

BOWLING 2016-2017

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 each respective level/division 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 school 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 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 and determine who bowls the 9th frame first. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame.

b. **Individual**—ties for advancement/awards 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. Each team will bowl a 9th and 10th frame roll-off on the same lane in which the Baker game was bowled. The team shall continue to bowl on the same lane until the tie is broken. The same coin toss procedure for team ties shall apply.

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.

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- 1.4) Lineups – A coach may change his/her team lineup (order of bowling) prior to the start of any game.
- 1.41) 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).**
- 1.5) 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.
- 1.6) The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USBC rules.
- 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.

2) 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.

- 2.1) The **maximum** consequence for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2.2, participation on a non-interscholastic bowling squad, or in a non-interscholastic bowling event; or any 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.
- 2.2) 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.

Date: Division II – January 16, 2017; Division I – January 23, 2017

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.

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2.3) 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.

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. **Note: 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) Penalties

4.1) A school team/individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA tournament. A school team that participates in a regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA tournament.

The maximum penalty for any individual EXCEPT a senior who violates the non-inter-scholastic rule by participating in a non-school bowling contest(s) or event while a member of the school team 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. An Individual who bowls on or after the non-interscholastic date on a non-school team or in a non-school event, including a fundraiser, *shall be ineligible for the OHSAA tournament.*

5) Transfer Bylaw—

While all questions regarding the transfer bylaw should be addressed to the appropriate school administrator, please be advised that all students who are not eligible for immediate participation in bowling pursuant to the transfer bylaw (4-7-2), remain ineligible until regular season contest #13 in bowling.

6) Other Bylaws and Regulations

For information regarding uniforms, use of foreign substances, altering the ball surface, out of state travel, spectators, and the OHSAA ejection policy, etc. please refer to the OHSAA Bowling Coaches Manual located on the Bowling Page on the OHSAA website, www.ohsaa.org. The bowling page can be found under the Sports link.

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In addition, information regarding the ejection policy for coaches and players can be found in Sections 13 and 14 of the OHSAA General Sports Regulations, which are in this Handbook and posted at www.ohsaa.org.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — November 4, 2016.
- 2) First contest — November 18, 2016.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — January 30, 2017.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — February 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
- 5) Season end — March 11, 2017.
- 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.

Bowling	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Coaching Begins	11/4	11/3	11/2	11/1	10/30	11/5
Season Begins	11/18	11/17	11/16	11/15	11/13	11/19
Non-Interscholastic Date – Div II	1/16	1/15	1/14	1/13	1/11	1/17
Non-Interscholastic Date – Div I	1/23	1/22	1/21	1/20	1/18	1/24
Sectional – Div II	2/12-2/19#	2/11-2/18#	2/10-2/17#	2/9-2/16#	2/7-2/14#	2/13-2/20#
Sectional – Div I	2/19-2/26#	2/18-2/25#	2/17-2/24#	2/16-2/23#	2/14-2/21#	2/20-2/27#
District – Div II	2/19-2/26	2/18-2/25	2/17-2/24	2/16-2/23	2/14-2/21	2/20-2/27
District – Div I	2/26-3/5	2/25-3/4	2/24-3/3	2/23-3/1	2/21-2/28	2/27-3/6
State – Div II	3/3-3/4	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	2/28-2/29	2/26-2/27	3/4-3/5
State – Div I	3/10-3/11	3/9-3/10	3/8-3/9	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6	3/11-3/12
Season Ends	3/11	3/10	3/9	3/7	3/6	3/12
Easter	4/16	4/1	4/21	4/12	4/4	4/17

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