

### 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) 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.
- b. **Individual-ties** for advancement/awards and/or placement on brackets in individual competition will be broken based on the high 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 each respective 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. The team tiebreaker procedure (see a. above) shall be utilized in the event of a tie.

- 1.3) A team will field five (5) players at a time in all contests. A maximum of eight (8) eligible student-athletes are permitted on the roster for OHSAA tournaments. The number of individuals listed on the roster during the regular season is not limited, but each roster member must be certified as eligible on the school's eligibility certificate.
- 1.4) 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.
- 1.5) Lineups/Regular Games-The team lineup (order of bowling) for all regular games will remain the same during the match. EXCEPTION: Substitutions (1.6 & 1.61). Penalty: A score of zero shall be assessed for each frame of each player bowling one or more complete frames in the wrong lineup order and a lineup correction must be applied at the point of discovery. If discovered at the completion of the game, a score of zero (0) shall be assessed for each player who bowled in the wrong lineup order for the entire game.
  - 1.51) Baker Games-A coach may change his team lineup (order of bowling) prior to the start of any Baker game.
  - 1.52) 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 the number of regular season matches for the varsity team. Bowling a frame or any part of a frame, in any game shall constitute a match. Scrimmages are exempt from this match count. No player may compete on a school varsity and school non-varsity team simultaneously during a meet/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).

- 1.6) Substitutions-A coach may substitute a player prior to the start of any regular or Baker game. However, once removed from the lineup the removed player(s) may not re-enter play until the start of the next regular game or Baker game. A player removed prior to the start of any game 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. **EXCEPTION:** a coach may substitute a player during any game for disciplinary or injury reasons. The player removed for such reasons by a coach is not permitted to return to the lineup for the remainder of the match and is not permitted to participate in any other match that day. The coach substituting a player under this exception must notify the match scorekeeper and the opposing coach at the time of the substitution and identify the injury or disciplinary situation that has resulted in the substitution. The partial game score bowled 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.

**It is important to note that the team lineup (order of bowling) for all regular games must remain the same during the match. A substitute bowler must enter the lineup in the same order as the bowler being replaced.**

- 1.61) Fill Ball Substitution-A coach may utilize a non-participating team member to throw a fill ball on the third (3rd) ball in the tenth (10th) frame of any regular or Baker game. Use of a non-participating team member for this purpose will not reclassify the fill ball bowler as a roster bowler in the lineup of that game nor will the fill ball bowler result in a violation of regulation 1.6. A non-participating team member may only throw one (1) fill ball in any regular or Baker game. In a regular game, the pin count of the fill ball bowler will count in the average of the regular lineup bowler. A bowler used to throw a regular game fill ball may re-enter the match as a roster player prior to the start of any Baker game.
- 1.7) School Representative-No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by a coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education.
- 1.8) 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.

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 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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- 1.9) The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USBC rules.
- 1.91) Electronic Devices-Bowling participants (coaches and players) are not permitted to use electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, cameras, etc.) during competition.
- 1.92) Protests-There are no protests allowed for regular season and/or OHSAA tournament competition. Scoring errors and other sports regulation disputes must be corrected before teams depart the competition.
- 1.93) Use of Foreign Substances-The use of foreign substances applied to bowling balls, bowling shoes, towels, or the use of foreign substances that emit powder are prohibited. **EXCEPTION:** The use of approved cleaning agents such as isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and ball polishing machines is permissible. Ball polishing and ball cleaning machines may not be used during competition. Competition is defined as when scoring begins.

- 1.94) Altering the Ball Surface-A bowling ball surface may not be altered once competition has started for the remainder of the event. Competition is defined as when scoring begins. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from competition. Penalty: The altered ball shall be removed from competition and for each frame in which the altered ball was used a score of zero shall be applied. The frame does not have to have been completed for the score of zero to apply for that frame.

## 2) Out-of-State Travel

A bowling team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and matches in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a bowling team may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time. A bowling team may not travel out of state only to practice. EXCEPTION: A school team that utilizes an out-of-state facility as its home facility may practice at that facility.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner’s office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

## 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 member of the boys team. 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 sponsored girls bowling, but was unable to field a girls team.
- 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 five 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.) Uniforms**

All players must wear the same sleeved, bowling shirt which conforms to school/OHSAA regulations. At minimum the shirt must have the name of the school or school nickname as identified in the *OHSAA School Directory* on the back. All players must wear the same color pants. No jeans or cotton sweat pants are permitted. If nylon warmups 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. Pants should be worn at waist level and not sag or touch the floor. Cargo and painter pants are not permitted. Manufacturer logos (Nike, Adidas, etc.) are permitted but not Bowling Center logos. See General Sports Regulations regarding permissibility and size of manufacturer's and other (patriotic) logos.

**5) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct**

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations.

**6) Practice**

The host center shall prohibit all open play or practice by team members on the day of the match prior to official team warm-ups. **EXCEPTION:** School physical education classes may use the facility for any and all scheduled activity during school hours.

Substitute (bench) players may warm-up prior to a match on practice lanes not assigned by the host bowling center as competition lanes. This warmup shall end at the same time as the warmup for those bowlers who will compete in the initial lineup.

Practice is not permitted for any player while that player is participating in a match. This would be unsporting conduct.

**7) Non-Interscholastic Participation**

A member of an interscholastic bowling squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, or regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest during the school's bowling season (Sports Regulation 4.4).

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.

7.1) The **maximum** penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 4.4, participation on a non-interscholastic bowling squad, 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.

7.2) 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.

**8) Spectators**

Spectators are **NOT** permitted in the bowling area where team members are seated, nor are spectators permitted to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of coaches/contestants to caution ANY spectator from talking to or interfering with contestants during competition. Failure to do so may result in a penalty or disqualification of contestants involved.

**Bowling team members must remain in the bowling area once a match begins, unless explicitly excused by the coach.**

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin — November 13, 2009.
- 2) First contest — November 20, 2009.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — January 25, 2010.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — January 31, 2010.
- 5) Coaching and Season end — March 6, 2010.
- 6) Scrimmages — Two permitted prior to first contest.
- 7) Regular season contests — 22 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts (with the exception of scrimmages). *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.

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
Coaching Begins	11/13	11/12	11/11	11/9	11/8	11/14
Season Begins	11/20	11/19	11/18	11/16	11/15	11/21
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/18	1/17	1/16	1/14	1/13	1/19
Sectional	2/13-2/21	2/12-2/20	2/11-2/19	2/9-2/17	2/9-2/16	2/14-2/22
District	2/22-2/28	2/21-2/27	2/20-2/26	2/18-2/24	2/17-2/23	2/23-3/1
State	3/5-3/6	3/4-3/5	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	2/28-3/1	3/6-3/7
Season Ends	3/6	3/5	3/3	3/2	3/1	3/7
Easter	4/4	4/24	4/8	3/31	4/20	4/5