



2016-2017

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, **AS WELL AS ENHANCED REGULATIONS THAT INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**. Also, you will find information on the rules interpretation meetings scheduled for the 2016-17 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 make sure you complete an attendance card in order get credit for the face-to-face meeting that you attend. If you coach both the boy's team and the girl's team, please indicate this at the face to face meeting you attend. You will need to attend only one meeting or complete an online meeting. If you fail to complete an attendance card, you may not get credit for attending the meeting. Again, you will need to indicate if you are both the boys and girls coach. Online meetings will be available by October 5, 2016.** 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 Playing Rules can be found at www.bowl.com/rules. ***OHSAA rules and regulations take precedence over USBC rules in those areas where the rules may differ.***

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 16, 2017 for Division II. The non-interscholastic date for Division I is January 23, 2017.** 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 November 4, 2016. Regular season competition begins November 18, 2016. **Scrimmages are NOT permitted. The contest limitation for bowling is 24 matches.** A match with

multiple teams bowling at one time, where the match starts at the same time and is not a series of dual matches, is considered to be one contest toward the 24 match season limitation. 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 30, 2017** 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 31, 2017**. Beginning **January 31, 2017** there will be a \$150.00 penalty to enter the tournament.

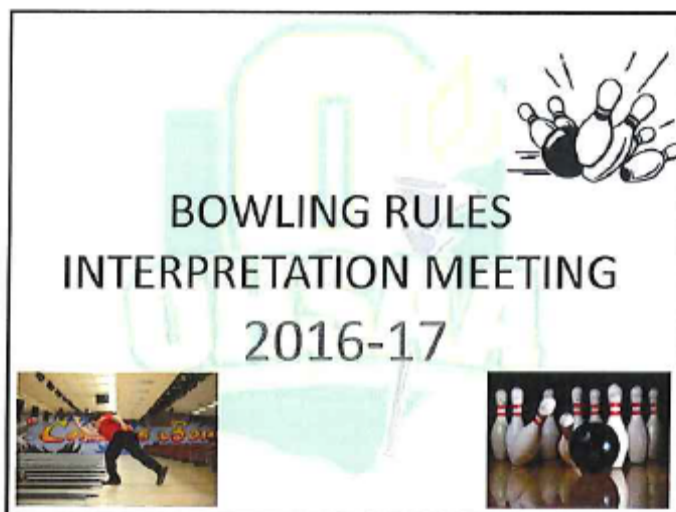
In regard to the OHSAA practice regulation which refers to open play and/or practicing at the host center, the coach and/or bowlers shall be most responsible for adhering to this regulation.

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 5, 2016**

**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 9, 2016**
Online Meeting with late penalty will occur from November 10, 2016 to November 28, 2016.



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 9, 2016. 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 the OHSAA website, www.ohsaa.org You may also seek verification by calling 614-267-2502 after 12:00 Noon.

CALENDAR

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
September 14, 2016 4:00 P.M.	Columbus Square Bowling Palace 5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus 43231	Julie Wells
October 11, 2016 7:15 P.M.	Lakota West High School, Room 200 Upstairs 8940 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester, 45069	Gregory Coulles
October 12, 2016 7:15 P.M.	Heritage Christian School, Auditorium 2107 6 th Street SW, Canton, 44706	Fran Miller
October 25, 2016 7:15 P.M.	Al-Mar Lanes 1010 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, 43402	Bob Black

*Rules meetings updated 9/7/16

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IMPORTANT DATES

2016-17 OHSAA BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING CALENDAR	
November 4, 2016	First Day of Coaching , Tryouts, and Instruction
November 18, 2016	First Regular Season Contest Permitted
January 16, 2017	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted- <i>DIVISION II</i>
January 23, 2017	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted- <i>DIVISION I</i>
January 30, 2017	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament- Without Penalty
February 5, 2017	Tournament Draw/Seed Meeting Date. <u>Meeting at 2:00 p.m.</u>
February 12-19, 2017	# Sectional Tournaments- <i>DIVISION II</i>
February 19-26, 2017	# Sectional Tournaments- <i>Division I</i>
<i>February 19-26, 2017</i>	District Tournaments- <i>DIVISION II</i>
<i>February 26-March 5, 2017</i>	District Tournaments- <i>DIVISION I</i>
March 3, 2017	Girls State Tournament- <i>Division II</i>
March 4, 2017	Boys State Tournament- <i>Division II</i>
<u>March 10, 2017</u>	<u>Girls State Tournament- Division I</u>
<u>March 11 2017</u>	<u>Boys 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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**RespectSM
THE
GAME**

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" alongside 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 2016-17 bowling season is **January 16, 2017 for teams/individuals assigned to Division II.** The non-interscholastic date is **January 23, 2017 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 for the ensuing school season. 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 30, 2017. **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 30, 2017 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 team 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.* **Matches with multiple teams count as one match/contest provided the teams commence bowling at the same time and the matches are not head to head matches between teams, but rather field of play. These matches have but one "winner."** Teams then vie for second place, third place, etc. A match with multiple teams that do not bowl head to head is but one match toward the 24 match season limitation just as a track meet with multiple teams is one meet.

Q. Have some dates for the 2016-17 bowling season been established?

A. Yes. Coaching/tryouts may begin on November 4, 2016. Regular season competition begins on November 18, 2016. The non-interscholastic participation date FOR **DIVISION II** is January 16, 2017. The sectional tournament FOR DIVISION II will run from February 12 - February 19, 2017. The district tournament FOR DIVISION II will be held the following week. The DIVISION II GIRLS State Bowling Tournament will be MARCH 3, 2017. The BOYS State Bowling Tournament is scheduled for MARCH 4, 2017.

FOR **DIVISION I** the non-interscholastic date is January 23, 2017. The Sectional Tournaments are scheduled for February 19-26, 2017 and the District Tournaments are scheduled for February 26-March 5, 2017. The DIVISION I GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017. THE DIVISION I BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11, 2017.

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, leggings, and painter pants are not permitted. **Please refer to the OHSAA bowling uniform regulations 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.bowl ohio.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

SPORTSMANSHIP

- GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SHOULD BE A PRIORITY IN ALL SCHOOL COMPETITION. **COMPETITORS ARE FRIENDLY RIVALS OF OPPOSING TEAMS.**
- ROOTING/CHEERING FOR YOUR SCHOOL TEAM AT THE TIME YOUR SCHOOL TEAM IS ON THE APPROACH AND READY TO BOWL IS APPROPRIATE.
- ROOTING/CHEERING LOUDLY WHILE YOUR OPPONENT IS ON THE APPROACH PREPARING TO BOWL IS NOT APPROPRIATE. NOR IS IMPEDING A BOWLER'S ABILITY TO GET TO HIS/HER BOWLING BALL AND TO THEIR POSITION ON THE LANE
- THE OHSAA OFFICE HAS RECEIVED MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT 'UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR' AT BOWLING EVENTS.

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SPORTSMANSHIP-CONTINUED

- MAKE **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**
A PRIORITY

**It is your responsibility as a coach
to model and teach good
sporting behavior**

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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 USBF 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)



OHSAA ENHANCED/EXPANDED SPORTS REGULATIONS- BOWLING

The information below is being provided as a supplement to the Bowling Sports Regulations provided on the OHSAA website. **THESE REGULATIONS, WHICH ARE TO BE ADHERED TO... ARE IN ADDITION TO THE CONDENSED VERSION THAT APPEARS ON THE WEBSITE.**

The Bowling Regulations indicated below provide a *more exhaustive review* of the regulations affecting interscholastic bowling and you should read and review these regulations so that you have a better understanding of the OHSAA regulations that affect high school bowling in Ohio.

I bring the following items to your attention because of the issues we have had with things such as students playing in both a varsity and non-varsity games simultaneously (not permitted) and issues with uniform requirements and foreign substances, etc.

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, or school initials must be at a minimum 1 inch in height. The provision that a school team may also wear a bowling shirt that includes only school initials...* means those initials must be prominently displayed:



All bowlers must wear the same color pants. No jeans (of any color) or cotton sweat pants are permitted. If nylon warm-ups 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. Girl's uniforms may be mixed. Pants shall be worn at waist level and not sag or touch the floor. **Cargo, yoga pants, jeggings, leggings, zebra/zubaz, and painter pants (i.e., pants with side pockets that typically go down the leg) are not permitted.** Headbands, if worn, must be of a solid color and bear no markings, other than the school name, school official nickname or official mascot depiction. **Headbands may not bear the student's name or nickname.** *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. **Hair ribbons are permitted. Hats are not permitted nor are bandanas of any type.** Manufacturer logos (Nike, Adidas, etc.) are permitted on uniforms (not headbands), but not Bowling Center Logos or sponsor logos. Currently there is no necessity to have a number on an individual bowler's uniform. Conferences/Leagues may have their own requirements.

These Zebra/Zubra pants are not permitted!!!



LINEUPS:

While it is permissible for a coach to change his/her team lineup (order of bowling) prior to the start of any game, it is **NOT PERMISSIBLE** for a student to participate in a varsity and non-varsity match at the same time. **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).** Each bowling match in which a student participates shall count as one match toward the regular season contest limitation of 24 matches.

USE OF FOREIGN SUBSTANCES:

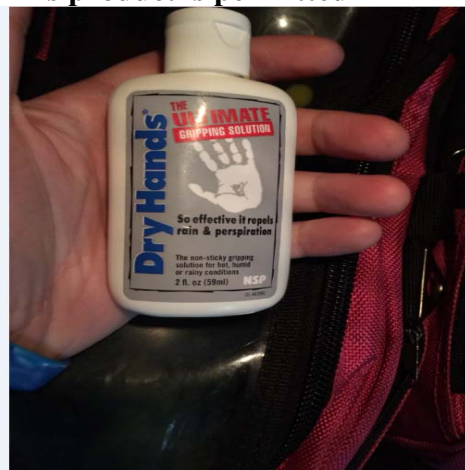
The use of foreign substances applied to bowling balls, bowling shoes, towels, or the use of items **THAT ARE MANUFACTURED** to emit a foreign substance, including powder are prohibited.

Examples of prohibited foreign substances include, but are not limited to, rosin bags and E-Z Slide (Easy Slide). See exceptions below:

EXCEPTIONS: PUFF BALLS NOT MANUFACTURED TO EMIT A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE ARE PERMITTED. THE USE OF APPROVED CLEANING AGENTS, SUCH AS ISOPROPYL (RUBBING) ALCOHOL FOR PURPOSE OF BALL CLEANING IS PERMITTED DURING COMPETITION

Competition is defined as when scoring begins.

This product is permitted



Altering the Ball Surface:

A bowling ball surface may not be altered once competition begins and no alterations to the surface can be made for the remainder of the contest. All bowling balls altered once competition has begun (i.e. scoring has started) *shall be removed from competition.*

PENALTIES FOR THE USE OF FOREIGN SUBSTANCES/ALTERING THE BALL SURFACE:

- Use of Foreign Substance Penalty- For each frame bowled, or part of a frame bowled, a score of zero shall be assessed for the frame
- Altering the Ball Surface Penalty- The altered ball shall be removed from competition and for each frame bowled or part of a frame bowled, a score of zero shall be assessed for the frame.

PRACTICE:

Practice and open bowling shall be prohibited at the host center on the day of the match prior to official team warm-ups. It is the responsibility of the school coaching staff to enforce this prohibition, not the proprietor.

PENALTY: THE STUDENT IS INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SCHOOL MATCH IN THAT CENTER ON THAT DAY. IF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN A MATCH(ES) THE MATCH (ES) SHALL BE FORFEITED.

EXCEPTION: A student enrolled in a physical education class that meets at the bowling center does not violate this prohibition if participating at the center as part of the class requirement.

SPECTATORS:

Spectators are not permitted in the bowling pit area, where team members are seated (or standing). Spectators are not permitted to converse with participants during once pre-match official practice begins. Conversely, interscholastic bowlers are not permitted to converse with spectators while in the bowling competition area. **COACHES are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers.**

NOISEMAKERS/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Noisemakers are not permitted during OHSA interscholastic contests, including tournaments. Alcohol and illegal drugs are also prohibited. School banners/pennants, shakers, balloons, etc. are not permitted at contests among member schools. Fatheads, including those with photos, are also prohibited.

BOWLING CENTERS DEPEND ON REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES...BE RESPECTFUL OF BOWLING CENTER POLICIES REGARDING ‘OUTSIDE FOOD/BEVERAGES.’

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

See your athletic administrator regarding this regulation.

BOWLING BALLS PERMITTED:

FOR SAFETY PURPOSES AND BECAUSE OF FACILITY SIZE/CAPACITY, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT BOWLERS RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF BOWLING BALLS BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY AT ONE TIME TO FIVE (5) PER BOWLER. THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE NCAA POLICY. WITH THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS THERE EXISTS A SAFETY ISSUE WHEN BOWLERS BRING IN AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF BALL BAGS AND BOWLING BALLS.

PLEASE LIMIT EACH OF YOUR BOWLERS TO FIVE BOWLING BALLS AND ONE 3 BALL ROLLER BAG AND 1, 2 BALL TOTE. AT THE OHSAA POST SEASON TOURNMENT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN THE RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF BALLS AND TOTES PER BOWLER. OF COURSE, A BOWLER IS PERMITTED TO BRING FEWER BALLS/TOTES.

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.