



## PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION 2021-22 BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

**As of 1/14/22 and for the 2021-22 MHSAA Bowling season – there are NO statewide or MHSAA Covid restrictions planned for the 2021-22 Bowling season. Local Bowling facility, venue and health department restrictions such as masking or spectator limits indoors may still be in place. It is best to check locally with your bowling facility and venue. Continuing to practice good health and safety is critical to continuing a full and complete bowling season!**

### 1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT -

The MHSAA Boys & Girls Bowling Tournament will be conducted in four equal divisions based on school enrollment. Schools will be placed in one of six Regional groups in each Division for their initial assignment as determined by MHSAA staff based on geography. The tournament is conducted in both team and individual (singles) competition on separate days. From each Regional, the top three teams and top 10 individuals advance to the Finals tournament in each Division. Girls and Boys competition is held together at the Regional and Finals Tournaments.

#### **Finals Tournament Locations – 2022**

Division 1 –Thunderbowl Lanes – Allen Park

Division 2 – Super Bowl, Canton

Division 3 –Jax 60 - Jackson

Division 4 – M-66 Bowl, Battle Creek

#### **Tournament Dates – 2022**

Regionals – February 25 (Team event), February 26 (Singles event)

Finals – March 4 (Team event), March 5 (Singles event)

### 2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

**Coaching** - Two school coaches for each gender will be allowed in the bowlers' seating area during MHSAA Team Tournament competition. In the MHSAA Singles tournament, two coaches for each gender are allowed only if the school has two or more bowlers, if the school has just one singles bowler (such as the Finals), only one coach for each gender is allowed. Coaches are not allowed on the approaches. Additional coaches must be in the spectator area. Direct coaching and/or instruction is only allowed between frames. All athletes in the MHSAA Tournament must be accompanied by a school approved coach, administrator or appointee of the school.

**Pace of Play** - Bowlers should be standing and ready to bowl when the preceding bowler is completing his/her frame with a one lane courtesy. Intentional stalling or undue delay is considered unsportsmanlike. Bowlers should be warned about such conduct and may be penalized if there are repeated violations.

**Substitutions** - A starting lineup must be submitted 10 minutes prior to the start of each 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 seven-person roster at the start of competition. All five starting bowlers may be substituted for in any given game. If a substitute is injured, they may be replaced by an eligible substitute.

**Dress Code - Boys** – Slacks are required. Blue jeans, cutoffs, shorts, sweatpants or warm-up pants will not be allowed. A collared shirt will be required, however turtleneck/mock turtleneck shirts designed for bowling or golf are allowed. T-shirts will not be allowed. **Girls** - Slacks, shorts, skorts or skirts will be allowed. Skirts, skorts 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 or warm-up pants will not be allowed. A collared shirt will be required. T-shirts will not be allowed however mock turtleneck shirts designed for bowling or golf are allowed. Bowlers are not required to wear the same style of shirts or slacks, but similar uniforms are recommended. **Yoga/spandex style pants are not allowed.** Jewelry is allowed.

**If a violation of the MHSAA Bowling 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 Regionals or Finals will result.**

Neither boys nor girls may wear hats, caps or any other type of headgear. Headbands and sweatbands are allowed. Allowances will be made for religious dress or headwear. 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. Additionally, a single commemorative patch may also appear on the uniform, not to exceed the 2 x3 inch size limit. **Prior to competition, warmups (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies) must be removed and may not be used in competition.**

**Entry Limits** – Schools may enter a maximum of one team (**seven on the roster**) and **six singles entries** in the MHSAA Regional in each gender.

**Bowling Format - Regional Singles** – All singles entrants will bowl six regular games with total pinfall determining score. (Six Regional events in each Division)

**Regional Team** – All teams will bowl 6 Baker games and 3 regular games on alternating lanes. (Six Regional events in each Division) Lane rotation will be determined by local managers intended to rotate teams through all pairs in the available lane block.

**Finals Singles** – In each Division, the 60 bowlers will roll a six game qualifying block with total pinfall determining score. The top 16 bowlers/scores (ties will be broken) will advance to head-to-head match games with bracketing based on qualifying round score. The head-to-head match game competition will consist of two games, total pins from the round of 16 through the Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Championship matches. After qualifying, the higher seeded player will be given choice of lanes within the pair.

**Finals Team** – In each Division, the 18 teams will first bowl a qualifying block consisting of 2 regular games and 8 Baker games with total pinfall determining score. The top 8 teams in each Division (ties will be broken) will advance to head-to-head match games with bracketing based on first round scores. The Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Finals matches will consist of 1 regular game and 2 Baker games. All Baker and regular games at all levels will use an alternating lanes format. After qualifying, the higher seeded team will be given choice of lanes within the pair.

**Lane Fees** - Each school is responsible for their bowlers' lane fees at the Regionals. Managers will inform schools of fees. Most Regional lane fees will be between \$2.30 and \$2.50 per line. Bring payment to the regional site with checks made out to the bowling center. Fees must be paid prior to bowling. The MHSAA will pay lane fees at the Finals.

**Lane Rotation** - Bowling center proprietors and tournament managers will assign starting lanes in advance of the regional tournament after all entries are received. In singles, bowlers will move after each game to a new pair. In team competition, teams will move after each Baker set (2 games), and after each regular game. Team event rotation will be determined by local tournament management with an effort to use the lane block equitably with no team bowling twice on the same pair.

RECOMMENDATION: If possible, use every other pair and do not use end pairs. Use open pairs to help socially distance and use the additional space to store extra equipment (instead of paddock). To help minimize travel within the house, do not rotate pairs after each game. Instead, swap pairs one time (after two games). For example: 3-4 go to 7-8 and 7-8 go to 3-4, 11-12 go to 15-16 and 15-16 go to 11-12, etc. The fewer bowlers on a pair, the quicker this goes. Each house will be different.

**Conduct** - Coaches and team members are reminded that rules of good sportsmanship will apply in MHSAA Regional Tournament Bowling. Athletes and coaches will be subject to the MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3-D regarding unsportsmanlike conduct. Profanity, taunting, kicking ball returns and throwing equipment will not be tolerated. **Crowding of the approach will not be allowed by opposing teams. Only two bowlers will be allowed standing during a match, if seating is available. One that is bowling and one that is on deck.**

**Lane Conditions –The MHSAA tournament (Regionals and Finals) will use the “Phantom pattern” in 2022.** The “Phantom pattern” was developed specifically for the MHSAA by the Kegel Corp and it must be used for MHSAA Bowling Regional and Finals sites. MHSAA Bowling websites have a link to the Kegel lane specifications for the “Phantom pattern”. The pattern may be used during regular season competition. Coaches should manage expectations of bowlers as conditions may not be absolute.

**Tiebreaker Procedures** – Tiebreaker procedures for champions and final qualifier position at Regionals, 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.

### **3. OPT OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS**

Schools must submit to the Regional Tournament Manager a Master Eligibility List and Team Roster/Ranking form and Singles entry list by the Opt-out Due Date of February 4, 2022. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified Opt-out Due Date will result in MHSAA penalties. If the Team/Singles Roster and Master Eligibility List are received after the Opt-Out Due Date, but before lane assignments are made, they may be accepted with the payment of a \$50 late fee retained by the host school.

Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9 [F]) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the roster.

**Ineligible Players** - Teams which are defeated by teams which have allowed an ineligible student to participate do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. Placement in MHSAA tournaments is vacated as a result of a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate,

**Withdrawals** - Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the Opt Out Due Date for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in

that sport. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

#### **4. DRAW PROCEDURES – NA**

#### **5. TIME SCHEDULES**

Times schedules for the Regional event will be determined by the host school

Time schedules for the MHSAA Finals in all Division sites are as follows:

##### **Team Finals - Friday**

7:00 a.m. – Check-in & registration (bowlers go immediately to starting lanes)  
7:45 a.m. – Coaches meeting  
8:00 a.m. – Opening ceremonies  
8:10 a.m. – Warm-up period  
8:25 a.m. – Qualifying round  
12:00 Noon – Lunch & condition lanes  
1:00 p.m. – Quarterfinal match games  
2:30 p.m. – Semifinal round match games.  
4:00 p.m. – Championship matches

##### **Singles Finals – Saturday**

7:00 a.m. – Check-in & registration (bowlers go immediately to starting lanes)  
7:45 a.m. – Coaches meeting  
8:00 a.m. – Opening ceremonies  
8:10 – Warm-up period (15 minutes)  
8:25 – Singles qualifying round  
11:00 a.m. – Lunch & re-condition lanes  
12 noon - Second round match games begin  
1:30 p.m. (approx.) – Quarterfinal round  
2:30 p.m. (approx.) – Semifinal round  
3:30 (approx.) – Finals matches

#### **6. AWARDS**

Each Regional Champion will receive a team trophy and eight team medals. Medals will be given to the top 10 places at the Regional singles event. At the Finals the first and second place teams will receive trophies and eight team medals, and the top eight individuals in singles receive medals.

#### **7. LIMITS OF COMPETITION**

Teams and individuals may have a maximum of 24 dates of competition during the regular season; there is no weekly limit for meets. MHSAA tournament dates do not count against season maximums. Exceeding contest limits will result in disqualification from the MHSAA Tournament.

#### **8. FINANCES**

Schools participating in the MHSAA Regional tournament pay all expenses and fees for their schools. At the MHSAA Finals, lane fees and on-site meals are paid by the MHSAA with schools responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses.

Spectator admission for MHSAA Regional tournaments will be \$7 per person both days. Spectator admission at the MHSAA Finals will be \$11 each day. Digital tickets will be sold via GoFan. **Capacity limits are to be determined locally based upon occupancy of center.**

## **9. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS - NA**

### **10. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS**

Basic playing rules of the USBC will be followed.

MHSAA rules on substitutions, sportsmanship, tiebreakers, ball cleaning, dress code, coaching restrictions and equipment limits will be applied. Use of electronic devices such as IPODS, smart phones and headphones are not allowed during bowling competition. **Coaches may not use video recording devices for coaching purposes during competition in the bowlers area, nor can such devices be in the bowler's area during competition.**

### **11. MEDIA**

Media credential requests for Regional meets are processed by local managers. Credential requests for MHSAA Finals will be handled by the MHSAA.

**Videotaping-** Competing schools may videotape games in which that school competes. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game/meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advanced permission, but must tape from the stands unless press box space is available. Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s).

#### **Merchandising/Promotion Policies**

Use of MHSAA Logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Communications Director for additional information.

#### **Multimedia Policies**

**Audio/Video/Still Photography Rights** – The MHSAA owns the rights to all multimedia (audio-video-still images-Internet) at all levels of its tournaments.

**INTERNET STREAMING** - Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet - including using social media platforms like Periscope and Facebook – or any other method. Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from streaming video through any means during the MHSAA tournament.

**Post-Game Interviews** -- Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after the conclusion of a contest. It is recommended that approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for post game interviews with coaches and/or players the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

## **12. MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY**

Host school Tournament Managers should follow all local school district policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, student and adult spectators for competition conducted in school facilities. It is advised that AED devices be readily available during tournament competition. In addition:

- Trainers are an allowed expense and encouraged, but not required
- All MHSAA concussion protocols will be followed.
- MHSAA policy on tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.
- MHSAA policy on managing heat and humidity shall be followed.

When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, plans should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:

- Student, coach and spectator shelter for outdoor events
- Host facility emergency equipment such as AED's, fire escape, etc.
- Emergency communications, i.e. phone numbers, school administration contact
- Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, on-site responsibilities
- Medical transport or first responder contact procedures
- Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility

### **13. SPORTSMANSHIP**

When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team.

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team.

Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular-season contest.

Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next season in any sport for seniors. If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as the coach the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether or not the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

### **14. WEATHER POLCIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS**

When teams are delayed in arriving at tournament sites because of inclement weather management is

encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals that are present and prepared to participate. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled. If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

## **15. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS**

If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. The umpires will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next game concerns.

## **16. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

## **17. SPECTATOR POLICIES**

The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Bowling Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Noisemakers are not allowed at MHSAA indoor tournaments.
- Body paint and bare chests are not allowed.
- Flash cameras are not allowed during competition.
- Smoking/alcohol consumption is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Coolers are not allowed.
- Signs on sticks are not allowed.
- Helium filled balloons are not allowed.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). Video shot by schools and spectators may not be distributed on the Internet; nor may it be otherwise distributed, sold, rented or loaned for commercial purposes.

## **18. LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY**

Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

## **19. YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**

During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

## **20. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY**

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.