

SIJHSAA STATE BOWLING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Tournament Dates and Site

- 1. Intent To play cards – Filed by Feb. 1st**
- 2. Final Entry Deadline – March 4, 2024**
- 3. Roster Deadline –** Rosters and fees for regional will need to be sent in to your respective regional coordinators NLT March 4th, 2024. Roster forms can be found on the website.
- 4. SIJHSAA BOWLING REGIONAL SCHEDULE – SEE WEBSITE FOR WHAT REGIONAL YOU ARE IN AND THE TIMES THEY START. THIS WILL BE POSTED FEB 19TH.**
- 5. SIJHSAA BOWLING STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE –**
 - Date – March 16, 2024
 - Competitors Arrive and Sign In: 8:30 – 9:00
 - Mandatory Coaches Meeting: 9:00
 - Spectator Entrance: 9:10
 - Opening Ceremony: 9:30
 - Warm-Up: 9:50
 - Begin Bowling: 10:00 – 12:30 (Round 1)
 - Break: 12:45 – 1:15
 - Bowler Lane Assignments: 1:15
 - Warm-up: 1:20
 - Begin Bowling: 1:30 – 4:00
 - Awards: 4:30 – 5:00
- 6. Tournament Site and Address – For State Tournament**
 - St. Clair Bowl**
 - 5950 Old Collinsville Rd.**
 - Fairview Heights, IL 62208**

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- 7. Fees – 10.00 per bowler or 40.00 per team at the Regional level. \$20.00 per bowler or 80.00 per team at the State. This info. Is on the roster form on the website.**

B. General Rules

- 1. Eligibility** – Please refer to SIJHSAA eligibility rules.
- 2. Rules** – Bowling equipment such as balls and shoes must meet USBC specifications. If there is a question regarding equipment, the tournament manager will have the final say so.
- 3. Game** – The standard tenpin scoring format will be used. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the SIJHSAA rules, the USBC rules and the SIJHSAA terms and conditions shall govern the competition with the tournament manager having the final say so.
- 4. Number of Bowlers** – Beginning with the year 2024, there will be three bowling regionals. The number of bowlers who advance to the state tournament will depend on the number of bowlers per regional. The maximum allowed is 18 boys and 18 girls teams and the top 12 individual boys and individual girls scores on entrants whose school does not qualify for the state.
- 5. Participant/Coach Gate** – A separate entrance will be used for participants and coaches. This entrance is at the South end of the bowling alley and it will be clearly labeled. Only participants and coaches who are on the SIJHSAA State Bowling Roster will be allowed to use this pass gate.
- 6. Participant/Coach Passes** – One wristband will be given to each bowler to wear during the competition. Also, one pit pass will be provided for each school for the coach to wear in the competition

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area. Nobody will be allowed in the competition area without the wristband and or pit pass.

- 7. Lane Assignments** – Your lane assignment will be given to you at sign-in.
- 8. General Admission** – The main entrance which is located at the front of the building will be for spectator use. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students 8th grade and down. There will also be an admission to get into regionals. \$3.00 for 9th grade on up and \$2.00 for 8th grade and below..
- 9. Noise Makers** – No artificial noise makers will be allowed in the bowling center.
- 10. Opening Ceremony** – The players and coaches from all schools will be introduced then the National Anthem will be played.
- 11. Eating Accommodations** – No coolers or outside beverages of any kind will be allowed into the facility by any spectator. A participant will be allowed to bring in a bottle of water or Gatorade during sign-in. Concessions will be available during the tournament.
- 12. Tobacco/Alcohol** – The use of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited during the state tournament. This includes the parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other tournament center property. Anyone in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise and no refund will be granted.
- 13. Apparel Sales** – Schools are encouraged to pre-order before the tournament begins

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C. Playing Format

- 1. Playing Format** – The regional will consist of one round of 3 games. The state tournament will consist of 2 rounds with 3 games per round. The first round will consist of 3 games. After the first round, participants will be assigned a different lane. The second round will also consist of 3 games.
- 2. Team/Individual Format** – A team will consist of up to 6 boys and 6 girls. A minimum of 4 bowlers must be used to qualify as a team. If a school does not have enough members to sign up to qualify as a team, then they can bowl as an individual for their particular school. Schools will not be allowed to co-op for the bowling state tournament.
- 3. Ties** – A ninth and tenth frame tie-breaker formula will be used if the outcome has an effect on a medal or a trophy placement.

D. Conduct of Players/Coaches

- 1. Bowling Area** – All bowlers will remain in the immediate bowling area while competition is in progress. If a bowler needs to leave the bowlers area permission must be received from the coach. Only the coach and starting players will be in the bowling area. Coaches will be required to wear a pass that will be issued at the tournament.
- 2. When To Bowl** – Bowlers will be expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the one lane to their left and right is clear.
- 3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct** – Unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to: Deliberate fouls, gestures, unusually loud or vulgar language, or abuse of equipment or facilities, is not permitted. Coaches have the responsibility to warn a bowler for

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the first violation. A second violation will result in removal of the bowler from competition.

- 4. Electronic Devices** – No electronic devices of any kind are permitted to be in the bowling area.
- 5. Bowling Attire** – Slacks, shorts, turtlenecks, sports shirts with collars, T-shirts with a commercially lettered school name and logo, nice jeans and/or skirts are all acceptable. Unacceptable apparel includes but is not limited to tank tops, T-shirts that advertise alcohol, drugs or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or headgear and or boxer type shorts.

E. Bowling Practice

- 1. Practice** – Bowlers will have 10 minutes of practice time before each round.

F. Awards

- 1. Medals** – Medals will be awarded to the top 15 individuals in the boys division and the girls division at the state meet. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 individuals for boys and girls at the regional level.
- 2. Trophies** – Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division in the regional. Trophies will be awarded to the top 4 teams in each division at the state tournament.

G. Administration

- 1. Tournament Director** – Tracy Lauderdale – Carriel Jr High – O’Fallon
- 2. Tournament Manager** – Mike Imes – St. Clair Bowl
- 3. Tournament Manager** – Lee Kirchner – SI Bowl