



2020-2021 Bowling Manual For Coaches*



***COACHES: NOTE THE UNIFORM REGULATON CHANGE from last school season: BLACK BOTTOMS ONLY**

PLEASE NOTE THAT MATERIAL IN THIS MANUAL IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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***CHANGE FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR-APPROVED CLEANING AGENTS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR. CHANGE FROM USBC RULE IMPLEMENTED 2019-20.**

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RE: OHSAA Bowling Regulations and Related Materials



ITEMS/REGULATIONS IN THIS MANUAL SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 AND/OR HEALTH ORDERS

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 rule interpretation meetings scheduled for the 2020-21 season. There will be NO face-to-face rules meetings for which you will receive 'credit' 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.** One of the most significant changes for last school bowling season (19-20) was in regard to uniforms. **Participants must wear all black bottoms only. The uniform regulations are included in this manual. This school season will, undoubtedly, be a year like no other. Keep in constant communication with your athletic director regarding safety measures related to bowling practice and competition.**

It is mandatory that each school that sponsors bowling have an appropriate representative view the online rules interpretation meeting. The head varsity coach, assistant coach, or an athletic administrator from each school that sponsors a bowling team may view the meeting. The online meeting should be viewed by the head coach (assistant coaches are welcome to view as well). **Completion of a meeting is required in order to be eligible to enter the OHSAA sponsored bowling tournament. If you coach both the boy's team and the girl's team, you will receive credit for both sports teams by viewing the meeting once. Online bowling meetings will be available on October 14, 2020.** If a school has a separate coach for the boy's team and the girl's team, each respective coach must complete the online meeting.

The USBC 2020-2021 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. **OHSAA regulations take precedence over USBC rules where the rules may differ.** The USBC 2020-2021 Playing Rules can be found at www.bowl.com/rules.

The number of participants permitted on a bowling team for OHSAA tournament purposes during this pandemic is currently six (6) team members, five of whom may participate at any given time. This is also the number of participants currently permitted on a team during any one contest for the 2020-2021 school season. More students may be "rostered" but only six may be in uniform and in the bowling area during an interscholastic contest. For the 2020-21 school year. **Participants in interscholastic bowling cannot participate in a non-interscholastic event while bowling on a school-sponsored team, without receiving an approved waiver** There are **two divisions in girls and boys bowling, BUT THERE IS NOW JUST ONE NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC DATE. The non-interscholastic date for bowling is January 18, 2021.** 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, unless the student receives an approved waiver from the OHSAA's Executive Director's Office. **No waiver will be approved for non-school competition that occurs on or after January 25, 2021.**

A student may receive no more than two waivers per season. The non-interscholastic date is January 18, 2021, thus any student who has yet to join the school team, or any student on the school team that bowls on or after January 18, 2021...who has bowled on or after this date without an approved waiver, shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA bowling tournament. The non-interscholastic rule is explained in more detail in the manual.

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 which participated in the 2019 sectional tournament. If fewer than five bowlers participated, the school was not considered to have a 'team' in regard to the tournament representation. *Note the bowling calendar in this manual reflecting the two divisions and the respective tournament dates.*

Please be reminded that coaching and instruction in bowling begins October 30, 2020. Regular season competition begins November 13, 2020. **Scrimmages are NOT permitted. The regular season contest limitation for bowling is 24 contests.** A contest with multiple teams bowling at one time, where the contest starts at the same time and is not a series of dual contests, is considered to be one contest toward the 24 regular season limitation. Please refer to the bowling regulations regarding tournaments and regular season contest 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. NEW AS OF THE 2017-18 SCHOOL SEASON IS COMPETITION IS PERMITTED BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.**

THIS COMPETITION IS PERMITTED ONLY WHEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (OHSAA) ISSUES A WAIVER PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION OCCURRING. SUCH CONTESTS SHALL COUNT IN THE 24- CONTEST SEASON LIMITATION FOR BOTH TEAMS.

You should print and keep a copy of this manual. Check with your school's athletic director to see if he/she has 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 or an individual bowler(s) 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, 2021** 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 26, 2021**. Beginning **January 26, 2021** 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. Bowling proprietors are not charged with enforcing OHSAA bowling regulations, responsibility lies with member school coaches and administrators.

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 Wednesday, October 14th.

***Meeting will be available on your myOHSAA page beginning at 9am. Please speak with your athletic administrator to set up your myOHSAA page if you do not currently have myOHSAA access.**

Online Rules Meeting Must be Completed by November 13, 2020
Online Meeting with late penalty will occur from November 14, 2020 to January 25, 2021.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to *serve our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students.*

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 complete an online rules meeting. Any school failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for OHSAA sponsored tournament competition. **Online meetings must be completed by Monday, January xx at 11:59 pm. After this date, there will be a \$50.00 late fee for the online meeting.**

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LET'S KEEP STUDENTS BOWLING FOR SCHOOL TEAMS DURING THE 2020-21 SCHOOL SEASON. BELOW IS A LINK TO THE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES ON THE OHSAA WEBPAGE. THESE UPDATES AS IT RELATES TO THE PANDEMIC ARE SENT TO MEMBER SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS AND SUPERINTENDENTS:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondence>

IMPORTANT DATES

2020-2021 OHSAA BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING CALENDAR	
October 30, 2020	First Day of Coaching, Tryouts, and Instruction
November 13, 2020	First Regular Season Contest Permitted
January 18, 2021	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted- <i>WITHOUT AN APPROVED WAIVER</i>
January 25, 2021	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament- Without Penalty
January 31, 2021	Tournament Draw/Seed Meeting Date. <u>Meeting at 2:00 p.m.</u>
February 7-14#, 2021	# Sectional Tournaments- DIVISION II
February 14-21#, 2021	# Sectional Tournaments- DIVISION I
<i>February 14-21, 2021</i>	District Tournaments- DIVISION II
<i>February 21- February 28, 2021</i>	District Tournaments- DIVISION I
February 26, 2021	Girls State Tournament- Division II
February 27, 2021	Boys State Tournament- Division II
<u>March 5, 2021</u>	<u>Girls State Tournament- Division I</u>
<u>March 6, 2021</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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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, a member of a school team may not continue to bowl in a league. However, with an approved waiver a student may bowl in a charity, scholarship, USBC, or special event. 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 unless a waiver has been approved by the Executive Director's Office prior to the event taking place. **Once a member of a school-sponsored team begins his/her season by participating in a contest, non-interscholastic competition is no longer permitted without receiving an approved waiver for an event.** Pre-bowling is also not permitted, such as showing up prior to league play to bowl, 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 UNLESS the student has received a waiver prior to participation in the event. No waivers will be approved for competition that occurs on or after January 25, 2021.**

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 generally 42 days prior to the Monday of the OHSAA state tournament for that sport. When there is more than one division in a sport, such as with bowling, the non-interscholastic date may coincide with the date for DI participants so as to have but one date. **The non-interscholastic participation date established for the 2020-21 bowling season is January 18, 2021 for all teams/ individuals.** 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 the non-interscholastic date. There is a process whereby a student may request a waiver through the athletic director to participate in a non-interscholastic event after this date. This is indicated in the OHSAA bowling sports regulations. 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, unless a pre-approved waiver has been obtained. It is not the intention of the OHSAA to grant a waiver to permit a student to continue to bowl non-interscholastically and join the team at the last possible moment in order to participate in the OHSAA bowling tournament. The waiver process is intended to permit those who join the school team an opportunity to participate in a non-school event, such as the Pepsi Tournament, a mother-son, father-daughter tournament, charity event, etc. without losing eligibility.*

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, sub varsity, 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 on or near 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 25, 2021. **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, 2021 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. Bylaw 9 also addresses Out of State Travel Regulations. A school team (and varsity and non-varsity teams in regard to Bylaw 9 are considered one school team) MAY miss school time to travel to a non-bordering state one time per school season (one trip only) if permitted by the school district/system. The permissibility to miss school time is new for the 2020-21 school year.

Q. What will constitute an official regular season match?

A. A regular season contest 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 contest. Regular season contests 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 contests 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 contests 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. **Contests with multiple teams count as one contest provided the teams commence bowling at the same time and the contests/matches are not head to head contest/ matches between teams, but rather field of play. These contests have but one "winner." Teams then vie for second place, third place, etc.** A contest with multiple teams that do not bowl head to head is but one contest toward the 24-contest season limitation just as a track meet with multiple teams is one meet/contest.

Q. Have some dates for the 2020-21 bowling season been established?

A. **Yes.** Coaching/tryouts may begin on October 30, 2020. Regular season competition begins on November 13, 2020. The non-interscholastic participation date FOR **BOTH DIVISION I AND DIVISION II** is January 18, 2021. The sectional tournament FOR **DIVISION II** will run from February 7 - February 14, 2021. The district tournament FOR **DIVISION II** will be held the following week. The **DIVISION II GIRLS** State Bowling Tournament will be February 26, 2021. The **BOYS DII** State Bowling Tournament is scheduled for February 27, 2021.

FOR **DIVISION I** the non-interscholastic date is ALSO January 18, 2021. The Sectional Tournaments are scheduled for February 14-21, 2021 and the District Tournaments are scheduled for February 21- February 28, 2021. The **DIVISION I GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT** IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021. THE **DIVISION I BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT** IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021.

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 required as is a relatively new requirement, *Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training*. 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. **Note: The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training that MUST be completed annually.**

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? Uniform Information-**Black bottoms only**

A. Bowling is a relatively inexpensive sport. Team members must wear the same sleeved, bowling shirt, which conforms to school/OHSAA regulations. All male student participants must wear **Black pants**. However, girls are permitted to wear skirts/shorts and/or pants provided **the skirts/shorts and pants are Black**. Girl's uniforms can be mixed. 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 General 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.bowloho.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 on OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity:

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**



WHILE WE WANT SCHOOL TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS TO EXHIBIT GOOD SPORTING BEHAVIOR, FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR WE WANT TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS TO PRACTICE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. NO HANDSHAKES BETWEEN SCHOOL TEAMS OR HIGH FIVES. BOWLERS SHOULD KEEP PERSONAL HAND SANITIZER IN THEIR POSSESSION.

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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NOTE THE BOWLING REGULATIONS BELOW WERE ADOPTED MONTHS AGO AND AS THE LANDSCAPE OF INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS CONTINUES TO CHANGE IN LIGHT OF THE PANEMIC, THE REGULATIONS BELOW ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

3. BOWLING – BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) All high school bowling matches shall be played utilizing USBC rules which may be modified in accordance with 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 without prior permission of the OHSAA Executive Director's Office. All contests count in the 24 contest 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 a regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA tournament.
- 1.23) Competition is permitted between boys bowling teams and girls bowling teams on a case by case basis. This competition is permitted only when the Executive Director's Office issues a waiver prior to the competition occurring. *Such contests shall count toward the 24-contest season limitation.*
- Note:** Bowling regulation 3.0 prohibits students from bowling as a member of a boys team and a girls team during a season.
- 1.24) Any scheduled regular season contest which *does not start* shall be deemed a no-contest and shall not count in the win-loss record or season limitation. Any contest that does start and is interrupted for any reason beyond the control of the responsible parties, *if resumed*, shall be resumed from the point of interruption. If the contest is interrupted and not resumed, and a winner cannot be determined, the contest shall not count in the season limitation.
- 1.25) Tiebreakers
- 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.
 - Individual**—ties for advancement/awards in contests that provide for individual advancement/awards 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.
 - 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 member will bowl a 9th and 10th frame roll-off on the same lane in which the Baker game was bowled. The team member shall continue to bowl on the same lane until the tie is broken. The winner of a coin toss shall determine who bowls first.
- 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 at the time the contest commences shall not be permitted to participate in the 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. Such practice would be considered a "contest".
- Exception: The day prior to a school's participation in the OHSAA state tournament series it is permissible for individuals/teams to practice on the same lane at the tournament facility.
- 1.4) Lineups – A coach may change his/her team lineup (order of bowling) prior to the start of any game. Eligible

Bowlers who arrive late may be added to the lineup.

1.4) 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 regular 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 that day 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 pin count of either player when determining advancement/awards in respect to matches/tournaments. Conferences may establish their own regulations to determine a student’s bowling average. Total pin count determines a team’s standing in regular season/tournament contests. **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. See Bowling Regulation 1.24.

1.6) The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and appropriate USBC rules.

1.7) School Representative – No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by a properly certified school coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body.

1.8) Uniforms- All participants 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, school nickname as identified in the OHSAA School Directory, school mascot logo, or school initials on the back. If only the school initial(s) is on the uniform, it must be prominently displayed. The name of the school or school nickname must be at least 1 inch in height. **All participants must wear black pants/bottoms.** No jeans or cotton sweat pants are permitted. If warmups are worn, they must be worn by the entire team and be identical in style. Girls are permitted to wear skirts and/or shorts provided the skirts/shorts are **black** and are no shorter than the end of the bowler’s index finger when standing. Girls uniforms may be mixed (e.g. pants, skirts and/or shorts).

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 multiple side pockets down the leg) are not permitted. Headbands, if worn, must be a solid color and bear no markings, other than the school name, or official nickname, or mascot logo. Headbands do not need to be the same color for each team member. It is not necessary for each team member to wear a headband. Hair ribbons on girls are permitted. Hats are not permitted nor are bandanas of any type. *Bowling Center logos are not permitted on any part of the uniform.* Manufacturer’s logos (Nike, Adidas, etc.) are permitted on uniforms, not headbands. See General Sports Regulations regarding permissibility and size of manufacturer’s and other (patriotic/memorial) logos. The OHSAA does not require a uniform to have a number. Conferences may have their own requirements but may not conflict with OHSAA uniform requirements.

Note: Refer to the Coach’s Manual for additional information regarding headgear/headwraps.

1.9) Electronic Devices may be used for coaching and scoring purposes only during an OHSAA contest. OHSAA Media Regulations require written consent prior to videotaping one’s opponents.

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.

EXCEPTION: A student, who has participated for the school team this season, may participate in two non-interscholastic contests/events as an individual participant provided the participation does not violate any coach’s, school, or school district/system policy. Each contest/event shall have a clearly defined start and end date, not to exceed one-week (7 days) for each respective contest/event. In addition, for the contest/event to be considered a permissible event, all participation must be scheduled on consecutive days. A waiver from the Executive Director’s Office is required **PRIOR** to a student’s participation in a non-interscholastic contest/event once a student has participated for the school team. **NO** waiver will be granted for participation that occurs on or after January 25, 2021. Any student who participates in a non-interscholastic contest/event on or after the non-interscholastic date indicated below, without receiving an OHSAA approved waiver, shall not be eligible for the OHSAA postseason bowling tournament. In addition to this denial of participation, other penalties may be prescribed. This exception may not be used to grant school ‘teams’ additional contests, **NOR MAY IT BE USED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY LEAGUE.**

2.1) The **maximum** consequence for violation of Bowling Regulation 2, and/or Sports Regulation 7.2.2, partic-

icipation 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 ineligible 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) **Bowling Participants Who Have Not Participated For The School Team This Season** – 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 prior to the non-interscholastic date indicated below to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition in bowling. Thus, a student who wishes to join the school team “late” AND participate in the OHSAA state tournament must join the school team and stop non-interscholastic participation in bowling by the date indicated below. Once a member of the school team (the student has participated in a school contest), the student is subject to bowling regulation 2. Any student who participates on or after the non-interscholastic date without receiving an OHSAA approved waiver shall not be eligible to participate in the OHSAA bowling tournament. In addition to this denial of participation, other penalties may be prescribed. The non-interscholastic date is:

Date: **January 18, 2021** No non-Interscholastic competition permitted on or after this date without an approved waiver granted by the OHSAA Executive Director’s Office.

- 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

NOTE: No student may bowl on both a boys team and a girls team during the same school season.

- 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 team 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 that competes interscholastically 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 at any time during the season. 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) that bowls on the boys team 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.** No boy may bowl on a girls team. A boys team that has less than five (5) bowlers shall permit members of the boys team to participate in the OHSAA boys tournament as individuals. No student may bowl in both the boys and the girls OHSAA tournament.
- 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. A school representative must be present during all contests.
- 3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls bowling and has indicated it will not enter the girl’s postseason tournament, 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/individual 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-interscholastic rule by participating in a non-school bowling contest(s) or event while a member of the school team (without an approved waiver) may be ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic bowling season or the ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty may 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, if the participation is not approved through the waiver process. **The non-interscholastic date and the last date for which a waiver may be granted are not the same date.** The non-interscholastic date is **January 18, 2021.**

A school team/individual that violates the out of state travel restriction (Bylaw 9-2-1) shall also be removed from the OHSAA postseason tournament.

5) Transfer Bylaw

BOWLING 2020-2021

While all questions regarding the transfer bylaw should be addressed to the appropriate school administrator, information regarding the transfer bylaw can be found on the OHSAA website at this link, <http://www.ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer>. Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to the transfer bylaw, and who participated in high school bowling within 12 months of the transfer date, are ineligible for all regular season contests, scrimmages, and the OHSAA postseason tournament *beginning with varsity regular season contest #13*.

6) Other Bylaws and Regulations

For additional 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/Portals/0/Sports/Bowling/BowlingCoachesManual.pdf.

The Bowling Coaches Manual includes more complete and detailed rules information, including information about upcoming USBC changes regarding the elimination of balance holes in bowling balls and the use of towels as cleaning agents.

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 the OHSAA Handbook and posted at OHSAA.org.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 9-12

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — **October 30, 2020.**
- 2) First contest — **November 13, 2020.**
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — **January 25, 2021.**
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — **January 31, 2021, 2:00 p.m.**
- 5) Season ends — **March 6, 2021.**
- 6) Scrimmages — None permitted.
- 7) Regular season contests — 24 for team and individual and *each interscholastic contest counts*, (see bowling regulation 1.24). 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	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	10/30	11/5	11/4
Season Begins	11/13	11/19	11/18
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/18	1/24	1/23
Sectional - Div II	2/7-2/14#	2/13-2/20#	2/12-2/19#
Sectional - Div I	2/14-2/21#	2/20-2/27#	2/19-2/26#
District - Div II	2/14-2/21	2/20-2/27	2/19-2/26
District - Div I	2/21-2/28	2/27-3/6	2/26-3/5
State - Div II	2/26-2/27	3/4-3/5	3/3-3/4
State - Div I	3/5-3/6	3/11-3/12	3/10-3/11
Season Ends	3/6	3/12	3/11
Easter	4/4	4/17	4/9

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



BOWLING REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19. ALL CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS---CONSULT WITH YOUR ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR.

OHSAA EXPANDED SPORTS REGULATIONS-BOWLING

The information below is being provided as a supplement to the Bowling Sports Regulations provided on the OHSAA website and included in this manual.

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 on bowling balls, etc.

NEW AS OF THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR:

Competition is permitted, during the regular season, between boys bowling teams and girls bowling teams on a case by case basis. This competition must be approved by the Executive Director's Office prior to any such competition.



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 BLACK pants (see the exception regarding the wearing of pants for girls). **No jeans (of any color) or cotton sweat pants are permitted.** If warm-ups are worn (not cotton, draw string warmups), they must be worn by the entire team and be identical in style and the bottoms must be **BLACK**. Girls are permitted to wear skirts and/or shorts provided the skirts/shorts are **BLACK**, 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 (e.g. shorts, skirts, or pants). The **Black** 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 symbol. **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, or symbols that do not represent a bowling ball or the school mascot or nickname. 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!!!



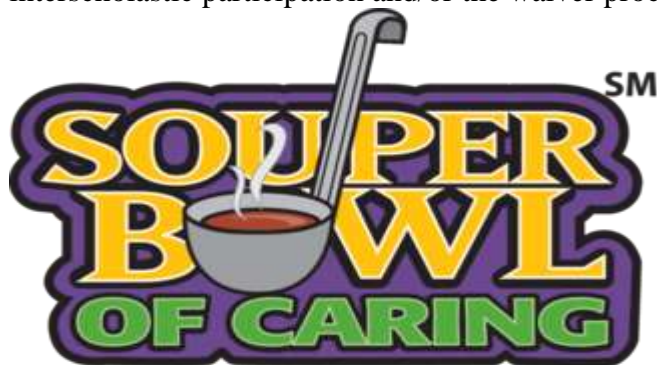
NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC (NON-SCHOOL) COMPETITION

It is best to advise students that once the student becomes a member of the school team by participating in a school contest, the student may no longer participate in non-interscholastic bowling. That is the general rule. For the 2020-21 school year the OHSAA will permit a student who has bowled for the school team to bowl in *up to two non-school events PROVIDED that a pre-approved waiver is obtained from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.* This waiver, which is posted on the OHSAA Bowling Page on our website (www.ohsaa.org) must be obtained **PRIOR** to the scheduled event. There are established parameters for this non-interscholastic competition.

The non-interscholastic participation cannot violate any coach's, school, or school district policy. Each contest/event shall have a clearly defined start and end date, not to exceed one week (7 days) for each respective contest/event. The event must be scheduled to conclude within one week and must be a singular event (e.g. Pepsi Challenge, school fundraiser, charity event). NO WAIVER will be granted for a non-interscholastic event when participation occurs *on or after* January 25, 2021.

*This modification of the non-interscholastic rule is not intended to permit a student to continue to bowl in non-school events and join the school team on January 25, 2021. A student who has not joined the school team will not be granted a waiver to continue to bowl on or after the non-interscholastic date (January 18, 2021), as the OHSAA supports high school bowling. Students have always been permitted to bowl non-interscholastically up till the non-interscholastic date (**not on** the non-interscholastic date) **and then** join the school team. This is not to extend the date on which a student can join the team, but to provide an opportunity for students to bowl with the school team and still be able to participate in two non-school events...with an approved waiver. **A student who bowls on or after the non-interscholastic date, without receiving the proper approved waiver SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHSAA BOWLING TOURNAMENT. THE NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC DATE IS JANUARY 18, 2021.***

ALL WAIVER REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. NO COACH, PARENT, OR STUDENT MAY SUBMIT A WAIVER FOR APPROVAL. Please reach out to me via email, rprice@ohsaa.org if you have questions regarding non-interscholastic participation and/or the waiver process.



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-SA](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/) STUDENTS MAY BOWL IN A CHARITY EVENT AFTER JOINING THE SCHOOL TEAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WAIVER PROCESS. The waiver is available on the OHSAA website, www.ohsaa.org, on the Bowling page. A sample is included in this manual. The waiver must be submitted by the AD or principal of the student's school.



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**2020-2021 WAIVER REQUEST
Bowling Non-Interscholastic Rule***

Please complete and return to Roxanne Price at rprice@ohsaa.org

OHSAA regulations permit schools to request a waiver of General Sports Regulation 7.2.2 – Participating on Non-School Teams. The waiver, permitting non-interscholastic participation during the school season once a student has participated on the school team, may be granted up to two times per school season. Each waiver is good for one event. To be considered one event, all play in the event must have an established start and end date not to exceed 7 consecutive days. **No waivers will be granted for events taking place ON or after January 25, 2021. This waiver request must be submitted by a school administrator. NO waivers from a coach, student, or student’s parent(s) will be acknowledged. Students may not request a waiver in order to participate in a bowling league. While the waiver is intended for single/ individual (not team) bowling events, waivers will be considered for dual bowling events such as father- daughter, mother-son events.**

Name of Member School Making Request: _____

Name of Student Making Request: _____ Grade: _____

1st Request 2nd Request (check one)

Name of Non-Interscholastic Event: _____

Location of Event (City, State): _____

Date(s) of Event: _____

Head Coach’s Name: _____ Email: _____

Athletic Director’s Name: _____

Email: _____

Athletic Director’s Signature: _____

Email request to rprice@ohsaa.org or Fax to 614-267-1677 Attn: Roxanne Price (email preferred).

Office Use Only:

Approval By: _____ Date: _____

Signature of OHSAA Administrator

*This request does not waive bowling regulation 2.0, which prohibits a student from participating in the OHSAA Bowling Tournament if that student continues to participate ***on or after*** the established non-interscholastic date ***prior*** to participating on the school team. **Any participation on or after the non-interscholastic date (January 18, 2021), in the absence of receiving an approved waiver, shall prohibit the student from participation in the OHSAA Bowling Tournament(s).**

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 contest at the same time. The contest in which the student first competes (non-varsity or varsity) must have concluded prior to the student bowling in the next contest (non-varsity or varsity). Each bowling contest in which a student participates shall count as one contest toward the regular season contest limitation of 24 match

CHANGE FOR 2020-21 DUE TO PANDEMIC

- **FOR THIS, THE 2020-21 SCHOOL SEASON, NO MORE THAN SIX (6) BOWLERS MAY BE IN UNIFORM AND IN THE PARTICIPANT AREA DURING A SCHOOL CONTEST.**
- **YOU MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE MORE THAN SIX BOWLERS ON YOUR TEAM ROSTER, BUT NO MORE THAN SIX MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONTEST.**

A STUDENT WHO BOWLS BOTH VARSITY AND NON-VARSITY MUST HAVE COMPLETED ONE BOWLING CONTEST (VARSITY OR NON-VARSITY) BEFORE BOWLING THE OTHER CONTEST. A STUDENT MAY NOT BOWL SIMULTANEOUSLY IN TWO CONTESTS



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. NOTE: USBC HAD IMPLEMENTED A CHANGE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2019, PERMITTING ONLY A DRY TOWEL TO BE USED TO CLEAN BOWLING BALLS DURING COMPETITION. THIS REGULATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THE 2020-21 BOWLING SEASON DUE TO COVID-19. For

school year 2020-21 it is PERMITTED TO USE AN APPROVED CLEANING AGENT.

Competition is defined as when scoring begins.

ALL BOWLERS SHOULD KEEP PERSONAL SIZE HAND SANITIZER WITH THEM DURING COMPETITION

The product below is CURRENTLY permitted WHEN APPLIED TO A BOWLERS HANDS TO REDUCE MOISTURE.



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.*

USBC SETS NEW SPECIFICATIONS FOR BOWLING BALLS

USBC is eliminating the use of balance holes effective August 1, 2020. Balance holes (weight holes) will no longer be permitted by USBC or the OHSAA effective August 1, 2020. With the elimination of balance holes, bowlers may have up to five (5) holes for gripping purposes and ALL GRIPPING HOLES MUST BE USED ON DELIVERY (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2020).

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 CONTEST IN THAT CENTER ON THAT DAY. IF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN A CONTEST(S) THE CONTEST (S) 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.** Coaches should caution those spectators who follow their respective team as to this prohibition.

BOWLING CENTERS MUST ADHERE TO LOCAL AND STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT MANDATES WHEN IT COMES TO THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS/INDIVIDUALS PERMITTED IN BOWLING CENTERS DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

NOISEMAKERS/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Noisemakers are not permitted during OHSAA interscholastic contests, including tournaments. **Tournament managers are permitted to determine what constitutes a noisemaker.** Alcohol and illegal drugs are also prohibited.

School banners/pennants, shakers, balloons, Fans with photos, 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. ADHERE TO THESE POLICIES!

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

School teams/individuals representing school teams, may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic sport season to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada *that are not contiguous to Ohio*

IRRESPECTIVE OF THE LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME... provided the school district/system permits such travel. "School time is defined as any time during any day which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. **Penalty for violation:** If the school team/individual travels more than one time (more than one trip) to a non-contiguous state and misses school time (more than once) ... **The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA post season tournament.** See your athletic administrator regarding missing school time. This one-time permissibility in regard to missing school to travel to a non-bordering state is new for the 2020-2021 school year.

BOWLING BALL REQUIREMENT (CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19) FOR SAFETY PURPOSES AND BECAUSE OF FACILITY SIZE/CAPACITY, BOWLERS ARE RESTRICTED TO BRINGING THREE (3) BOWLING BALLS INTO THE BOWLING FACILITY. PRE-COVID... WITH THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS THERE EXISTED A SAFETY ISSUE WHEN BOWLERS BRING IN AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF BALL BAGS AND BOWLING BALLS. BOWLERS SHOULD BRING THE BALLS IN ONE THREE BALL TOTE.

THIS RESTRICTION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF BOWLING BALLS BROUGHT INTO THE BOWLING CENTER WILL ALSO EXTEND TO THE OHSAA TOURNAMENT. OF COURSE BOWLERS CAN BRING IN FEWER BOWLING BALLS.

COACHES ARE TO ENSURE THAT BOWLERS ADHERE TO THE BOWLING BALL/BAG POLICY.

AT THE OHSAA TOURNAMENT(S), WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO FURTHER LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BOWLING BALLS AND BOWLING BAGS. THE BOARD ADOPTED TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE OHSAA WEBPAGE IN OCTOBER. THE OHSAA IS TRYING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A 2020-21 BOWLING SEASON!!!





NEW AS OF THE 2017-18, and thereafter---SCHOOL CONTESTS MUST BE UNDER THE DIRECT SPONSORSHIP OF A MEMBER SCHOOL.

BYLAW 1-2-1

ALL PRACTICES, GAMES, PREVIEWS AND OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS SHALL BE UNDER THE DIRECT SPONSORSHIP AND SUPERVISION OF THE SCHOOLS INVOLVED AND SHALL BE THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SUCH SCHOOLS.

What is means to be under the financial responsibility of such schools is that a school coach/administrator must be aware of the financial transactions associated with an event and to whom revenues are being distributed.

BYLAW 3-2-1

SECTION 2. School's Responsibility When Hosting A Contest

3-2-1 The host school has the responsibility to ensure that a contest or event is administered in a manner which emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic athletics. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) who disrupts the educational goals of the contest or event.

Likewise, the host school is ultimately responsible for the safety of all participants (players, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.) in the interscholastic contest immediately before, during and immediately after each contest or event. Therefore, the host school shall appoint a site director/manager or administrator-in-charge for every contest or event. The host school shall ensure that the site director/manager or administrator-in-charge is aware of the school's emergency action plan and how to adjust it to meet the needs of the particular contest or event.

Included in the emergency action plan shall be procedures to deal with emergencies, crowd management and health and safety protections. The plan shall also include procedures to ensure that unauthorized personnel are kept from the playing field; to provide safety and security for the visiting team(s), their spectators and the contest officials, and to provide safety and security for parking areas related to the contest or event.

Penalties for violation of this bylaw shall be imposed by the Executive Director’s Office as specified in Bylaw 11.

What it means for a bowling event/match/contest/tournament to be under the direct sponsorship of a school—the school’s responsibility... is that a school coach and/or administrator from a member school must be designated as the “site director/manager” and be aware/knowledgeable of the facility’s emergency management plan. The designated site manager(s) would be responsible for the implementation of the emergency action plan. This would include knowing the location of the AED and protocol for contacting EMS. It also includes any evacuation procedures. The ‘site manager’ will ensure the safety of all participants, which includes crowd management. **SOLUTION; Assign as site director/manager a school/coach or administrator whose school team utilizes the facility!**

The school coach and/or administrator will also be responsible for the administration of the plan to deal with unruly fans.



Regarding bowling contests being under the direct supervision of a member school, I would advise that a member school coach/administrator of a school that utilizes the facility be assigned as the site director/manager for contests held in that respective bowling facility.



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