalty for violation, including practicing out of state:** The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner’s office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

3) Sponsorship

- 3.1) A school that sponsors girls bowling, with five or more girls participating, shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament competition.

- 3.2) A school that sponsors girls bowling and has less than five girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament. There are no “co-ed” bowling teams. A girl who bowls on a boys team is a permanent member of the boys team that season if the school has a separate girls team for which the student chose not to bowl. Girls on boys teams must continue to participate as a member of the boys team during the regular season. Girls who participate as members of the boys team may only participate in the OHSAA girls tournament if the school sponsors girls bowling, but was unable to field a girls team. Any girl who has bowled with the boys team during the season may choose to continue to participate with the boys team during the OHSAA tournament. No person may bowl in both the boys and girls OHSAA tournament. No girl may go back and forth between a girls and a boys team during the regular season. If a girl first bowls with a boys team and the school sponsored a girls team that has a separate girls schedule, the girl(s) shall be a permanent member of the boys team for that season and shall be excluded from the girls state tournament. **No student may bowl on both a boys and girls team during the same school regular season.**

- 3.3) A school that sponsors boys and girls bowling and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.

- 3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls bowling but has one or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boys team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys tournament competition.

4) Uniforms

All players must wear the same sleeved, bowling shirt which conforms to school/OHSAA regulations. At a minimum the shirt must have the name of the school or school nickname as identified in the *OHSAA School Directory* on the back. The name of the school or school nickname must be at least 1 inch in height. All bowlers must wear the same color pants. No jeans or cotton sweat pants are permitted. If nylon warmups are worn, they must be worn by the entire team and be identical in style and color. Girls are permitted to wear skirts and/or shorts provided the skirts/shorts are of the same color as the pants and are no shorter than the end of the bowler's index finger when standing. Girls uniforms may be mixed. Pants should be worn at waist level and not sag or touch the floor. Cargo, yoga pants, jeggings, leggings, and painter pants (i.e., pants with side pockets) are not permitted. Headbands, if worn, must be of a solid color and bear no markings. Headbands do not need to be the same color for each team member. It is not necessary for all members of a team to wear a headband. Manufacturer logos (Nike, Adidas, etc.) are permitted, on uniforms (not headbands) but not Bowling Center logos. See General Sports Regulations regarding permissibility and size of manufacturer's and other (patriotic) logos. Currently there is no necessity to have a number on an individual bowler's uniform. Conferences/Leagues may have their own requirements.

5) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Sections 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations.

6) Transfer Bylaw

Due to the many questions regarding this bylaw and its application to students desiring to bowl, please go to the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org), click on the "Eligibility" link, then click on the "Transfer Bylaw Resource Center" to assist in the understanding of this bylaw. Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to this bylaw are ineligible for all contests until regular season contest number 13 in bowling.

7) Practice

The host center shall prohibit all open play or practice by team members on the day of the match prior to official team warmups. EXCEPTION: School physical education classes may use the facility for any and all scheduled activity during school hours.

Substitute (bench) players may warm up prior to a match on practice lanes not assigned by the host bowling center as competition lanes. This warmup shall end at the same time as the warmup for those bowlers who will compete in the initial lineup.

Practice is not permitted for any player while that player is participating in a match. This would be unsporting conduct – Penalty: Student would be subject to penalties under 5) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct.

8) Non-Interscholastic Participation

A member of an interscholastic bowling squad (any student who has played in a regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education or similar governing body shall not participate in a non-interscholastic (non-school) contest or event during the school's bowling season (Sports Regulation 7.2.2).

Note: Examples of non-interscholastic bowling contests include, but are not limited to, club or intramural bowling, bowling facility championships, tournaments, leagues (adult and/or youth), charitable events and other events that are organized for the purpose of competition or fundraising.

- 8.1) The **maximum** penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2.2, participation on a non-interscholastic bowling squad, or in a non-interscholastic bowling event; or any

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OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic bowling season or the ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

- 8.2) Interscholastic bowling coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

9) Spectators

Spectators are NOT permitted in the bowling area where team members are seated, nor are spectators permitted to converse with participants once pre-match practice begins. It will be the responsibility of coaches/contestants to caution ANY spectator from talking to or interfering with contestants during competition. Failure to do so may result in a penalty or disqualification of contestants involved.

Bowling team members must remain in the bowling area once a match begins, unless explicitly excused by the coach.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — October 30, 2015.
- 2) First contest — November 13, 2015.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — January 25, 2016.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — January 31, 2016, 2:00 p.m.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — March 5, 2016.
- 6) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 7) Regular season contests — 24 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts. *Regular season tournaments with multiple teams count as one contest (EXCEPTION: A tournament that is designed to run more than one day with "new" matches starting on the following or consecutive days shall count as the same number of matches as days of the tournament). For tournaments that feature only head to head competition between teams rather than field of play competition, each head to head competition shall count as one contest.*
- 8) Rules—United States Bowling Congress (USBC) as modified by OHSAA.
- 9) Officials — No requirements.

SPORTS REGULATIONS

Bowling	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Coaching Begins	10/30	11/4	11/3	11/2	11/1	10/30
Season Begins	11/13	11/18	11/17	11/16	11/15	11/13
Non-Interscholastic Date – Div II	1/11	1/16	1/15	1/14	1/13	1/11
Non-Interscholastic Date – Div I	1/18	1/23	1/22	1/21	1/20	1/18
Sectional – Div II	2/8-2/13#	2/13-2/18#	2/12-2/17#	2/11-2/16#	2/10-2/15#	2/8-2/13#
Sectional – Div I	2/15-2/20#	2/20-2/25#	2/19-2/24#	2/18-2/23#	2/17-2/22#	2/15-2/20#
District – Div II	2/15-2/20	2/20-2/25	2/19-2/24	2/18-2/23	2/17-2/22	2/15-2/20
District – Div I	2/22-2/27	2/27-3/4	2/26-3/3	2/25-3/2	2/24-2/29	2/22-2/27
State – Div II	2/26-2/27	3/3-3/4	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	2/28-2/29	2/26-2/27
State – Div I	3/4-3/5	3/10-3/11	3/9-3/10	3/8-3/9	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6
Season Ends	3/5	3/11	3/10	3/9	3/7	3/6
Easter	3/27	4/16	4/1	4/21	4/12	4/4

#Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date)

Problems Viewing an Online Rules Meeting?

Problems are usually the result of a cache or buffering issue with the user's computer or ISP. Often, going "back" a screen, or allowing the computer to sit for a few minutes and "catch up" will solve the problem.

If problems persist, try the following steps before calling the OHSAA office:

1.) Upgrade Adobe Flash Player here: <http://www.adobe.com/go/getflash>

2.) TRY A DIFFERENT BROWSER LIKE CHROME OR FIREFOX. DISABLE POPUP BLOCKERS

3.) Clear your browser cache. You can do this in Internet Explorer by going to

Tools > Internet Options > General > Temporary Internet Files. Select Delete Cookies and Delete Files

4.) Also in Internet Options, on the Security, Privacy, and Advanced tabs reset everything to its default settings. There is a button on each tab to reset defaults.

5.) In Windows Vista / 7, go to Start > All Programs > Accessories > Run.

In Windows XP, go to Start > Run.

6.) Copy and paste the following line of text (depending on your operating system) into the Run dialog box. Click OK, and delete the entire contents of the window (folder) that opens.

Windows Vista / 7:

"C:\Users\%username%\AppData\Roaming\Macromedia\Flash Player\#SharedObjects"

Windows XP:

"C:\Documents and Settings\%username%\Application Data\Macromedia\Flash Player\#SharedObjects"

7.) Close all browser windows for the changes to take effect, and then test your content again.