



MHSAA BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING DIVISION 2 - REGION 7



LOCATION:

WestGate Bowl – 4486 Alpine Ave NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321 - (616) 784-6450

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IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES:

- Friday, February 7: Opt-Out date/Master Eligibility & Roster Due
- Monday, February 24: Team & Singles Roster scratches/deletions due (“Setting of the Field”)
- Friday, February 28 (TEAM): *Final eligibility list update due
 - 8:00am – 8:30am: Check In at Tournament Office
 - 8:30am: Coaches Meeting
 - 8:45am: Warm-up (5 min & 5 min)
 - 9:00am: National Anthem then begin bowling!
- Saturday, February 29 (SINGLES):
 - 8:00am – 8:30am: Check In at Tournament Office
 - 8:30am: Coaches Meeting
 - 8:50am: Warm-up (5 min & 5 min)
 - 9:00am: National Anthem then begin bowling!

LANE FEES:

Team: \$50 per team

Singles: \$15 per bowler. \$90 for full boys team (6) and \$90 for full girls team (6).

All fees must be paid in full before participation. Dues must be sent to:

Westgate Bowl
c/o Jena Kehoe
4486 Alpine Ave NW
Comstock Park, MI 49321

TOURNAMENT RULES AND LOGISTICS

ADMISSION - There will be a \$6 admission charge for all spectators on both days. Pre-school children are admitted free. No passes accepted.

AWARDS - Team Awards will be presented on both days at the conclusion of both boys and girls team competition. Individual awards for both boys and girls will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the competition.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO – Alcohol may not be sold to, or consumed by spectators during MHSAA Tournament competition. 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.

BALL CLEANING - Players may not alter the surface of the ball with abrasives or apply cleaner after competition begins. Cleaning or polishing a ball is allowed with a dry (no pre-soaked products) cloth. Using resin for grip is allowed, but the ball must be wiped clear.

BOWLING BALL LIMITS – Participants shall be limited to a maximum of two bowling balls in the bowler area, and one in a single carry bag. Additional bowling balls should be kept in the assigned area. Equipment changes will be allowed.

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.

Taunting – MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3 Interpretation No. 264: Taunting includes any actions or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates or threatens based on race, gender, ethnic origin or background, and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs or personal matters

COACHING RESTRICTIONS – Two school coaches per gender will be allowed in the bowlers' area during competition. Coaches are not allowed on the approaches. Additional coaches are to be in the spectator area. Coaching is allowed only between frames.

CONCESSIONS – Westgate Bowl concessions will be available. **No food or beverages may be brought in by parents, bowlers or coaches.**

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES – 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 may not be worn during competition. After a warning is issued to discontinue such use, bowlers are subject to disqualification for repeated violations.

Video recording devices such as IPADS, tablets or smart phones may not be used by coaches during competition for coaching purposes, nor can coaches have such devices in the bowler's area.

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, 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.

FORMAT:

TEAMS: Each team bowls 6 Baker games (alternating lanes) and 3 regular games with the top 3 teams advancing to the State Finals. Ties for first place and advancing teams and/or individuals will be broken.

SINGLES: Both Boys and Girls will bowl together. Five bowlers per two lanes. Each bowler will bowl six games, with the top 10 advancing to the MHSAA Finals.

LANE ASSIGNMENTS – For singles competition, bowlers will be assigned lanes by tournament management with no school having two bowlers on the same pair, but spaced as close as possible. The number of lanes available in the host bowling center and the size of the field will determine exact assignments.

LANE CONDITIONS – The Kegel “Allen” pattern will be used for the competition.

LANE ROTATION – In singles, each group rotates one pair right after each game. In the team event, teams bowl a Baker set (two games) on one pair, rotating one pair for the next Baker set. Lane rotation will be determined by tournament managers across the lane block.

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.

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.

PARKING – There will be ample parking available at WestGate Bowl 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.

PRACTICE - Bowlers may practice at WestGate Lanes prior to the MHSAA Regional dates during normal open bowling times at normal rates. **The MHSAA Regional Oil Pattern will be out on Sunday, February 23 from 12pm until 5pm and on Thursday, February 27 from 12pm until 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.

PRACTICE/WARM-UP – Teams and individuals will be allowed a warm-up period not to exceed 10 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.

ROSTER LIMITS - A maximum of 7 eligible athletes are allowed on the roster for the MHSAA tournament on the day of competition. The tournament roster may change from one day to the next (singles to team), or one level to the next (Regional to Finals).

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.

SPECTATORS – No spectators are allowed in the bowling area where team members are seated. Spectators shall not taunt or jeer opposing players. Noisemakers are not allowed. **Due to facility limitations there will be limited seating provided for spectators; it is encouraged to bring your own seating.**

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, SINGLES – Schools may enter a maximum of six bowlers in the singles portion of the MHSAA Regional tournament.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY, TEAM – A school may enter only one team in the MHSAA tournament and that team may have a maximum of 7 members on the roster. Five students constitute a team for MHSAA tournament competition.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT & QUALIFIERS – The MHSAA tournament format will be as follows:

REGIONAL SINGLES – All singles entrants will bowl six regular games with total pins determining score. The top 10 in each Regional will advance to the MHSAA Finals.

REGIONAL TEAM – All teams will bowl 6 Baker games and 3 regular games on alternating lanes, the top three teams in each Regional advancing to the Finals.

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.**