



# THIS WEEK IN BOWLING

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## 2024-25 SEASON DATES

**Nov 15** – Season Begins  
**Nov 15** – Rules Meeting Deadline (without penalty)  
**Jan 20, 2025**– Non-Interscholastic Date  
**Jan 20, 2025** – Rules Meeting Final Deadline (w/ \$50 late fee)

## BOWLING WEBPAGE

Make sure to reference our Bowling webpage on our website [HERE!](#) You will find necessary resources, such as the Bowling Manual, Bowling Regulations and many more!

## RULES INTERPRETERS

Do you have questions about the rules for the sport of bowling? Please make sure to utilize our State Rules Interpreters, Greg Coulles and Jeff Robinson with any bowling rules related questions throughout the season!

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## 2024 BOWLING STATE RULES MEETING (ONLINE)

Per General Sport Regulation 2, all head bowling coaches are required to complete the State Rules Meeting. The Bowling Rules Meeting is available for viewing on FinalForms (available 24/7)—please see the Rules Meeting deadlines below. You **MUST** have a FinalForms account to view the Rules Meeting. Please check with your Athletic Director to make sure that you are listed as the bowling coach. To view the Bowling Rules Meeting, see the following steps:

1. Login to your FinalForms account;
2. Click on **Your Name** in the top right-hand corner and select **My Profile** from the dropdown menu;
3. On your profile page, click the red paper icon in your Sports' row;
4. Click on the video to watch the State Rules Meeting;
5. Once you have completed the video, sign your name at the bottom of the form and click **Submit Form** to earn credit;
6. On your profile page, 'Bowling' should now be green, indicating that the State Rules Meeting as been submitted.

**NOTE:** If you have viewed the Rules Meeting and do not see credit or are the coach for boys and girls and only received credit for one gender, please log back into the video and make sure you signed your name at the bottom.

There is now a \$50 late fee to view the Rules Meeting. **The final deadline of the Bowling Rules Meeting is January 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM.** Beginning at 12:00 AM on January 21, the Bowling Rules Meeting is no longer available and the penalty shall apply. Since the Bowling Rules Meeting is online, the meeting is available for viewing 24/7 until January 20 at 11:59 PM.

The penalty for not viewing the Bowling Rules Meeting by January 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM is **REMOVAL FROM THE POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT.**

## NEW UNIFORM RULE – SHORTS

As addressed in the Bowling Rules Meeting, the Bowling Regulations and the Bowling Manual, shorts are now permitted to be worn by all genders—previously, only girls were permitted to wear shorts. Please see Bowling Regulation 1.92 below:

### 1.92) Uniform Bottoms:

- a. All participants must wear solid black pants/bottoms.
- b. If a participant is wearing a skirt or shorts, they must be black and be no shorter than the end of the bowler's index finger when standing. Uniforms may be mixed (e.g., pants, skirts and/or shorts).
- c. Pants shall be worn at waist level and not sag or touch the floor.
- d. Cargo, yoga pants, jeggings, leggings, zebra/zubaz, and painter pants (i.e. pants with multiple side pockets down the leg) and warmups are not permitted.

The same rules for uniform bottoms should apply to shorts—that means no athletic shorts, sweatpant-type material, warmup shorts, etc.

## NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENT WAIVER FORM

A student-athlete becomes an official member of the school team once they bowl in a match for the school. Once this takes place, a student-athlete is no longer permitted to participate with a non-interscholastic program or team. OHSAA Regulations permit schools to request a waiver of *General Sports Regulation 7.2.2*. The school Athletic Director may submit a waiver permitting a bowler to participate in up to two (2) non-interscholastic events during the school season. The following restrictions apply:

- To be considered one event, all play in the event must have an established start and end date, not to exceed 7 consecutive days. Leagues do not fall into this category and will not be considered.
- No waivers will be granted for events taking place on or after January 20, 2025.
- The waiver must be submitted by the school Athletic Director—waivers submitted by the student-athlete, a parent or coach, will not be considered.
- A bowler may participate in a maximum of two (2) of these events. Additional events will not be considered.

The *2024-25 Non-Interscholastic Waiver Form* can be found on the Bowling webpage—please click [HERE](#) for a direct link. This needs to be submitted to me, Emily Mason, at [emason@ohsaa.org](mailto:emason@ohsaa.org) by the school Athletic Director.

**Please submit the waiver no later than 5 days prior to the event, so our office has enough time to review the waiver request. Bowlers are not permitted to participate in the non-interscholastic event(s) without approval from the OHSAA office through this waiver, so please go ahead and submit these as far in advance as possible! Additionally, keep this in mind for any late December/early January non-interscholastic events, as our office will be closed for the Christmas and New Years holidays.**