



Why Bowling?

1. High School Bowling is an OHSAA-regulated boys and girls interscholastic sport.

In April, 2006 the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Board of Directors unanimously voted to make boys bowling and girls bowling Ohio interscholastic sports. **There are now over 800 high school boys and girls bowling teams in Ohio that compete in 2 divisions!**

2. High School Bowling welcomes every student!

Bowling is a sport without gender or physical limitations. Size, speed, and strength do not preclude **anyone from participating**. **Bowling provides a chance for non-physical students to participate in a non-contact sport activity**. Bowling brings new students into Athletic Department activities and the more students in school sport programs makes the value of school athletics to the community stronger. ***Everyone can learn to bowl!***

3. Bowling is a lifetime activity!

Students have great opportunities today to participate in a wide selection of youth sports activities. Few other sports offer the change to play after a certain age without a high skill level. Bowling does not have a “weeding-out” process. Bowling is a lifetime activity. ***The chance to play is forever.*** Skills learning in high school bowling are applicable long after graduation.

4. High School Bowling can lead to college \$cholarship opportunities!

Over 200 colleges and universities have men’s and women’s bowling teams and many offer full or partial bowling scholarships. Women’s bowling is now an official NCAA sport.

5. High School Bowling is a school budget “bargain”!

- 1. Zero Equipment Costs:** Athletes provide their own equipment (balls, bags, shoes, supplies) or use equipment available at the bowling center at no charge.
- 2. Lower Transportation Costs:** Boys and girls varsity and JV teams compete separately but simultaneously at all matches and many tournaments. This results in fewer busses needed to transport multiple teams to multiple away contests. Less need for separate busses means lower transportation costs.
- 3. Personnel Costs:** School bowling coaches are generally compensated on a similar scale as school coaches in other individual sports (i.e.: golf, tennis, etc.)
- 4. Low Uniform Costs:** A school bowling team uniform consists of a simple polo-type shirt with the school name and/or logo on the back. Such shirts range in price from \$15.00 to \$45.00 based on budgets and selection. At many schools, the shirts are re-used for multiple seasons reducing the annual cost or the athletes purchase and keep their own shirt.
- 5. Zero Officiating Costs:** Paid assignors, referees, or umpires are not used in high school bowling.
- 6. Income Opportunities:** A high school bowling match is an exciting, fast-paced event to watch and, as an indoor winter sport activity that operates in a controlled environment, can generate gate income. This is especially true at tournaments where thousands of dollars is often generated from gate admission, t-shirt sales, raffles, etc.

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