

# 4 things your bowlers & their parents **MUST** know about Ohio High School Bowling.

You are encouraged to re-print and discuss/distribute to parents & bowlers)

## **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.

**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.

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 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Practice**

Open play or practice by team members on the day of the match in the center in which the match will be conducted prior to official team warmups is prohibited. Penalty: the bowler(s) is ineligible to participate in the match in that center that day.

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## **Comment**

While all OHSAA bowling and general sport regulations apply, these 4 rules are especially important for bowlers and parents to know. Every year, the violation of these 4 regulations causes heartache and embarrassment for players and the school. Coaches with good lines of communication with bowlers and parents regarding the rules of our sport seldom experience the anguish of violation penalties. ***It is strongly recommended by your Coaches Association that you discuss these and all OHSAA bowling regulations with bowlers AND parents prior to the start of the season.***

**NOTE: You will find OHSAA bowling regulations and your coaches manual (which has additional bowling regulations) posted on ohsb.org and ohsaa.org.**

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