



Boys & Girls Bowling- Division 1, Region 1 Friday, March 19th, 2021

Location: Sherman Bowling Center- 1531 West Sherman Blvd, Muskegon, MI 49441

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Schedule:

7:30 am Boys Teams Check-in
8:00 am Boys Coaches Meeting
8:15 am Boys Warmup
8:30 am National Anthem

Boys teams must vacate the bowling center after awards ceremony. Sherman will clean and sanitize between sessions.

11:30 am Girls Teams Check-in
12:00 pm Girls Coaches Meeting
12:15 pm Girls Warmup
12:30 pm National Anthem

Awards ceremony upon completion of bowling.

Lane Fees: Because bowlers will simultaneously compete for team and singles honors, there will be a flat fee for the one session. \$50 per team. Total cost will be \$100 for boys and girls team. Fees should be sent to the Mona Shores Athletic Department @ 1121 Seminole Road, Norton Shores, MI, 49441.

Admission: Due to MDHHS capacity restrictions, only one spectator per participant is allowed. Cost is \$10 per spectator and all tickets are to be purchased electronically through GoFan. Each bowler will be given a unique access code to purchase tickets along with a purchasing link and short videos that explain the process. This information will come via email prior to competition.

Format:

- Teams will have five bowlers and one substitute.
- Each of the five bowlers roll four games. These games count toward Team totals AND for Singles, so you are bowling for both competitions at the same time. There are NO Bakers, and only FIVE bowlers will be attempting to qualify for the Singles Finals.
- The substitute (6th bowler) can be used as normal but if a substitute is used, both the sub and the initial bowler are ineligible to qualify for the Singles Finals.
- In this four-game format, each of the five athletes would bowl four games for a total of 20 games for the Team total

Lane Assignments & Rotation:

- Bowlers from the same team will be bowling together on the same pair. Lane assignments will be released the week of the regional.
- While this will slow down play, it will keep bowlers from being close contacts of bowlers from other teams in the event of a positive case.
- Pairs will not rotate. After the first two games, pairs will swap for the only time that day. For example, 3-4 will go to 7-8 and 7-8 will go to 3-4.

Advancement to MHSAA Finals:

- Team ties will be broken by best team game of the series. Singles ties will be broken by best game of the series.
- The top TWO teams move on to MHSAA Finals. The top TEN Singles move on to MHSAA Finals.
- There will be 12 teams per gender and per division in the MHSAA Finals. There will be 60 bowlers per gender and per division.

Coach Limits: The number of coaches per team will be a **maximum** of to two coaches per gender per school. Please do not add coaches at the regional to meet the maximum.

Bowling Ball Limits: Space between pairs of lanes will be open, so restriction of bowling ball limits is being lifted and increased to **4 balls per participant in the bowling center**. Paddocks will **not** be used.

Concessions: Concessions will be open at Sherman Bowling Center, but **food must be consumed in the eating area**. In the interest of following the mask mandate during bowling, no food will be allowed near the lanes.

Lane Conditions: The Kegel "Allen" pattern will be used.

Late Arrivals: Teams and/or individuals who do not arrive for the scheduled start time will receive a score of zero for each frame missed. Managers may delay the start of an event for legitimate travel problems (weather, accident) if contacted in advance by the school or coach.

Competition Area: Only the bowlers who are in the lineup and are currently competing are allowed in the bowlers seating area. Substitute bowlers should be in a nearby area and ready to enter competition in a timely manner.

Delay, Stalling, and Pace of Play: Bowlers should be standing and ready to bowl when the preceding bowler is completing his/her frame. Intentional stalling or undue delay is considered unsportsmanlike. Bowlers should be warned about such conduct and may be penalized if there are repeated violations.

Parking: There will be ample parking available at Sherman Bowling Center for vehicles and buses.

Playing Rules, Equipment, Specifications: MHSAA regular season and tournament playing rules and equipment regulations will be those of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) as published by the USBC unless otherwise modified by the MHSAA.

Rules: Please review all MHSAA regulations in the Bowling Coaches Manual regarding dress code, coaching restrictions, etc. All USBC playing rules will apply to the competition.

Practice/Warmup: Teams and individuals will be allowed a warm-up period not to exceed 15 minutes.

Protests: There are no protests allowed for regular season and/or MHSAA tournament competition. Scoring errors may be corrected before teams depart the competition.

Practice: Bowlers may practice at Sherman Bowling Center prior to the MHSAA Regional dates during normal open bowling times at normal rates. The MHSAA Regional Oil Pattern will be out on 3/15 and 3/18 from 1pm – 5pm. Cost is \$7 per bowler for 2 hours. Must be off lanes at 5pm for league play. No practice is allowed on days of MHSAA competition.

Sportsmanship/Conduct: Good sportsmanship for players and coaches is a must. Taunting, profanity and intimidating conduct are not allowed. All MHSAA regulations regarding sportsmanship and disqualification penalties as stated in Regulation V, Section 3 will be followed. Players will not be allowed on the approach to congratulate or celebrate the accomplishment of a fellow team member during bowling. Bowlers will not be allowed to enter an adjacent lane approach to celebrate or “run-out” their delivery. Bowlers shall observe traditional bowling courtesy for bowlers on adjacent lanes. Crowding the approach of an opposing bowler is prohibited. Only two bowlers will be allowed standing during a match, if seating is available. (One that is bowling and one that is the player on deck). Coaches and tournament managers should make this a point of emphasis in player and coach meetings prior to competitions.

Substitutions & Lineups: A starting team lineup must be determined 10 minutes prior to the start of the first team game. A standard starting lineup for team competition will consist of 5 bowlers. Lineups may change in subsequent games. Starting bowlers must bowl at least one frame before being substituted for. Once a substitute enters the game, he/she must finish that game. Substitutions in mid-frame are allowed. The bowler who is substituted for may return as a starter or substitute in subsequent games. The substitute must be on the roster at the start of competition. Any of the five starting bowlers may be substituted for in any given game. If a substitute is injured, they may be replaced by an eligible substitute. Substitutes may not warm up on open lanes during the MHSAA tournament. Scratches or deletions from MHSAA Regional and Finals competition should occur as early as possible and no later than the Monday prior to competition.

Tournament Expenses: Schools are responsible for their own transportation, lodging, meals, and lane fee expenses at the MHSAA Regional Tournament. Schools/Coaches must make payment for lane fees PRIOR to competition or their team will not be allowed to participate. Please make arrangements with your school’s athletic department to ensure that financial obligations are met.

Tournament Entry: A school may enter only one team in the MHSAA tournament and that team may have a maximum of 6 members on the roster. Five students constitute a team for MHSAA tournament competition.

Tiebreaker Procedures: Tiebreaker procedures for champions and final qualifier position at Regional's, and champions and final qualifier position at the Finals will be as follows:

- SINGLES – One regular game, if still tied then a 9-10th frame roll-off repeated until the tie is broken.
- TEAM – One Baker set (2 games), if still tied then a 6-10th frame Baker format roll-off repeated until tie is broken.

Uniforms/Dress Code: Boys: Slacks are required. Jeans, cutoffs, shorts, sweatpants, or warm-up pants will not be allowed. A collared shirt will be required. T-shirts will not be allowed. Mock-turtleneck shirts are allowed. Girls: Slacks, shorts, or skirts will be allowed. Skirts must reach the top of the knee and shorts shall be an appropriate length. Jeans, cutoffs, sweatpants, warm-up pants, or yoga/spandex pants will not be allowed. A collared shirt or mock turtleneck shirt will be required. T-shirts will not be allowed. Bowlers are not required to wear the same style of shirts or slacks, but similar uniforms are recommended. Jewelry is allowed. Hats, caps, or any other type of headgear is prohibited. Religious dress is allowed with prior approval from the MHSAA. If a violation of the MHSAA Dress code/Uniform rule occurs, a warning will be given to the player and coach of the violating team. If at that time the dress code is not followed, a loss of bowling privileges and disqualification from the MHSAA Regional's or Finals will result. Prior to competition, warm ups (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies) must be removed and may not be used in competition.

A single patch or embroidered area not to exceed 2 inches X 3 inches in size will be allowed to identify a sponsor. The logo or type must be approved by the MHSAA. It may appear once on either sleeve, or the left or right front breast-pocket area. School name, logo, school nickname, or bowler name may also appear on the shirt. Additionally, a single commemorative patch may appear not exceeding the 2 x3 inch size limit. No offensive language of any sort is allowed on uniforms. Coaches must also adhere to the MHSAA uniform/dress code regulations.

COVID Mitigation: Masks must be worn at all time by bowlers, coaches, spectators, and house staff. Sherman Bowling Center and Mona Shores Athletics will have hand sanitizer in some areas for bowler use. However, teams and spectators are largely responsible for providing their own hand sanitizer. When possible, appropriate social distance (6 feet apart) should take place at all times.

