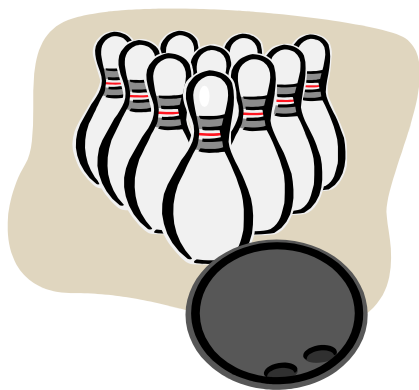




2011-2012 Bowling Pre-Season Manual For Coaches



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TO: Boys and Girls Bowling Coaches

FROM: Roxanne Price, Assistant Commissioner

RE: OHSAA Bowling Regulations and Related Materials



This bowling manual is intended as a guide to assist with the coaching and administration of interscholastic boys and girls bowling. Included in this manual are the sports regulations for bowling as adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors. Also, you will find information on the rules interpretation meetings scheduled for the 2011-12 season. Additional information regarding the OHSAA bylaws and constitution can be found in the current edition of the OHSAA Handbook or on our website at www.ohsaa.org. Please refer to our handbook or website for information regarding scholarship, residency, transfers, recruiting and other issues that may affect a student's eligibility for interscholastic athletics. Questions regarding a student's eligibility should be referred to the student's athletic administrator.

It is mandatory that each school that sponsors bowling send a representative to a bowling rules interpretation meeting. The head varsity coach, assistant coach, or an athletic administrator from each school that sponsors a bowling team is required to attend, or have a representative complete an online rules meeting. **Attendance at or completion of a meeting is required in order to be eligible to enter the OHSAA sponsored tournament.** In order to receive credit for attending a meeting, you must be present within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting and stay until the conclusion of the meeting. **Please bring the enclosed attendance card to the rules interpretation meeting that you attend. If you coach both the boy's team and the girl's team, you will receive one mailing card. Please bring this card to the meeting. You will need to attend only one meeting or complete an online meeting. If you fail to bring your attendance card, you will receive one at the meeting. You will need to indicate if you are both the boys and girls coach. Online meetings will be available by October 4, 2011.**

The USBC High School Bowling Guide and the OHSAA Bowling Sports Regulations will serve as the official rules of Bowling. The OHSAA may have modified some USBC rules so that they are in alignment with OHSAA sports regulations. The USBC High School Bowling Guide can be found at www.bowl.com.

A bowling team for *OHSAA tournament purposes* will consist of eight team members, five of whom may participate at any given time. Participants in scholastic bowling cannot participate in a non-interscholastic event while bowling on a school-sponsored team. **The non-interscholastic date for bowling is January 16, 2012.**

Please be reminded that coaching and instruction in bowling begins November 4, 2011. This is one week earlier than previous seasons. Regular season competition begins November 18, 2011. **Scrimmages are no longer permitted. The contest limitation for bowling has increased from 22 matches to 24 matches.** Please refer to the bowling regulations regarding tournaments and regular season match limitations. Also note that the bowling sports regulations specifically address girls playing on boy's teams and vice versa. There are no "co-ed" teams. Please speak to your athletic administrator if you have girls playing on a boys' team.

You are being mailed this manual because your school has indicated that it will sponsor girls and/or boys bowling on the sports participation form submitted to the OHSAA. Your school may have also indicated that it will enter the state

bowling tournament. If your school has indicated that it will participate in the state tournament and does not enter a team in the state tournament, there will be a penalty of \$150 assessed if the OHSAA does not receive online correspondence, through MyOHSAA, by January 30, 2012 that your school will not enter a girls and/or boys team in the postseason tournament(s).

You are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations of bowling. Take the time to read and review the materials. If you have any questions or I can be of assistance, please contact me at (614) 267-2502, or email me at rprice@ohsaa.org. Email correspondence is preferred.

Online Rules Meeting Available on October 4, 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship, and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

By OHSAA Board of Directors regulation, any school sponsoring interscholastic contests in high school bowling must have the head coach, assistant coach or athletic administrator attend one of the meetings listed below or complete an online rules meeting. Any school failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for OHSAA sponsored tournament competition. It is the responsibility of the attendee to be in attendance within 10 minutes of the start of the meeting and stay until the conclusion of the meeting in order to receive credit for attendance. **Online meetings must be completed by November 4, 2011. After this date, there will be a \$50.00 late fee for the online meeting.**

Those coaches/administrators who do not attend a regularly scheduled rules interpretation meeting, the scheduled make-up meeting, or complete an online meeting may request a special make-up meeting from an interpreter listed below. The fee for a Special Make-up Meeting is \$50.00.

In case of questionable weather or driving conditions, a meeting may be postponed. Postponed meetings will be announced on local radio stations by noon if possible. For verification, call 614-267-2502 after 12:00 Noon or check the OHSAA website at www.ohsaa.org.

CALENDAR

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
October 10 – 7:15 P.M.	<u>Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School, Media Room</u> 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon 44024	Fran Miller
October 12 – 7:15 P.M.	<u>Columbus Square Bowling Palace</u> 5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus 43231	Julie Wells
October 12– 7:15 P.M.	<u>Heritage Christian School, Auditorium</u> 2107 6 th Street SW, Canton 44706	Fran Miller
October 18 – 7:15 P.M.	<u>Centerville High School, Little Theatre</u> 500 E. Franklin Street, Centerville 45459	Gregory Coules
October 18 – 7:15 P.M.	<u>Rebman's Recreation</u> 5300 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain 44053	Bob Black
October 20 - 7:15 P.M.	<u>Bowling Green High School, Cafeteria</u> 530 West Poe Road, Bowling Green 43402	Bob Black
October 20 – 7:15 P.M.	<u>Westerville Central High School</u> 7118 Mt. Royal Avenue, Westerville 43082	Julie Wells
October 25 0 7:15 P.M.	<u>Lakota West High School, Community Room</u> 8940 Union Centre Blvd., West Chester 45069	Greg Coules

INTERPRETERS	PHONE
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IMPORTANT DATES

2011-12 OHSAA BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING CALENDAR	
November 4	First Day of Coaching , Tryouts, and Instruction
November 18	First Regular Season Contest Permitted
January 16, 2012	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted
January 30, 2012	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament
February 11- 19, 2012	# Sectional Tournaments
February 20 – 26, 2012	District Tournaments
March 2, 2012	Boys State Tournament
March 3, 2012	Girls State Tournament

#Unless an earlier date is established by the District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).

OHSAA CONTACT INFORMATION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING BOWLING

Listed below are frequently asked questions regarding the OHSAA's adoption of bowling as an interscholastic sport. This question and answer guide is specific to the sport of bowling and the sport regulations associated with it. The constitution and bylaws of the OHSAA apply to bowling as they do to all of the other recognized OHSAA interscholastic sports.

Q. As a member of a school sponsored team, can an individual continue to bowl on a non-school league team when also a member of a school team? Can a member of a school sponsored bowling team bowl in a charity event during the school season? What about a scholarship competition during the school season?

A. **No.** When a school has indicated to the OHSAA that it will sponsor bowling, no member of that school team can simultaneously bowl for a school-sponsored team and a non-school sponsored team. A team member cannot bowl in a non-school sponsored tournament, scholarship or charity competition. *Once a member of a school-sponsored team begins his/her season by participating in a contest, non-interscholastic competition is no longer permitted.* Pre-bowling is also not permitted, nor is "pacing" along side a league. What is permissible is to "use" the scores from a high school event toward a non-school contest – such as a track athlete's "time" in a high school meet may be used to qualify the athlete for a non-school event, but **no** athlete can compete in a non-school event while on a school team.

Q. If a team member wants to bowl in a league and join the school-sponsored team at a later date, is this permissible?

A. Yes. There is a *Non-Interscholastic Participation Date* established for each sport recognized by the OHSAA. This date is 42 days prior to the Monday of the OHSAA state tournament for that sport. The non-interscholastic participation date established for the 2011-12 bowling season is January 16, 2012. In order for a student-athlete to participate in the OHSAA post-season tournament, the student-athlete must stop participating in non-interscholastic bowling prior to this date. It is important to remember that a student-athlete cannot participate in a non-interscholastic event while bowling on a school-sponsored team. Such 'dual' competition would render a student-athlete ineligible for interscholastic bowling.

Q. Will my high school "club" team be permitted to participate in the OHSAA post-season tournament?

A. This may be the most frequently asked question. The OHSAA does not label sports as club or varsity. Each spring the OHSAA asks each member school to designate their "sponsored" sports. The principal (or designee) must designate, on-line through MyOHSAA, which interscholastic sports the school will sponsor during the upcoming school year. The deadline to designate sports is May 1. The school administrator must indicate that the school will sponsor boys and/or girls bowling **and** whether or not the school will enter the OHSAA post season tournament. The deadline date for entering (or withdrawing from) the OHSAA State Tournament is January 30, 2012. Schools that failed to indicate that they would sponsor bowling initially can still log into MyOHSAA and update their records. The record must indicate whether the school team will participate in the OHSAA tournament. This records update must be received by January 30 in order to participate *without penalty*.

Q. How does the OHSAA adoption of bowling as an interscholastic sport affect a team's regular season? For example, can a school participate in a contest with a non-interscholastic team?

A. The OHSAA does not determine conference affiliation or which teams a school will compete against. OHSAA sports regulations prohibit more than 24 contests in a regular season. A school-sponsored team may bowl against a non-school sponsored team provided the non-school sponsored team is in compliance with the playing rules of the OHSAA. *Bylaw 9-Contests Requiring Special Attention-* in the OHSAA Handbook addresses contests with non-interscholastic teams.

Q. What will constitute an official regular season match?

A. A regular season match will consist of a minimum of two regular games of tenpin regulation scoring followed by a minimum of two Baker games. Total combined pins for all games bowled shall win the match. Regular season matches in which more than the minimum number of games is bowled (excluding tournaments) require the permission of the participating schools.

Q. What is a Baker game?

A. A Baker game consists of 10 frames, but each of the five participating bowlers only bowl two frames each. Bowler #1 bowls the first and sixth frames, bowler #2 bowls the second and seventh frames, bowler #3 the third and eighth frame, etc. until all 10 frames are bowled.

Q. How many matches can a team bowl in a regular season?

A. An interscholastic team and/or an individual can bowl in no more than 24 contests. Each interscholastic contest counts. *Regular season tournaments with multiple teams count as one contest. However, a tournament that is designed to run more than one day shall count as the same number of matches as days of the tournament.* For tournaments that feature only head to head competition between teams rather than field of play competition, each head to head competitor shall count as one contest. For the 2011-12 season and subsequent seasons, scrimmages are not permitted.

Q. Have some dates for the 2011-12 bowling season been established?

A. Yes. Coaching/tryouts may begin on November 4, 2011. This is one week earlier than in previous seasons. Regular season competition begins on November 18, 2011. The non-interscholastic participation date is January 16, 2012. The sectional tournament will run from February 11 - February 19, 2012. The district tournament will be held the following week. The Boys State Bowling Tournament will be Friday, March 2, 2012. The Girls State Bowling Tournament is scheduled for March 3, 2012.

Q. Is a member of an interscholastic bowling team required to have a physical exam?

A. Yes. All interscholastic athletes must have a physical (unless exempt) and complete all required forms. These forms must be filed with the designated school administrator prior to any practice or competition.

Q. What are the coaching requirements for Bowling?

A. The requirements to coach interscholastic bowling are identical to those for other interscholastic sports. A coach must obtain a Pupil Activity Supervisor Permit and CPR training as required by the Ohio Department of Education. Each Board of Education may determine if there are additional coaching requirements. For further information on the ODE Pupil Supervisory Permit, go to www.ohsaa.org and click on Coaches Corner, which can be found under the Member Schools link. There is also the requirement that all Board approved coaches complete the NFHS Coaching Education Course. Contact your athletic administrator for more information.

Q. Who serves as the contest official?

A. The home school coach shall serve as the contest official, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USBC rules.

Q. What kind of expenses should we plan on?

A. Bowling is a relatively inexpensive sport. Team members must wear the same sleeved, bowling shirt, which conforms to school/OHSAA regulations. All players must wear the same color pants. Girls are permitted to wear skirts/shorts provided the skirts/shorts are of the same color as the pants. Cargo pants and jeans are not permitted.

Bowling balls and bowling shoes are also required. Each Bowling Center determines its own fees; many Bowling Centers may reduce lane fees for interscholastic teams.

Q. Are there any transportation issues with which we should be familiar?

A. Transportation is a local school issue. All questions regarding transportation to and from practice and competitions should be directed to the school's athletic administrator. Please refer to the OHSAA Sports Regulations in the OHSAA Handbook (item #20) for more information regarding transportation to and from interscholastic contests.

Q. How can I locate a Bowling Center near my school?

A. You can locate a bowling center at www.bowloho.com. Click on "members" and you will be able to view a list of bowling centers and the city in which each center is located.

OHSAA GENERAL SPORTS REGULATIONS

General Sports Regulations are available at www.ohsaa.org. Under "Sports & Tournaments" select bowling. The General Sports Regulations are listed under 2011 Bowling info on left side.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Tournament Regulations are available at www.ohsaa.org (after approval at the October Board meeting). On the website, under "Sports & Tournaments" select Bowling. They are listed under Tournament Information on the left side.

Note from Roxanne Price:

Chair of the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Committee:

As we prepare for the upcoming seasons, the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) wishes to emphasize to each of you the importance of your leadership role in the promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. The professional manner in which officials and coaches conduct themselves prior to, during and following a contest unquestionably impacts the behavior of others who may be involved.

The OHSAA has joined the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in its quest to improve sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. We are involved in an ongoing campaign in every sport to do just that. Printed below is a sample statement of the OHSAA concerning sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. Please take the time to read and digest this statement and then carefully consider your impact upon students, officials, coaches, and fans. Thank you and have a great season!

Speak with Courtesy

Act with Dignity

Play or Observe with Pride

3. BOWLING – BOYS AND GIRLS

2011-2012

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) All high school bowling matches shall be played utilizing USBC rules modified according to OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations.
- 1.2) A minimum of two (2) regular games of tenpin regulations scoring followed by a minimum of two (2) Baker games will constitute an official, regular season match. Total combined pins for all games bowled win the match. Regular season matches (excluding tournaments) that bowl more than the minimum number of games as described above require the permission of the participating schools.
 - 1.21) **Tiebreakers**
 - a. **Team-ties** for team match total pins and the advancement of teams in tournaments and/or the placement of teams on brackets will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off between one player from each team selected by each respective head coach. This roll-off, utilizing the same two players will be repeated until the tie is broken. For each respective tiebreaker, the winner of a coin toss will select their starting lane. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame.
 - b. **Individual-ties** for advancement/awards and/or placement on brackets in individual competition will be broken based on the high game bowled in the series being used to determine advancement/awards. Should this also result in a tie, there will be a 9th and 10th frame roll-off until the tie is broken.
For each respective tiebreaker, the winner of a coin toss will select their starting lane. Bowlers will rotate lanes for the 10th (and any additional) frame.
 - c. **Baker Game**-no individual Baker Game shall end in a tie in head-to-head Baker Game competition that advances teams on brackets or tournaments. In such situations the team tiebreaker procedure (see (a) above) shall be utilize for any Baker game tie.
- 1.3) A team will field five (5) players at a time in all contests. A maximum of eight (8) eligible student-athletes are permitted on the roster for OHSAA tournaments. The number of individuals listed on the roster during the regular season is not limited, but each roster member must be certified as eligible on the school's eligibility certificate.
- 1.4) A minimum of three (3) players must be present to constitute a legal line-up. **Absent and/or tardy bowlers** will receive a score of zero (0) for any missed frames. Missed frames cannot be made up. Any school that fails to field a legal lineup shall not be permitted to participate in a contest. Additionally, school teams are not permitted to practice against each other.
- 1.5) Lineups/Regular Games-The team line-up (order of bowling) for all regular games will remain the same during the match. **EXCEPTION:** Substitutions (1.6 & 1.61). Penalty: A score of zero shall be assessed for each frame or part of a frame of each player bowling one or more complete frames or part of a frame, in the wrong line-up order and a line-up correction must be applied at the point of discovery. If discovered at the completion of the game, a score of zero (0) shall be assessed for each player who bowled in the wrong line-up order for the entire game.
 - 1.51) Baker Games-A coach may change his team lineup (order of bowling) prior to the start of any Baker game.
 - 1.52) Participation Limits-Players may be moved between varsity and non-varsity teams at the discretion of the coach. The maximum number of matches in which a bowler may participate during the season is **24**. Bowling a frame or any part of a frame in any game shall constitute a match. No player may compete on a school varsity and school non-varsity team simultaneously during a meet/match. The match in which the student first competes (non-varsity or varsity) must have concluded prior to the student bowling in the next match (non-varsity or varsity).
- 1.6) Substitutions – A coach may substitute a player “at will” at any time before or during a game. However, once removed from the lineup, the removed player(s) may not reenter play until the start of the next regular or Baker game. A player once removed is reclassified as a substitute bowler and may be used as a substitute bowler in any spot in the team lineup upon legal return to play (subsequent game). A coach substituting any player for any reason must notify the match scorekeeper and opposing coach at the time of the substitution. The partial game score produced by the removed player and substitute shall not be computed in the individual average of either player. **Penalty:** An illegal substitute shall be assessed a score of zero (0) for all frames, or part of a frame, bowled.

It is important to note that the team lineup (order of bowling) for all regular games must remain the same during the match. A substitute bowler must enter the lineup in the same order as the bowler being replaced.

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NOTE: Any frame, or part of a frame bowled, counts in the total number of contests bowled in the season limitation of 24 matches.

- 1.61) Fill Ball Substitution- A coach may utilize a non-participating team member to throw a fill ball on the third (3rd) ball in the tenth (10th) frame of any regular or Baker game. Use of a non-participating team member for this purpose will not reclassify the fill ball bowler as a roster bowler in the line-up of that game. A non-participating team member may only throw one (1) fill ball in any regular or Baker game. A bowler removed from a game is ineligible to roll a fill ball in that game.
- 1.7) School Representative-No team or individual entry will be permitted to compete in a contest unless accompanied by a coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body.
- 1.8) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date-An individual who has not participated as a representative of the school in a bowling contest during the current season must cease non-interscholastic competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Bowling Tournament to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition in bowling.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in bowling who violates this non-interscholastic competition date by participating in a non-interscholastic contest or event in bowling shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in bowling in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

Date: January 16, 2012

- 1.9) The home school coach shall serve as referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USBC rules.
- 1.91) Electronic Devices- bowling participants (coaches and players) are not permitted to use electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, cameras, etc) during competition.
- 1.92) Protests-There are no protests allowed for regular season and/or OHSAA tournament competition. Scoring errors and other sports regulation disputes must be corrected/resolved before teams depart the competition.
- 1.93) Use of Foreign Substances – The use of foreign substances applied to bowling balls, bowling shoes, towels, or the use of items that emit a foreign substance, including powder, are prohibited. **EXCEPTION:** The use of approved cleaning agents such as isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol for the purpose of ball cleaning is permissible during competition. Ball polishing machines are not permissible once competition begins. Competition is defined as when scoring begins. **Penalty:** For each frame bowled, or part of a frame, where a foreign substance has been used, a score of zero shall be assessed.
- 1.94) Altering the Ball Surface – A bowling ball surface may not be altered once competition has started for the remainder of the event. Competition is defined as when scoring begins. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from competition. **Penalty:** The altered ball shall be removed from competition and for each frame in which the altered ball was used, a score of zero shall be applied. The frame does not have to have been completed for the score of zero to apply for that frame.

2) Out-of-State Travel

A bowling team may travel out of state to compete in contests, and matches in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance of travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a bowling team may travel out-of-state one time per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time. A bowling team may not travel out of state to practice. Exception: A school team that utilizes an out of state facility as its home facility may practice at that facility.

“School time” is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. **Penalty for violation:** The school shall be

ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided.

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner's office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event.

3) Sponsorship

- 3.1) A school that sponsors girls bowling, with five or more girls participating, shall have a separate girls team in order to enter the OHSAA-sponsored girls tournament competition.
- 3.2) A school that sponsors girls bowling and has less than five girls participating may permit the girls to participate as individuals with the boys team during the regular season, and the girls will be permitted to enter and compete as individuals in the OHSAA –sponsored girls tournament provided the school is registered for the girls tournament. There are no "co'ed" bowling teams. A girl who bowls on a boys team is a member of the boys team. Girls on boys teams must continue to participate as a member of the boys team during the regular season. Girls who participate as members of the boys team may only participate in the OHSAA girls tournament if the school sponsors girls bowling, but was unable to field a girl's team. Any girl who has bowled with the boys team during the season may choose to continue to participate with the boys team during the OHSAA tournament. No person may bowl in both the boys and girls OHSAA tournament.
- 3.3) A school that sponsors boys and girls bowling and has separate teams shall schedule separate contests, but both may be held at the same time.
- 3.4) A school that does not sponsor girls bowling but has one or more girls participating may permit the girls to participate on the boys team, but they must enter the OHSAA-sponsored boys tournament competition.

4) Uniforms

All players must wear the same sleeved, bowling shirt which conforms to school/OHSAA regulations. At minimum the shirt must have the name of the school or school nickname as identified in the *OHSAA School Directory* on the back. All bowlers must wear the same color pants. No jeans or cotton sweat pants are permitted. If nylon warm-ups are worn, they must be worn by the entire team and be identical in style and color. Girls are permitted to wear skirts and/or shorts provided the skirts/shorts are of the same color as the pants and are no shorter than the end of the bowler's index finger when standing. Pants should be worn at waist level and not sag or touch the floor. Cargo and painter pants are not permitted. Manufacturer logos (Nike, Adidas, etc) are permitted but not Bowling Center logos. See General Sports Regulations regarding permissibility and size of manufacturer's and other (patriotic) logos. Currently there is no necessity to have a number on an individual bowlers uniform. Conferences/Leagues may have their own requirements.

5) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Sections 12 and 13 of the General Sports Regulations

6) Practice

The host center shall prohibit all open play or practice by team members on the day of the match prior to official team warm-ups. **EXCEPTION:** school physical education classes may use the facility for any and all scheduled activity during school hours.

Substitute (bench) players may warm-up prior to a match on practice lanes not assigned by the host bowling center as competition lanes. This warm-up shall end at the same time as the warm-up for those bowlers who will compete in the initial lineup.

Practice is not permitted for any player while that player is participating in a match. This would be unsporting conduct.

7) Non-Interscholastic Participation

A member of an interscholastic bowling squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, or regular season/tournament contest) sponsored by the Board of Education or similar governing body shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest or event during the school's bowling season (Sports Regulation 6.4).

NOTE: Examples of non-interscholastic bowling contests include, but are not limited to, club or intramural bowling, bowling facility championships, tournaments, leagues (adult and/or youth), charitable events and other events that are organized for the purpose of competition.

7.1) The **maximum** penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 6.4, participation on a non-interscholastic bowling squad, or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic bowling season or the ensuing season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

7.2) Interscholastic bowling coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

8) Spectators

Spectators are NOT permitted in the bowling area where team members are seated, nor are spectators permitted to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of coaches/contestants to caution ANY spectator from talking to or interfering with contestants during competition. Failure to do so may result in a penalty or disqualification of contestants involved. **Bowling team members must remain in the bowling area once a match begins, unless explicitly excused by the coach.**

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — Grades 9-12

1) Coaching and instruction may begin —November 4, 2011.

2) First contest: November 18, 2011

3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament - January 30, 2012

4) Tournament draw/seeding meeting – February 5, 2012

5) Coaching and Season end – March 3, 2012

6) Scrimmages –None permitted.

7) Regular season contests - 24 for team and individual and each interscholastic contest counts. *Regular season tournaments with multiple teams count as one contest (exception: A tournament that is designed to run more than one day with “new” matches starting on the following or consecutive days shall count as the same number of matches as days of the tournament). For tournaments that feature only head to head competition between teams rather than field of play competition, each head to head competition shall count as one contest.*

8) Rules - United States Bowling Congress (USBC) as modified by OHSAA.

9) Officials - No requirements.

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Coaching Begins	11/4	11/2	11/1	11/7	11/6	11/4
Season Begins	11/18	11/16	11/15	11/21	11/20	11/18
Non-Interscholastic Date	1/16	1/14	1/13	1/19	1/18	1/16
Sectional	2/11-2/19	2/9-2/17	2/8-2/16	2/14-2/22	2/13-2/21	2/11-2/19
District	2/20-2/26	2/18-2/24	2/17-2/23	2/23-3/1	2/22-2/28	2/20-2/26
State	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	2/28/-3/1	3/6-3/7	3/4-3/5	3/3-3/4
Season Ends	3/3	3/2	3/1	3/7	3/5	3/4
Easter	4/8	3/31	4/20	4/5	3/27	4/16

