

2007 BOWLING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Sectional – District – State

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control. The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Control.

1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The District Athletic Boards organize and conduct Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective Districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Control. The State Tournaments are under the control of the Commissioner's office.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids.

3. DIVISIONS

There will be one Division in the Sectional, District and State Tournaments for Bowling.

4. ENTRIES

The official entry form and eligibility certificate shall be submitted to the manager of the Sectional Tournament to which the school has been assigned by the District Athletic Board by the deadline date established by each DAB.

Sectional managers shall retain all entry forms and eligibility certificates for schools entering the tournament for 42 days following the close of the season. Sectional managers may forward such forms and certificates to the District manager for those teams or individuals advancing.

Each school may enter one girls' team and one boys' team (eight participants per team) provided their names are on the eligibility certificate submitted with the entry form.

*A contestant who starts on a team in a sectional, district or state tournament must continue until that tournament is completed.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Five bowlers compete on a team at the each tournament level. There may be up to eight participants listed on a team's roster. The roster/lineup must be given to the tournament manager prior to the start of tournament play. Substitutions may be made in the Sectional Tournaments according to the general sports regulations for bowling. All participants must be included on the OHSAA eligibility certificate.

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 competition. The maximum number of individual bowlers that may compete in the sectional tournament from *a sponsoring* school is four.

A school that does not sponsor girls bowling but has five or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boy's team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys' tournament competition.

6. SEEDING AND DRAWING FOR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

There will be no mandatory seeding of teams for the purposes of lane assignments or placement into tournament sites. *(See NWDAB Addendum)*

It is the responsibility of each District Athletic Board to determine the number of qualifiers from the sectional tournament to the district tournament. Advancement of teams to the state tournament will be based on a formula that takes into account the number of teams that participate in each of the OHSAA's six districts.

7. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

Bowling matches shall be continuous with no break in play during regular games. There may be a short break between the end of the three regular games in team play and the start of the Baker games. For any lane changes there shall also be a short break in play. Tournament games are meant to be played with minimal interruption. There will be a break in state tournament play prior to the Team Championship rounds.

8. QUALIFIERS

A. Sectional to District Tournament: The District Tournaments will be composed of the qualifiers from the Sectional Tournaments. Each Sectional Tournament will qualify a proportionate number of individual bowlers and teams to the District Tournament. The number of qualifiers from each Sectional Tournament to each District Tournament will depend on the number of Sectional Tournaments held and the number of teams represented. *(See NWDAB Addendum)*

B. District to State Tournament: There will be four District Tournaments. The Southeast District and Bridgeport, Buckeye Local, Martins Ferry, St. John Central and Union Local from the East District will combine with the Central District. Sandy Valley from the East District will combine with the Northeast District. The number of team/individual qualifiers from the District to the State Tournament shall be:

DISTRICT	BOYS	GIRLS
C/E/SE	2	2
E/NE	6	6
NORTHWEST	3	3
SOUTHWEST	5	5
16		16

9. TIEBREAKER

Team: ties for team match total pins and the advancement of teams in tournaments 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 will be repeated until the tie is broken.

Individuals: ties for advancement/awards in individual competition will be broken based on the high game bowled in the series being used to determine advancement/rewards. 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(s)

10. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the Sectional, District or State Tournaments unless accompanied by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by a coach or authorized person will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present during play of their entries.

11. AWARDS

Awards presented at the site of the District or State Tournaments must be approved by the OHSAA.

A. Sectional Tournaments – awards will not be presented.

B. District Tournaments – Team trophies and individual medals will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Medals will be awarded to the district individual champion and runner-up.

C. State Tournament – Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Individual members of championship and runner-up teams and the coach will be presented with medals by the OHSAA. Medals will be awarded to the state individual champion and runner-up.

Note: Additional awards can be ordered through Croton Craft by calling 1-800-947-5521

12. TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

To enter the District Tournament, an individual bowler must first qualify from the Sectional Tournament. Substitutions may not be made for individual bowlers.

All tournaments must be played to a winner.

13. VOLUNTARILY DEFAULTING MATCHES

A player who voluntarily defaults a match, shall not be eligible for further tournament competition.

14. RULES

The United States Bowling Congress Rules as adopted and amended by the OHSAA shall prevail for all tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA unless otherwise noted.

15. FORMAT

The OHSAA bowling tournaments at all levels will consist of individual participants and teams. Those schools with less than five bowlers will enter their participants as individuals. Schools with more than five bowlers will enter the tournament as a team.

- **The Sectional Tournament shall consist of:**

Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and five Baker games. District qualifiers for teams are determined by highest total pin count of all regulation games and Baker games. Individual District qualifiers are determined by the highest total pin count after the three game regulation 10-pin bowling for all participants. The top individuals not on a district qualifying team will advance to the district tournament. The District Athletic Boards determine the number of district qualifiers from each sectional site (see Section 8).

- **The District Tournament shall consist of:**

Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and ten Baker games. State qualifiers for teams are determined by highest total pin count of all regulation games and Baker games. Individual State qualifiers are determined by the highest total pin count after the three games of regulation 10-pin bowling for all participants. The top individuals not on a state qualifying team will advance to the state tournament. The number of qualifiers to the state tournament from each district tournament is outlined in Section 8.

- **The State Tournament shall consist of:** See Section 8 below of the State Tournament regulations.

16. LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

This policy is not applicable to indoor events. Should there be mechanical or other failure, refer to the regulation regarding "interrupted contest." All contests suspended shall be resumed at the point of interruption.

17. INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT

Any OHSAA tournament interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

18. UNIFORMS

Bowlers must wear uniforms that conform to the requirements outlined in the bowling sports regulations in all tournament matches. **Any lettering or pictures on clothing must pertain to the school name or emblem.** Exception – Manufacturer's names or logos are permitted on all bowling uniforms provided

they do not exceed two and one-quarter inches in height. The dress code is to be enforced by the tournament manager. Failure to comply will result in a player being denied the right to participate.

19. STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA Tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played.

Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 12 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

20. PROPERTY DAMAGE

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools.

Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Control will become involved. Student crowd control at the state-sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

21. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District and State Bowling Tournaments. **The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions.** Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District Tournaments and the OHSAA Commissioner for the State Tournaments.

22. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

23. RAFFLES PROHIBITED

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of bowling tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

24. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

25. PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are prohibited: coolers, food or drink purchased outside the contest venue. Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers, noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc. are NOT PERMITTED!

26. SPECTATOR ATTIRE

Shirts/appropriate attire must be worn by all spectators at all OHSAA indoor tournaments.

27. NEWS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations are made directly with the site manager for sectional and district competition.

FIRST ANNUAL GIRLS AND BOYS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

March 2, 2007 – GIRLS; March 3, 2007 - BOYS

Tiki Bowling Lanes, 1521 Tiki Lane, Lancaster 43130

Greg Coulles, Manager

1. REGULATIONS

The regulations for Sectional and District Bowling Tournaments shall apply to the State Bowling Tournament. These regulations are in addition to those listed below.

2. STATE TOURNAMENT MANAGER

The State Bowling Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of The Ohio High School Athletic Association with the cooperation of the proprietor of the assigned bowling center. The State Tournament Manager is Greg Coulles, PO Box 750996, Centerville, OH 45475-0996; P: 937-602-1475; E-mail: niftys300@yahoo.com.

3. COACHES MEETING

There will be a coaches meeting the morning of both the state girls and state boys bowling tournament. The meeting time will be listed in the tournament information that is given to each respective school that earns a trip to the state tournament.

4. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the Sectional, District or State Tournaments unless accompanied by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by a coach or authorized person will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present during play of their entries.

5. ENTRIES

Individual bowlers and teams that qualify from a District Tournament are automatically entered in a State Tournament. The entries certified by the principal to the Sectional Tournament manager are forwarded to the state tournament manager along with each school's eligibility certificate. Additional information may be requested for the state tournament.

6. EQUIPMENT

Bowling participants are permitted to house four balls only in the bowling area, if no safety issues exist.

7. SEEDING: STATE

There will be no mandatory seeding of teams in the state bowling tournament.

8. FORMAT

Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling. The top two individuals with the highest total pin count following the three games of 10-pin bowling will be the state champion and runner-up. See Section 9 for tie-breaker procedures.

In addition, the top eight teams with the highest total pin count following the three games of regulation 10-pin bowling competition will compete for the team state championship. These teams will be seeded 1 through 8 based on the order of finish following the three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and will compete in head to head competition in a best of five Baker game format. The head to head competition will continue until a champion and runner-up is determined.

See the state tournament team bracket on next page:

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 2, 2007 – Girls State Bowling Tournament-Tiki Lanes, Lancaster. Match begins at 11:00 A.M. Check in and registration begins at 9:30 A.M. All times are approximate

Saturday, March 3, 2007 – Boys State Bowling Tournament-Tiki Lanes, Lancaster. Match begins at 11:00 A.M. Check in and registration begins at 9:30 A.M. All times are approximate.

10. ADMISSION

The admission price for each day of the tournament will be \$7.00 per person.

11. RESPONSIBILITY

Transportation, meals and lodging shall be the responsibility of the school or the participants.

12. PASS ADMISSION REGULATION

Individuals - the number of participants plus one

Teams with five bowlers – the number of participants plus one

Teams with six to eight bowlers – the number of participants plus two

For all others it will be paid admission.

13. PASS OUT

Individuals will be permitted to leave and reenter the competition venue if they have the appropriate hand stamp.

14. ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Allowance for state participation will be based on location of the state tournament and the attendance zone of the participating school.

Expenses will be paid for individuals in accordance to the pass admission regulation.

Zone 1: Fairfield - \$12.00

Zone 2: Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Perry, Pickaway - \$12.00

Zone 3: Athens, Coshocton, Delaware, Fayette, Knox, Madison, Morgan, Muskingum, Ross, Union, Vinton - \$17.00

Zone 4: Ashland, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hardin, Highland, Holmes, Jackson, Logan, Marion, Meigs, Morrow, Noble, Pike, Richland, Tuscarawas, Washington - \$27.00

Zone 5: Adams, Allen, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, Hancock, Harrison, Huron, Lawrence, Lorain, Medina, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Scioto, Shelby, Stark, Warren, Wayne, Wyandot - \$32.00

Zone 6: Ashtabula, Butler, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Geauga, Hamilton, Henry, Jefferson, Lake, Lucas, Mahoning, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Summit, Trumbull, Van Wert, Williams, Wood - \$37.00

15. NEWS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing, to the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The fax number is 614-267-1677. All requests should be sent to the attention of Bob Goldring, OHSAA Assistant Commissioner. The deadline for submitting reservations is 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 27. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.