



2020

Bowling Manual

For Tournament Managers



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TOURNAMENT MANAGERS:

WHILE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THIS ENTIRE MANUAL, PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE TOURNAMENT ROSTER AND SCORING INFORMATION BEGINNING ON PAGE 21. IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND AND ADHERE TO THE INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION NEEDED IN A TIMELY FASHION. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT BRENDA MURRAY AT BMURRAY@OHSAA.ORG

ALSO, ENFORCE THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS. IN THE PAST, IT APPEARS THAT STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO PARTICPATE IN SECTIONAL AND/OR DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS WHEN NOT WEARING APPROPRIATE ATTIRE. THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE BOWLING SPORTS REGULATIONS.

THANK YOU!

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TO: OHSAA Bowling Tournament Managers

FROM: Roxanne M. Price, Senior Director of Compliance/Bowling Administrator

RE: Tournament Regulations and Tournament Financial Reports



BOWLING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS - REFER TO WEB SITE AT
www.ohsaa.org AND MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PACKET

This mailing is intended to provide all sectional, district and the state tournament managers with information relative to the OHSAA bowling tournaments. The 2019-2020 Regulations for Boys and Girls Sectional-District-State Tournaments were adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors in October and should be strictly adhered to.

For sectional tournament managers:

Bowling Tournament Participation Form: The statewide scoring system implemented in 2017 is used to determine tournament participation. Managers DO NOT need to complete or submit this information.

OHSAA Eligibility Certificates: DO NOT request this form from participating schools. Effective 2017, these no longer need to be submitted to tournament managers.

- a. We are no longer requesting member school administrators to submit eligibility certificates to tournament managers.
- b. It is the responsibility of the competing school's athletic administrators to ensure that students who compete in the OHSAA bowling tournament are eligible in all respects.

Included in this mailing is a copy of the bowling sports regulations.

The financial reports and instructions for tournament managers can be found on the OHSAA website.

<http://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports>

This manual will only assist you as a tournament manager if you review it! There is information about uniform requirements, which seem to have been an issue at tournaments for several years. Also understand that the number of individual advancers equals the number of teams that advance and that at the tournaments that present awards, the individual award winners (gold, silver medal winners, etc.) *may be those who bowled 'individually' or as part of a team.* All bowlers vie for OHSAA awards.

You May Restrict the number of bowling balls and bowling bags brought into the facility as you deem necessary, especially when safety issues are involved. Sectional tournaments often involve the most bowlers and it may be deemed necessary to restrict the number of bowling balls and bowling bags.

Also, in regard to changes implemented by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) for this school season and subsequent seasons as it relates to the cleaning of a bowling ball once competition begins (defined as when scoring begins), see the OHSAA Expanded Sports Regulations for Bowling included in this manual.

Best wishes for a successful boys and girls bowling tournament.

Thank you for all you do to promote high school bowling in Ohio and for managing an OHSAA post season tournament!

BOWLING BALL INFORMATION SENT TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS:

I want to continue to remind you as tournament managers, you are not responsible for removing any bowling ball from competition UNLESS the bowling ball is in violation of the use of Foreign Substance regulation or Altering Ball Surface regulation. Irrespective of the fact that Mr. Jerry Snodgrass is the current Executive Director, the information below has not changed for this, the 2019-20 school year.

TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators

FROM: Dr. Dan Ross, Executive Director, OHSAA

RE: Update on Bowling Balls in OHSAA Competitions

DATE: November 14, 2014

On November 4, 2014 an email was sent to the principals and athletic administrators of OHSAA member schools that sponsor boys and/or girls bowling. The email addressed bowling balls (and, by extension, towels and bowling bags) that have particular messages/phrases written or inscribed on the balls. While the OHSAA believes that school districts should address any sporting equipment that have words and/or phrases written or inscribed on them that would be deemed inappropriate or unsporting just as you would address inappropriate clothing worn in the classroom, we are going to continue to review bowling balls being manufactured, educate ourselves and the membership, research the extent of the use of these bowling balls and reevaluate the proper way to address the use of these bowling balls in OHSAA competition. Having reviewed a list that includes over 4500 bowling balls, we have found numerous ones to be of a questionable nature. We are particularly concerned with balls that display words and/or phrases that many would consider lewd, profane and/or racially insensitive and could potentially incite violence. Here is a link to examples of words and/or phrases that may not be appropriate on bowling balls: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bw/QUESTIONABLEBOWLINGBALLS.PDF>

For the 2014-15 school bowling season and subsequent seasons, the OHSAA is not going to restrict the use of any bowling ball that meets United States Bowling Congress (USBC) standards.

However, we are making you aware of the situation we described above, are informing you that we may develop restrictions on the use of such balls in the future and highly encourage you to monitor the use of bowling balls that many would deem displaying inappropriate language by your student-athletes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

There currently are no restriction in regard to language on a bowling ball.

Please review the Bowling Sports Regulations and The OHSAA Enhanced/ Expanded Bowling Sports Regulations that follow in this manual.

OHSAA MISSION STATEMENT

To serve our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students.

IMPORTANT DATES

2019- 20 BOWLING TOURNAMENT CALENDAR	
January 20, 2020	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted- <i>DIVISION I & DIVISION II</i>
January 27, 2020	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament w/o penalty
February 2, 2020	Tournament Draw/Seed Meeting Date. <u>Meeting at 2:00 p.m.</u>
February 9- 16, 2020	# Sectional Tournaments- <i>DIVISION II—see statement below</i>
February 16-23, 2020	# Sectional Tournaments- <i>Division I—see statement below</i>
<i>February 16-23, 2020</i>	District Tournaments- <i>DIVISION II</i>
<i>February 23- March 1, 2020</i>	District Tournaments- <i>DIVISION I</i>
February 28, 2020	Boys State Tournament- Division II
February 29, 2020	Girls State Tournament- Division II
<u><i>March 6, 2020</i></u>	<u><i>Boys State Tournament- Division I</i></u>
<u><i>March 7, 2020</i></u>	<u><i>Girls State Tournament- Division I</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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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 match season limitation. **Note:** See Bowling Regulation B.7 for additional tournament information.
 - 1.22) A school team/individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) or participates in regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests shall not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA tournament.
 - 1.23) 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 won-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
 - a. **Team-ties** for team match total pins and the advancement of teams in tournaments and/or the placement of teams on brackets will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off between one player from each team selected by each respective head coach. This roll-off, utilizing the same two players, will be repeated until the tie is broken. For the initial tiebreaker, the winner of a coin toss will select their starting lane and determine who bowls the 9th frame first. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame.
 - b. **Individual-ties** for advancement/awards in 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.
 - c. **Baker Game**—no individual Baker Game shall end in a tie in head-to-head Baker game competition that advances teams on brackets or tournaments. In such situations, the tie will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off between one player from each team selected by each respective head coach. This roll-off, utilizing the same two players will be repeated until the tie is broken. Each team 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 shall not be permitted to participate in a contest.

Note: School teams are not permitted to practice against each other. School teams may practice in the same facility at the same time, but member schools may not “combine” teams to practice simultaneously on the same lanes. 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.

1.41) **Participation Limits**—Players may be moved between varsity and non-varsity teams at the discretion of the coach. The maximum number of matches in which a bowler may participate during the 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.

- 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 27, 2020. 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.

- 2.1) The maximum consequence for violation of Bowling Regulation 2, and/or Sports Regulation 7.2.2, participation on a non-interscholastic bowling squad, or in a non-interscholastic bowling event; or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic bowling season or the ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

- 2.2) 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 20, 2020

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.
- 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 and has indicated it will not enter the girls 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 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 20, 2020.**

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

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.

BOWLING 2019-2020

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 www.ohsaa.org.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — November 1, 2019.
- 2) First contest — November 15, 2019.
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — January 27, 2020.
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting — February 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
- 5) Season ends — March 7, 2020.
- 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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	11/1	10/30	11/5	11/4
Season Begins	11/15	11/13	11/19	11/18
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/20	1/18	1/24	1/23
Sectional — Div II	2/9-2/16#	2/7-2/14#	2/13-2/20#	2/12-2/19#
Sectional — Div I	2/16-2/23#	2/14-2/21#	2/20-2/27#	2/19-2/26#
District — Div II	2/16-2/23	2/14-2/21	2/20-2/27	2/19-2/26
District — Div I	2/23-3/1	2/21-2/28	2/27-3/6	2/26-3/5
State — Div II	2/28-2/29	2/26-2/27	3/4-3/5	3/3-3/4
State — Div I	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6	3/11-3/12	3/10-3/11
Season Ends	3/7	3/6	3/12	3/11
Easter	4/12	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)



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. Some of the information below is not as relevant for tournament managers (such as teams of different genders being able to compete against each other, if prior permission is obtained), but these expanded regulations are included in both the Coaches Manual and the Tournament Manager's Manual. In the OHSAA tournament, only member's of a boys' teams/individuals may compete in the OHSAA boy's tournament, and only girls' teams/individuals may compete against girl's teams.

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.

Coaches/Tournament Managers, 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 contest 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. Competition between boys and girls bowling teams is not permitted during the OHSAA tournament. See the Failure to Appear Policy.



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, school mascot logo, or school initials 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:



These initials are prominently displayed!

All bowlers must wear **BLACK** pants if pants are worn. **No jeans (of any color) or cotton sweat pants of any color are permitted.** If warm-ups are worn (*cotton, draw string warm ups are not permitted*), 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 and *are no shorter than the end of the bowler's index finger when standing*. Girl's uniforms may be mixed. Pants shall be worn at waist level and not sag or touch the floor. **Cargo, yoga pants, jeggings, leggings, zebra/zubaz, and painter pants (i.e., pants with side pockets that typically go down the leg) are not permitted.** Headbands, if worn, must be of a solid color and bear no markings, other than the school name, school official nickname or official mascot 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. Currently there is no necessity to have a number on an individual bowler's uniform. Conferences/Leagues may have their own requirements regarding a number on the uniform.

These Zebra/Zubra pants are not permitted, nor would they be permitted in Black or Black and White. The pants, skirts, and shorts worn must be solid Black.



LINEUPS:

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

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

This is not a concern during the OHSAA tournament as a school may enter only one team of up to 8 bowlers.



USE OF FOREIGN SUBSTANCES:

The use of foreign substances applied to bowling balls, bowling shoes, towels, or the use of items **THAT ARE MANUFACTURED** to emit a foreign substance, including powder are prohibited. **Examples of prohibited foreign substances include, but are not limited to, rosin bags and E-Z Slide (Easy Slide).** See exceptions below:

EXCEPTIONS: PUFF BALLS NOT MANUFACTURED TO EMIT A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE ARE PERMITTED. THE USE OF APPROVED CLEANING AGENTS, SUCH AS ISOPROPYL (RUBBING) ALCOHOL FOR PURPOSE OF BALL CLEANING IS **NO LONGER** PERMITTED DURING COMPETITION.

NOTE: USBC HAS IMPLEMENTED A CHANGE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2019, PERMITTING ONLY A DRY TOWEL TO BE USED TO CLEAN BOWLING BALLS DURING COMPETITION.

While bowling in competition, a bowling ball cannot:

- A. Have the surface altered using an abrasive
- B. Be cleaned with any liquid substance or cleaning agent
- C. Have any foreign material on it including, but not limited to, powder, rosin, marker or paint.

All bowling balls so altered or cleaned must be removed from competition. **NOTE:** Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, a USBC approved cleanser may be used with consent from a contest official or tournament manager. In the absence of a contest or tournament manager, competing head coaches must mutually agree regarding an approved cleanser.

Competition is defined as when scoring begins.

This product is CURRENTLY permitted



Altering the Ball Surface:

A bowling ball surface may not be altered once competition begins and no alterations to the surface can be made for the remainder of the contest. A CONTEST DOES NOT CONCLUDE UNTIL ALL BOWLING HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE CONTEST. BREAKS OCCUR WITHIN A CONTEST...THEY DO NOT CONCLUDE A 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 OHSA 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).

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2019-ONLY A DRY TOWEL MAY BE USED TO CLEAN BOWLING BALLS DURING COMPETITION.

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

- *Use of Foreign Substance Penalty-* For each frame bowled, or part

of a frame bowled, a score of zero shall be assessed for the frame

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

PRACTICE:

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

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

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

SPECTATORS:

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

NOISEMAKERS/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Noisemakers are not permitted during OHSA interscholastic contests, including tournaments. Alcohol and illegal drugs are also prohibited.

School banners/pennants, shakers, balloons, etc. are not permitted at contests among member schools. Fatheads, including those with photos, are also prohibited.

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

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

See your athletic administrator regarding this regulation. NO school time may be missed to travel to practice/compete in a state that does not border Ohio.



BOWLING BALL RECOMMENDATION *(Note that managers of OHSAA tournaments can set requirements as it relates to the number of bowling balls and/or bags that a bowler may bring into the OHSAA tournament facility:*

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

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU LIMIT EACH OF YOUR BOWLERS TO FIVE BOWLING BALLS AND ONE 3 BALL ROLLER BAG AND 1-TWO BALL TOTE (no more than two bags). AT THE OHSAA POST SEASON TOURNAMENT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN THE RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF BALLS AND TOTES PER BOWLER. OF COURSE, A BOWLER IS PERMITTED TO BRING FEWER BALLS/TOTES. THE NUMBER OF BOWLING BALLS AND BAGS PERMITTED PER BOWLER AT OHSAA TOURNAMENTS IS **AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OHSAA TOURNAMENT MANAGER.** **COACHES ARE TO ENSURE THAT BOWLERS ADHERE TO THE BOWLING BALL/BAG POLICY.**

AT THE OHSAA TOURNAMENT, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO FURTHER LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BOWLING BALLS AND BOWLING BAGS. THE BOARD ADOPTED TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS WERE POSTED ON THE OHSAA WEBPAGE IN OCTOBER.



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS –NOTE: SECTIONAL / DISTRICT MANAGERS

Tournament Regulations are available at www.ohsaa.org. On the website, under “Sports & Tournaments” select **Bowling**. The regulations are listed under “Tournament Info” on the left side of the bowling page.

PLEASE NOTE:

The OHSAA wants to emphasize that the tournament regulations and school assignments are published on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org). School assignments to sectional and district tournament sites are made by each respective District Athletic Board.

Supplementary material and forms are included in the managers' packet to assist managers in the operation of the tournament.

1. **All Managers**, complete the financial report on line and send it to the **designated** persons within 10 days after completion of the tournament. Complete all sections and submit to the Treasurer of your District Athletic Board if no other person has been designated to receive the report. Here is the link to the financial report:
<http://www.ohsaa.org/FINANCIAL/REPORTS>
3. The OHSAA office is making a concerted effort to keep records of sectional and district tournaments in all sports. Posting results on the respective district website assists the OHSAA with keeping track of tournament results
4. *District Tournament Managers* - **You will receive state qualifier packets in the second mailing to disseminate to coaches of state qualifying teams and individuals.**
5. Inclement Weather - Occasionally there may be the necessity to interrupt a bowling tournament due to extremely poor driving conditions in the area or across the state. The OHSAA has developed a “**Failure to Appear**” Policy for OHSAA Tournaments. This policy can be found in the 2019-20 Bowling Tournament Regulations. Contact your District Athletic Board for more information.

2020 REGULATIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

2020 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 Directors October 24, 2019.

The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Commissioner, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

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 Directors. 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 two Divisions in the Sectional, District and State Tournaments for Bowling, both boys and girls.

4. ENTRIES

Schools shall transmit all entry information to the manager of the sectional tournament to which the school has been assigned by the District Athletic Board as per the instructions from each respective Board. Member schools wanting to participate in the 2020 OHSAA bowling tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2019-20 OHSAA sport participation form on myOHSAA. Tournament entry confirmation ends January 27, 2020 without penalty.

Each school may enter one girls' team and one boys' team (eight participants per team). Schools without a full team may enter "individual participants" (up to four) provided the school indicated it sponsored boys and/or girls bowling through MyOHSAA

*A contestant who starts on a team in a sectional, district or state tournament must continue until that respective tournament is completed. **Substitutions may be made prior to the start of the next level of the tournament.**

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Five bowlers compete at one time on a team at 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 sports regulations for bowling.

A school that **SPONSORS** girl's bowling, has less than five girls participating and was unable to field a team throughout the season *may permit the girls to participate with the boy's 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 girl's bowling but has girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boy's team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys' tournament competition. No student may enter both the boys and girls state tournament.

6. SEEDING AND DRAWING FOR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Coaches shall be notified when the draw meeting is scheduled so they may be present to help with the draw in the Sectional Tournaments. The current draw date has currently been scheduled for February 2, 2020. **NOTE: The draw/seed meeting is to be held at 2:00 p.m.** There will be no *mandatory* seeding of teams for the purposes of lane assignments or placement into tournament sites.

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 is based on a formula that takes into account the number of school teams that participate in each of the OHSAA's six districts.

7. FAILURE TO APPEAR

When national playing rules do not address failure to appear, the following regulations will apply.

- A. If a team or individual participant fails to appear or is not ready to compete at the time of their scheduled competition, the team or individual participant shall be disqualified and removed from the event or tournament competition.

All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a member of the respective district athletic board and/or the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.

- B. The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff, District Athletic Boards and/or Board of Directors, and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a tournament contest/competition provided it is **practical** to delay or reschedule such contests/competitions.

8. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

Bowling matches shall be continuous with no scheduled 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 may 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.

9. QUALIFIERS

- A. **Sectional to District Tournament:** The District Tournaments will be comprised of the qualifiers from the Sectional Tournaments, **if a separate sectional tournament is held.** 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.

NOTE: In Division I, the East and Southeast Districts will not participate in sectional tournament competition. The two districts will combine for a District Tournament that will be hosted by the East District in 2020 and the Southeast District in 2021. This applies to both boys and girls bowling in Division I.

- B. **District to State Tournament:** There will be **SIX** District Tournaments in **Division II**, one in each respective OHSAA district. There will be **five** District tournaments in Division I (see note above).

The number of team/individual qualifiers from the District to the State Tournament shall be:

DIVISION I

DISTRICT	BOYS	GIRLS
C	3	4
E/SE	1	1
NE	6	5
NW	1	1
SW	5	5

DIVISION II

DISTRICT	BOYS	GIRLS
Central	2	2
E	1	2
SE	2	1
NE	4	4
NW	3	3
SW	4	4

The highlighted numbers represent a change in representation for that respective district since the last enrollment cycle.

10. TIEBREAKER

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 will be repeated, with the same players selected, until the tie is broken. For the initial tiebreaker, the winner of a coin toss will select their starting lane and who bowls first. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame (s).

No Individual Baker game shall end in a tie.

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/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 and who bowls first. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame(s).

Please review the bowling sports regulations outlined in the 2019-20 Bowling Coaches Manual.

11. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

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

12. AWARDS

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

- Sectional Tournaments – awards will not be presented.
- District Tournaments – Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams, and medals will be presented to the participating members of the championship and runner-up teams. Medals will be awarded to the district individual champion and runner-up. **The individual champion and/or runner-up could be a participant on a team or a bowler bowling as an "individual."**
- State Tournament – Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Individual members of championship and runner-up teams and the head coach will be presented with medals by the OHSAA. Medals will be awarded to the state individual champion and runner-up as well as the third, fourth, and fifth place finishers.

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

13. TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

To enter the District Tournament, an individual bowler must first qualify from the Sectional Tournament or qualify to participate in a combined sectional/district tournament. Substitutions may not be made for individual bowlers.

All tournaments must be played to a winner.

14. VOLUNTARILY DEFAULTING MATCHES

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

15. 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.

16. FORMAT

The OHSAA bowling tournaments at all levels will consist of individual participants and teams. The only exception may be the sectional tournament, or a combined sectional/district tournament. It is possible that a sectional tournament, or combined sectional/district tournament, will have only full teams participating. Those schools that sponsor boys and/or girls bowling that have less than five bowlers will enter their participants as individuals at the first level of the tournament. Schools that sponsor boys and/or girls bowling that have more than four 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 six 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 9).

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 six 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 9.

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

17. LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should there be inclement weather, information about the tournament will be posted on the OHSAA website, www.ohsaa.org. You may also contact your tournament manager for updated information.

18. INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT

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. Also refer to the failure to appear policy.

19. 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, school mascot, school emblem, or the student's name.** Exception – Manufacturer's names or logos, and commemorative patches as well as one United States Flag are permitted on all bowling uniforms provided they do not exceed two and one-quarter square inches with no dimension exceeding 2 ¼ inches. **New for this school year is that participating bowlers must wear ALL BLACK bottoms.** 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.

Please refer to the 2019-20 Bowling Regulations for complete text of uniform requirements and other regulations specific to bowling. Keep the coach's manual as well as these tournament regulations with you throughout your tournament.

20. STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA Tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two consecutive tournament contests are played. Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament manager. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

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

21. 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. 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 appropriate District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at the state-sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

22. 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 Executive Director's Office for the State Tournaments.

23. 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.

24. 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 at the conclusion of the tournament(s).

25. 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 OHSAA tournament contest involving OHSAA member schools.

26. PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are prohibited: **coolers, food or drink purchased outside the contest venue.** Signs, including those with participant photos, school banners, pennants, shakers, balloons, flowers, and noisemakers such as horns, bells sirens, drums, etc. are **NOT PERMITTED!** This list of prohibited items is not meant to be exhaustive.

27. SPECTATOR ATTIRE

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

28. NEWS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

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

14th ANNUAL BOYS AND GIRLS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS
DIVISION II – February 28, 2020- BOYS; FEBRUARY 29, 2020- GIRLS
DIVISION I - MARCH 6, 2020 – BOYS; MARCH 7, 2020 - GIRLS
Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207
Greg Coules, Manager-Boys Tournament- DI, DII
Kyle Wilson-Manager-Girls Tournament- DII
Fran Miller-Manager-Girls Tournament-DI

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 Boys State Tournament Manager is Greg Coules; P: 937-602-1475; E-mail: greg300@gmail.com The Girls State Tournament, DII Manager is Kyle Wilson; P: 606-477-5822; E-mail kylewilson@upike.edu . The Girls State Tournament, DI Manager is Fran Miller; 330-559-7895; email franmarkmill@aol.com

3. COACHES MEETING

There will be a coach's meeting the morning of both the state boys and state girls bowling tournament for each respective division. 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 school approved coach or person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by a school 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 the State Tournament.

6. EQUIPMENT

Bowlers will be limited to one 3 ball wheeler bag and one 2 ball tote (or some combination of two bags which hold no more than five bowling balls total). The number of bowling balls per bowler is restricted to five in the facility at one time.

7. SEEDING: STATE

There will be no mandatory seeding of teams that advance from the district tournaments to the state bowling tournament.

8. FORMAT

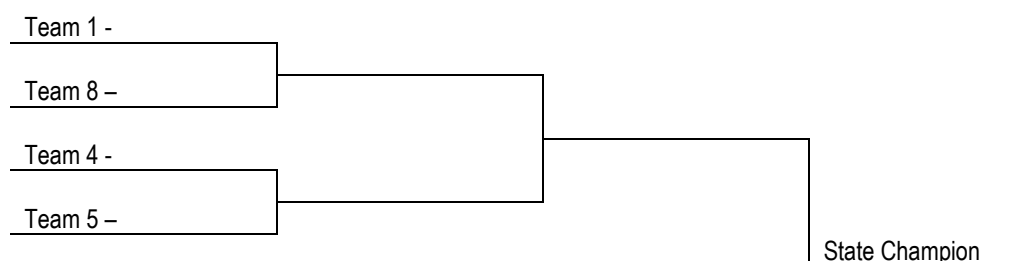
Individual participants will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling totaling all pins during this competition. Teams will bowl three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and three Baker games. The top two individuals with the highest total pin count following the three games of 10-pin bowling will be the state champion and runner-up. The individuals with the third, fourth, and fifth highest total pin count will also receive an award.

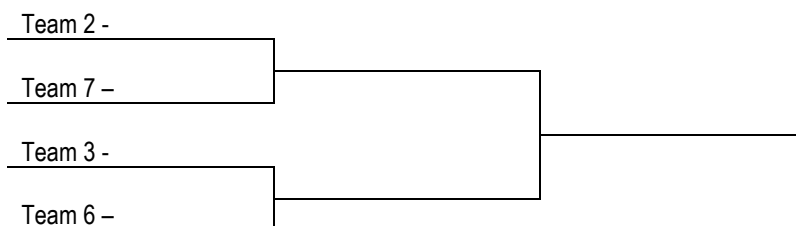
See Section 10 of the previous section for tiebreaker procedures.

In addition, the top eight teams with the highest total pin count following three games of regulation 10-pin bowling and the three Baker game competitions 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 the three Baker games 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 below.

2020 State Tournament Team Championship Bracket





9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DIVISION II

Friday, February 28, 2020– Boys State Bowling Tournament – Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207. **Championship begins at 10:30 A.M.** Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The coaches' meeting is scheduled for 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate

Saturday, February 29, 2020 – Girls State Bowling Tournament - Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207. **Championship begins at 10:30 A.M.** Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The Coaches' Meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate.

DIVISION I

Friday, March 6, 2020 –Boys State Bowling Tournament – Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207. **Championship begins at 10:30 A.M.** Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The coaches' meeting is scheduled for 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate

Saturday, March 7, 2020 –Girls State Bowling Tournament - Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207. **Championship begins at 10:30 A.M.** Check in and registration begins at 8:45 A.M. The Coaches' Meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:45 A.M. All times are approximate.

10. ADMISSION

The admission price for each day of the tournament will be \$8.00 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 coach

Teams with five bowlers – the number of participants plus one coach

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

For all others it will be paid admission. This includes school administrators.

13. PASS OUT

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

14. ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

There will be no financial allowance for the 2020 State Bowling Tournament.

15. NEWS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

There is no official credential application form to submit to the OHSAA for the state bowling tournament and no other advance registration is needed. Media members shall show their company identification (badge or letter from editor/supervisor on station letterhead) for admittance. Media shall sign in and ask tournament personnel to obtain media packet, which contains a credential, release, welcome letter and program.

TOURNAMENT SCORING AND ROSTERS

The OHSAA implemented statewide scoring system for all levels of OHSAA Tournaments. Schools will enter their rosters on OHSAA.org beginning early January 2020. These rosters will be used to produce a pass list for each school and the scoring files to conduct your tournament. The roster/pass list forms and the scoring file will be emailed to each tournament manager a few days in advance of the tournament. Once you receive the rosters and scoring file, follow the instructions below. Immediately following your tournament, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE BOWLING CENTER, email the completed scoring file to Brenda Murray (bmurray@ohsaa.org). The results will be formatted and sent to your respective District Athletic Board for posting on their web sites as soon as the files are received. If your tournament is delayed for any reason, please email Brenda Murray (bmurray@ohsaa.org) and inform her of expected time of finish.

Bowling Tournament Scoring Instructions

1. ROSTERS AND CHECK-IN

- a. **PRINT** the Rosters.doc document. Each page of this document serves as the official roster for each school. One page per school.
- b. The coach must check the roster, make any necessary changes and sign that they have reviewed.

2. ROSTER CHANGES

- a. Check all signed rosters for changes/corrections.
- b. Make ALL changes to the "Enter Scores" tab in the scoring system. This tab is in alpha order by school name.

3. SCORE SHEETS for Regulations Games

- a. Once all roster changes/corrections have been entered, **PRINT** the Score Sheets from the "PRINT - Score Sheets" tab in the scoring system.
- b. Score sheets will print in alpha order by school name.

4. COACHES MEETING

- a. Inform the coaches how to properly complete the score sheet and how to note a substitution in a regulation game.
- b. Returning the score sheet to the official scorer or scoring runner upon completion of each game.
- c. Inform them that they will get a new score sheet for baker games.

5. ENTERING SCORES OF REGULATION GAMES

- a. **FIND** the school (in alpha order) on the "Enter Scores" tab.
- b. **ENTER** the scores of each bowler's regulation games. **DO NOT ENTER TOTALS**. The scoring system will automatically display the totals.
 - i. If a **substitution** is made during a regulation game, enter the score on one of the substitution lines. This will add the score to the team total and **NOT** display on the "Results for All Bowlers".
 - ii. **CHECK** that all scores have been entered, **OPEN** the "Results – Sort Team" tab and look for the word "Error" in any of the first three columns.

6. POSTING SCORES AFTER EACH REGULATION GAME

- a. **OPEN** the "Results – Sort Teams" tab
- b. **SELECT ALL CELLS** - Click the box located to the left of the first column and above the first row
- c. **SORT** the results by **PLACE** (ascending)

7. SCORE SHEETS for Baker Games

- a. **PRINT** the "Print - Score Sheets" tab again. Give the score sheets to the coaches of teams only to use for their Baker Games.

8. ENTERING SCORES OF BAKER GAMES

- a. **FIND** the school (alpha order) in the "Enter Scores" Tab.
- b. **ENTER** the scores of each baker game in the appropriate box. **DO NOT ENTER TOTALS**. The scoring system will automatically calculate and display the totals.
- c. **CHECK FOR MISSING BAKER SCORES**
 - i. **OPEN** the "Results – Sort Teams" and **LOOK** for teams with no Baker scores displaying.

9. DETERMINING RESULTS

- a. **Team Results**
 - i. **OPEN** the "Results – Sort Teams" tab
 - ii. **SELECT ALL CELLS** - Click the box located to the left of the first column and above the first row
 - iii. **SORT** the results by **PLACE** (ascending)
- b. **Individual Results**
 - i. **OPEN** the "Results – Sort All Bowlers" tab

- ii. **SELECT ALL CELLS** - Click the box located to the left of the first column and above the first row
- iii. **SORT** the results by **PLACE** (ascending).
- 10. **PRINT** the “Results-Sort Teams”, “Enter Scores – Teams”, and “Results – Sort Bowlers”
 - a. **MAKE** copies of all results for any media present.
- 11. **EMAIL THE ENTIRE SCORING WORKBOOK TO bmurray@ohsaa.org** from the bowling center immediately after the tournament.

MEDICAL & SAFETY

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES

While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available.
7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling bloody dressings, mouthguards and other articles containing body fluids.

Information on Concussion Management

CONCUSSION REGULATIONS – UPDATED FOR 2013-14

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION – APRIL 26, 2013

Implementation of State Law and NFHS Playing Rules Related to Concussion and Concussed Athletes and Return to Play Protocol

Notwithstanding the leading role that the Ohio High School Athletic Association has played in the area of developing policies concerning concussion prevention, recognition and management, in December of 2012, Ohio’s Governor Kasich signed into law legislation that was passed by Ohio’s 129th General Assembly which incorporated much of what the OHSAA regulations previously mandated. This law adds several aspects to previous OHSAA regulations. Therefore, in order to be fully compliant with this law as signed by our Governor, modifications have been made to OHSAA policy. These modifications are set forth in these updated Concussion Regulations.

It is important for all individuals involved in interscholastic athletics to recognize the potential for catastrophic injury and even death from concussions. Thus, it is extremely important that each coach, administrator, contest official and medical support personnel review their responsibilities in protecting students. Further both students and parents have responsibilities in this area as well.

Note: It has always been the ultimate responsibility of the coaching staff, in all sports, to ensure that students are only put into practice or contests if they are physically capable of performing. However, all individuals involved in the conduct of interscholastic competition have responsibilities in this endeavor.

In January 2011, the OHSAA Board of Directors adopted a sports regulation which incorporated the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) playing rules related to concussion recognition and management. On April 26, 2013, legislation adopted by Ohio's General Assembly on concussion and head injuries in youth sports became effective. On February 14, 2013, the OHSAA Board of Directors mandated that these regulations become effective on April 26, 2013 for the remainder of the spring sports season and thereafter. This OHSAA regulation, as amended to incorporate this recent legislation, now reads:

Any student, while practicing for or competing in an interscholastic contest, who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest by either of the following:

- 1) The individual who is serving as the student's coach during that practice or competition.
- 2) An individual who is serving as a contest official or referee during that practice or competition.

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL

If a student is removed from practice or competition due to a suspected concussion or head injury, the coach or referee who removes the student shall not permit the student, **ON THE SAME DAY THE STUDENT IS REMOVED**, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or contest official is responsible. Thereafter, which means no earlier than the next day, the coach or contest officials shall not permit the student to return to practice or competition until both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) The student's condition is assessed by either of the following:
 - a. A physician, who is a person authorized under Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code (OCR) to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery (M.D. or D.O.)
 - b. Any other licensed health care provider that the school district board of education or other governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school, authorizes to assess the student who has been removed from practice or competition.
- 2) The student receives **written authorization** that it is safe for the student to return to practice or competition from a physician or other licensed health care provider authorized to grant the clearance. Click here <http://ohsaa.org/medicine/AuthorizationToReenter.pdf> to retrieve the OHSAA's Medical Authorization to Return To Play (RTP) form.

A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school may authorize a licensed health care provider who is NOT a PHYSICIAN to make an assessment and grant authorization for a student to return to participation ONLY if the provider is acting in accordance with one of the following as applicable to the provider's authority to practice in Ohio:

- 1) In consultation with a physician;
- 2) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;
- 3) In collaboration with a physician, or
- 4) Under the supervision of a physician.

Note: A physician or other licensed health care provider who makes an assessment or grants clearance for a student to return to participation may be a volunteer.

COACHES REQUIREMENTS

All coaches, paid and volunteer, must possess a current Department of Education-issued Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit. When renewing this permit, the coach will be required to complete an online concussion education course as stipulated in the section entitled **Approved Online Concussion Education Course**. This course is valid for three years and expires at the time the Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit expires. There is a new coaching requirement for the 2017-18 school year. See your Athletic Director.

CONTEST OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

New legislation signed into law by the Governor provides that no school “shall permit” an individual to referee interscholastic athletic contests unless the individual holds a Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or has successfully completed within the last three years a training program in concussion recognition. Therefore, all OHSAA licensed officials shall possess either a current Department of Education-issued Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or **show evidence of completing an approved online concussion education course** as stipulated in the section entitled **Approved Online Concussion Education Courses**. This course is valid for three years from the date of completion.

STUDENT AND PARENT REQUIREMENTS

All students and their parents or legal guardians shall review and sign the “Concussion Information Sheet” which has been developed by the Ohio Department of Health and which shall be distributed by OHSAA member schools to all students and their parents prior to each sports season. Students and parents shall review and sign this form each year and should keep a copy of the form. In addition, parents and students are encouraged to complete an approved concussion education course. The Concussion Information Sheet can be found here:

<http://www.healthyohiprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/Inter%20scholastic%20Concussion%20Form%20-%20ODH%20Revised%202.ashx>

APPROVED ONLINE CONCUSSION EDUCATION COURSES

The following free online training courses have been approved by the Ohio Department of Health for coaches and

CONTEST OFFICIALS:

National Federation of State High School Associations Concussion in Sports - What you Need to Know:

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>

(This free online course is available through the NFHS. Click the “order here” button, and complete a brief registration form to take the course. Follow these steps to complete the course:

1. Click on the button that says, “Please Login to Order.” In the window that appears, click “Register Now.”
2. When your registration is complete, you may “order” the free concussion course offered along the left-hand side of the page. Continue following prompts. Although it may look like you will be charged for the course, there is no cost.
3. Once you've completed “Checkout,” you will be able to take the free online course.
4. When you have completed and passed the course, you have the option of printing a certificate of completion.
5. All Ohio Officials should select this option to print, retain a copy of the certificate and carry it with them to all contests.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports On-Line Training

Program: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html -

PLEASE NOTE: Both courses offer a “certificate of completion” upon successful passage. The NFHS course allows organizations to search for and [track coaches and other individuals such as contest officials who have completed the course](#), while the CDC course does not.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What are the “signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion?”** The National Federation rule lists some of the signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published the following list of signs, symptoms and behaviors that are consistent with a concussion:

SIGNS OBSERVED BY OTHERS	SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appears dazed or stunned • Is confused about assignment • Forgets plays • Is unsure of game, score, or opponent • Moves clumsily • Answers questions slowly • Loses consciousness • Shows behavior or personality changes • Cannot recall events prior to hit • Cannot recall events after hit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache • Nausea • Balance problems or dizziness • Double or fuzzy vision • Sensitivity to light or noise • Feeling sluggish • Feeling foggy or groggy • Concentration or memory problems • Confusion

2. **Who is responsible for administering this rule?**

All individuals who have responsibilities and duties in the interscholastic athletics environment are responsible: coaches, contest officials, administrators, students, parents and medical personnel.

3. **What is the role of coaches in administering this rule?**

- Coaches are to review and know the signs and symptoms of concussion and to prohibit any athlete who displays these signs or symptoms from participating in a practice or a contest.
- Coaches are not medical professionals and have no authority to determine whether or not a student has sustained a concussion. The coach is responsible for insuring that the student’s parents are notified and the student is referred to a medical professional.
- Coaches shall be aware that any student removed from a practice or a contest due to a suspected concussion or head injury **shall not return to participation on the same day as the removal.**
- Coaches shall possess a current Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit and shall take one of the approved online concussion courses upon renewal of the permit.

4. **What is the role of contest officials in administering the rule?**

- Officials are to review and know the signs and symptoms of concussion and to direct immediate removal of any student who displays these signs or symptoms. When informing the head coach about removal of an athlete, the official shall be accompanied by another (second) official if possible.
- An official **shall not permit the athlete who has been removed under this rule to return to competition that same day.**
- If a contest official is aware that a student has been permitted to return to competition on the same day as removal, that official shall immediately stop play and remove that student from competition and report the incident to the OHSAA.
- Note that officials are not medical professionals and have no authority to determine whether or not a student has sustained a concussion. The official is responsible for directing removal when he or she observes signs and symptoms that may indicate a student is concussed.

- All Officials shall possess either a current Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or shall complete one of the online concussion courses which are valid for three years from the date of completion.
- At initial licensure or renewal of the OHSAA officiating permit, the official shall indicate that he or she has either a current Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or has completed one of the approved online concussion courses.
- All officials should carry with them evidence of completion of one of these options at all times while officiating a contest.
- Officials are required to submit to the OHSAA the "OHSAA Concussion Report" within 48 hours whenever a student has been removed from a contest under this regulation.

5. What are the expectations of student-athletes in concussion management?

•While all individuals involved in the interscholastic athletics program have a responsibility to recognize the potential for catastrophic injury and even death from concussions, it is also the responsibility of student-athletes to recognize the signs, symptoms and behaviors consistent with a concussion.

•Student-athletes who exhibit symptoms such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems, have the responsibility to report these immediately to their coach and/or health care professional. Teammates also share the responsibility to report these symptoms when they are exhibited by a fellow student-athlete.

Student-athletes shall review and sign, on an annual basis, along with their parents or legal guardians, the Ohio Department of Health's Concussion Information Sheet found on the OHSAA website and at this link

<http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/Interscholastic%20Concussion%20Form%20-%20ODH%20Revised%202.ashx>

6. Who decides if an athlete has not been concussed and/or who has recovered from a concussion?

• Only an M.D. (Medical Doctor), D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathy), or another health care provider approved by the school's Board of Education or other governing body who is acting in accordance with one of the following as applicable to the provider's authority to practice in Ohio:

- 1) In consultation with a physician;
- 2) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;
- 3) In collaboration with a physician;
- 4) Under the supervision of a physician.

is empowered to make the on-site determination that an athlete has **not** received a concussion.

Even if that determination has been made, however, the student may not return to practice or competition on the same day he/she has been removed from a practice or competition (see No. 7 below).

- If any one of these physicians or authorized medical providers has answered that "yes" there has been a concussion, that decision is final.

7. Can an athlete return to play on the same day as he/she has been removed from a practice or competition for a suspected concussion?

- No, under no circumstances can that athlete return to play that day.
- No coach or contest official shall allow a student to return to practice or to competition on any day after the initial removal until that student has been assessed and cleared for return with **written authorization** by a physician or licensed health care provider authorized by the school.
- If the event continues over multiple days, then the designated event physician has ultimate authority over return to play decisions.

8. **Once the day has concluded, who can issue authorization to return to practice/competition in the sport for a student who has diagnosed with a concussion?**
- Once a concussion has been diagnosed by a physician or other approved health care provider, only a physician or approved provider can authorize subsequent Return To Play (RTP), and such authorization shall be in writing to the administration of the school. This written **RTP authorization shall be kept at the school indefinitely** as a part of that student's permanent record. Click here <http://ohsaa.org/medicine/AuthorizationToReenter.pdf> to access the OHSA "Medical Authorization to Return to Play" Form.
 - School administration shall then notify the coach as to the permission to return to practice or play.
9. **What should be done after the student is cleared by an appropriate health care professional?**
- After a clearance has been issued, the student's actual return to practice and play should follow a graduated protocol.
 - The National Federation of State High School Associations has included the following graduated protocol in its Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion in Sports: (**Note:** This is simply a suggested protocol. The appropriate health care professional who issues the clearance may wish to establish a different graduated protocol.)

NFHS SUGGESTED MEDICAL CLEARANCE RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL

1. No exertional activity until asymptomatic.
2. When the athlete appears clear, begin low-impact activity such as walking, stationary bike, etc.
3. Initiate aerobic activity fundamental to specific sport such as running or skating, and may also begin progressive strength training activities.
4. Begin non-contact skill drills specific to sport such as dribbling, fielding, batting, etc.
5. Full contact in practice setting.
6. Game play/competition.
 - Athlete must remain asymptomatic to progress to the next level. (It is often suggested that an athlete not be allowed to progress more than one level per day.)
 - If symptoms recur, athlete must return to previous level and should be reevaluated by an appropriate health care professional.
 - Medical check should occur before contact. (Final written clearance from the medical professional shall be obtained before the athlete engages in any unrestricted or full contact activity.)

QUICK LINKS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet

<http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/Interscholastic%20Concussion%20Form%20-%20ODH%20Revised%202.ashx>

Online Concussion Management Training - <http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/concussion.aspx#Training>

Ohio's Return to Play Law: Frequently Asked Questions -

<http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20Updated%202513.ashx>

Ohio's Return to Play Law: What Coaches and Referees Need to Know -

<http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/Return%20to%20Play%20-%20What%20Coaches%20Need%20to%20Know%20-%20School%20Sports%20-%20Final.ashx>

Ohio's Return to Play Law: What Parent/Guardians Need to Know - <http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/Return%20to%20Play%20-%20What%20Parents-Guardians%20Need%20to%20Know%20-%20School%20Sports%20-%20Final.ashx>

ADDITIONAL CONCUSSION RESOURCES

Ohio Department of Health, Violence and Injury Prevention Program - Sports/Recreation Traumatic Brain Injuries - <http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/vipp/child/tbi.aspx>

CDC Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports

Nationwide Children's Hospital – Concussion Information Toolkit - <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/concussion-toolkit>

CDC Materials on Returning to School for Parents, School Nurses and Educators - <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/schools.html>

Ohio Legislative Service Commissioner HB 143 Bill Analysis - <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses129/12-hb143-129.pdf>

Brain Injury Association of Ohio – www.biaoh.org

SERVICE ANIMAL INFORMATION

It is the position of the Ohio High School Athletic Association that all individuals, including those with disabilities, shall have access to OHSAAs tournaments and regular season contests conducted by the member schools. This statement is designed to apprise all OHSAAs member schools and tournament managers of the law relating to these accommodations for persons with disabilities and to remind the membership of obligations as it relates to this law.

According to the federal law known as the Americans with Disabilities Act, see complete reference here https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm, **only dogs** are recognized as service animals and are defined as “dogs which are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.” Under this law, as an organization which serves the public, the OHSAAs and its member schools, shall allow these service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of facilities where the public is normally allowed to go.

The service dog must be harnessed, leashed or tethered unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal.

When it is not obvious what service the dog provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff members may ask two questions: 1) **Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?** and 2) **What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?** Staff shall not ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask the dog to demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.

We thank you in advance for making these accommodations for people who have disabilities so that they may fully enjoy the events that are sponsored by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and its member schools. If you have questions, as always, please contact a representative of your District Athletic Board for a sectional or district tournament or the sport administrator on our staff for all other inquiries.

RespectSM THE GAME

The OHSA challenges everyone to take positive steps toward positive sporting behavior. It is the responsibility of each of us to serve as a positive role model and set high expectations for others.

ADMINISTRATORS

Athletic departments are comprehensive, pre-eminent teaching departments with a subject matter all their own: self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, discipline, perseverance, respect for others, strategic thinking, dedication, the importance of rules, and sportsmanship. These are true-life lessons, and participation in athletics provides another forum for learning.

Coaches and Officials are responsible for promoting sportsmanship and positive behavior on the field. Administrators, we need your continued assistance in promoting sportsmanship and controlling fan behavior in the stands! Let the parents and fans know what you expect!

COACHES

Your athletes will demonstrate the attitudes and behaviors they have learned from you, either through direct instruction or through observation of your actions. ***Never underestimate the influence you have on your bowlers!*** You must:

- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Set a good example for players and spectators to follow.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game/tournament officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Develop a program that rewards participants and spectators for displaying proper sportsmanship and enforces penalties on those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

It is difficult to develop a great setter, a great hitter or a great defensive player. However, your greatest challenge is to develop mature young adults who will become great citizens and role models in your community.

OFFICIALS

Your job is not an easy one, but officials must be aware that they are an important component in the educational development of students. To carry out this responsibility, you must:

- Know the rules and mechanics of our sport and the philosophy behind them.
- Get fit and stay fit. An official with all of the rules and mechanics knowledge and people skills in the world does no good if he or she cannot physically keep up with play.
- Maintain professional and ethical relationships with athletic administrators, especially in the area of fulfilling game contracts.
- Work cooperatively with fellow officials during games and within the officials' association to improve members' performances.
- Maintain at all times and when interacting with all participants, an attitude of civility and professionalism.
- Practice effective preventive officiating as much as possible before, during, and after a match. The quiet word, proper signals, timely verbal instructions, a simple thank-you to a player for avoiding an unsporting

act, and well-thought-out pre-game conferences with the teams and other game officials will result in an improvement of sporting conduct by eliminating the chance for things to go wrong.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

You serve as a role model for your younger siblings, young fans in the stands, your teammates, and your classmates. Set high expectations for everyone and help them follow-through! You must:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing your school and the community.
- Live up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the school administration and the coaching staff.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with others. This will assist everyone in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Treat opponents as you would like to be treated.....with respect.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will serve to create a positive impression of you and your team.

CONCLUSION

Good sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. It is the essence of interscholastic athletics. Remember...some may question an official's call or a coach's substitution, but no one can question the value of good sportsmanship.

ONLINE RESOURCES

On our website (www.ohsaa.org – click on “Respect the Game” on the right side of the screen) you will find **Fair Play Codes** for athletes, coaches, and fans, as well as additional information regarding **parents' role in interscholastic athletics**. The Respect the Game site also includes information about the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award and the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions. A direct link can be found by clicking on <http://www.ohsaa.org/RTG/Resources/resources.htm>

Have a great season!