

2021 MHSAA BOYS and GIRLS REGION 16 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 19 and Sunday, March 21, 2021

Meridian Early College HS Mustangs and Northern Lanes Recreation welcome you to the REGION 16 Tournament.

Teams participating in Region 16

Alma	Carrollton	Frankenmuth	Ovid-Elsie
Birch Run	Chesaning	Freeland	Perry
Bridgeport	Corunna	Midland Bullock Creek	Saginaw Swan Valley
Caro	Essexville Garber	Montrose	Sanford Meridian Shepherd

Important phone numbers and locations

Northern Lanes Recreation – 1129 E Saginaw Rd, Sanford, MI, 48657

Tournament managers: Jon VanDongen, Meridian Early College HS Bowling Coach	989-860-0793
Kyle Lipp, Meridian Early College HS Bowling Coach	989-430-3498
Mitch Bohn, Meridian Early College HS Athletic Director	989-687-3300
Meridian Early College HS Athletic Department	989-687-3302
Northern Lanes Recreation	989-687-5562

Friday Morning Shift (Boys)	Friday Afternoon Shift (Boys)	Sunday Morning Shift (Girls)	Sunday Afternoon Shift (Girls)
Northern Lanes Recreation	Northern Lanes Recreation	Northern Lanes Recreation	Northern Lanes Recreation
8:00am - Check in	1:00pm - Check in	8:00am - Check in	1:00pm - Check in
8:20am - Coaches meeting	1:20pm - Coaches meeting	8:20am - Coaches meeting	1:20pm - Coaches meeting
8:40am - Announcements	1:40pm - Announcements	8:40am - Announcements	1:40pm - Announcements
8:45am - National Anthem	1:45pm - National Anthem	8:45am - National Anthem	1:45pm - National Anthem
8:50am - 10-minute warm-up	1:50pm - 10-minute warm-up	8:50am - 10-minute warm-up	1:50pm - 10-minute warm-up
9:00am - Begin scoring	2:00pm - Begin scoring	9:00am - Begin scoring	2:00pm - Begin scoring

Tournament rules

MHSAA Tournament Rules will apply. Two (2) balls allowed in the bowling area with one ball allowed on the ball return for the five (5) bowlers at a time. All other bowling balls and bags are to be in the team's reserved ball section.

Cost

There is a \$2.75 per lane, per bowler fee for each school. The cost per team will be \$66.00. For a school with a boys and girls team, the cost is \$132.00. ***Please make the check payable to Northern Lanes Recreation.*** The entry fee is due prior to the first day of the tournament. You may bring the check with you or mail it to: Meridian Athletics, Mitch Bohn, 3303 N M-30, Sanford, MI, 48657. ******SCHOOLS MUST PAY ENTRY FEES BEFORE TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO BOWL.******

Spectators/Admission

Spectators are limited to ONE (1) spectator per athlete. This allowance will be strictly enforced. The MHSAA will use **digital** ticketing (GoFan) at all Regional sites. Ticket pricing is \$10 per spectator. Please inform your parents of the spectator limitation to avoid problems at the tournament. There will be no "switching" or "swapping" of spectator attendance allowed. Once a spectator has entered the tournament for an athlete, no other spectator will be allowed for that athlete. The safety, health and well-being of our athletes is our primary goal.

Face Masks

Per MHSAA guidelines, face coverings are required in bowling **AT ALL TIMES**. This includes all times when in active participation and all times during non-active participation. Face coverings are required for all competitors, spectators,

coaches and event workers. Traditional cloth/fabric masks, buffs, gaiters are allowed facial coverings. **The facial covering must cover the nose and mouth at all times.**

Format

- Teams will have five (5) bowlers and one (1) substitute.
- Each of the five (5) bowlers roll four (4) games. These games count toward Team totals **AND** for Singles, so athletes are bowling for both competitions at the same time. There are No Bakers, and only FIVE (5) 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 (5) athletes will bowl for a total of 20 games for the Team total.

Oil Pattern

Kegel "Allen" oil pattern will be used.

Practice Time

There will be ten (10) minutes of practice prior to the start of the Singles

Entry Forms

The MHSAA Regional Tournament Boys Team and Singles Roster form, Girls Team and Singles Roster form and Master Eligibility forms are **due Friday, March 5, 2021**. The roster forms are attached and are also located on the MHSAA website.

Please email to: Mitch Bohn at mitchell.bohn@merps.org

******ALL CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING BY EMAIL TO MITCH BOHN. DEADLINE FOR CHANGES IS THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT.******

Lane Assignments

- Bowlers will bowl together as a team during the Regional event, instead of being spread out across the lane block. **Bowlers from the same team will be bowling together on the same pair during the Regional.**
- To help minimize travel within the house, bowlers will swap lane pairs **ONE TIME** (after two games). For example, 3-4 go to 5-6 and 5-6 go to 3-4.
- Lane assignments will be made by random draw prior to the tournament. Lane assignments will be posted at the door and at the coaches meeting.

Practice prior to the tournament

Teams may contact **Northern Lanes Recreation** for practice times for open bowling. No practice is available on tournament days. A coach must monitor any practice.

Dress Code

Boys – Slacks are required. Blue jeans, cutoffs, shorts, sweatpants or warm-up pants will NOT be allowed. A collared shirt or a mock turtleneck shirt will be required. Absolutely NO t-shirts will be allowed.

Girls – Slacks, shorts or skirts will be allowed. Skirts and shorts must be at least fingertip length when extending the arm straight down to the side, when standing straight up. Blue jeans, cutoffs, sweatpants, warm-us, **yoga/spandex pants will NOT be allowed.** A collared shirt or a mock turtleneck will be required. Absolutely NO t-shirts will be allowed.

Both – Neither boys nor girls may wear hats, caps or any other type of headgear. Electronic devices such as cell phones may not be used during competition and should not be in the competition area. Listening devices such as IPODS or headphones may not be worn during competition. Prior to competition, warmups (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies) must be removed and may not be used in competition.

If a violation of the MHSAA bowling dress code 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 will result. Coaches must also adhere to the MHSAA dress code regulations.

Coaching Restrictions

Two school coaches will be allowed in the bowler's area during competition. Coaches are not allowed on the approaches. Coaching is allowed **ONLY** between frames. Coaches may **NOT** use iPads for coaching in the bowler's area.

Substitutions

A standard starting lineup for team competition will consist of five (5) bowlers. 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 the substitute in subsequent games. The substitute must be on the six-person roster at the start of the competition.

Team Roster (list probable starting five bowlers in positions 1-5) Roster limit is six bowlers in team competition. **NOTE:** 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.)

Sportsmanship

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 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 a one-lane courtesy for bowlers on adjacent lanes.

Chants & Cheers – Coaches and bowlers should be aware that there are reasonable limits to team and spectator cheering. While enthusiastic support of teammates is okay and natural, coaches need to communicate to athletes that they may not run out on the approach to celebrate, nor should athletes scream, shout or chant so as to disrupt others, Orchestrated chants to intimidate opponents are not allowed by bowlers or spectators. Profanity, taunting, intimidation or offensive language will not be tolerated. Noisemakers may not be used.

Alcohol and Tobacco

No alcohol nor tobacco is allowed in the bowling area during any MHSAA event.