



2017 MHSAA BOWLING FINALS



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BOWLING FINALS, THIS IS THE D-1 COMPETING SCHOOL
GUIDE FOR COMPETITION AT STERLING LANES**

March 3 - 4, 2017

To: MHSAA Bowling Division 1 Team & Individual Finals Qualifiers
From: Cody Inglis, Assistant Director
Re: 2017 Finals Information

Congratulations on qualifying for the MHSAA Division 1 Bowling Finals March 3 & March 4 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights. Attached is information regarding time schedules, hotels and format, as well as directions and parking policies. Additional information is listed below - please communicate to parents & athletes. For additional questions, please call our office at 517-332-5046 or e-mail at: cody@mhsaa.com

Rosters & Entry – All team & individual Finals qualifiers that advanced from their respective Regional are automatically “entered” into the MHSAA Finals Bowling Tournament. There is no roster or lineup to send to the MHSAA in advance. Schools are responsible for the eligibility of their athletes. Roster limit is eight per team for the MHSAA Finals.

Alcohol/Tobacco policy - Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators.

Admission/Parking – Tickets for the Finals will be \$8 for each day of the competition. Spectators should enter through the front (main) entrance of the facility. Parking is free of charge. Coaches & participants should enter through main entrance. Two coaches for each team have free admission. **Please remind spectators they are not allowed to bring food or beverages into the Finals Bowling Centers.**

Directions – Sterling Lanes is located at 33200 Schoenherr Road in Sterling Heights north of I-696 and just north of 14 mile road.

Entrance & Check-in Area – Bowlers and coaches must enter through the main entrance where they will be directed to the check in and registration area. Each qualifying team and/or singles qualifier(s) will receive a packet with the Finals program and ID lanyards for the head coach & assistant. The lanyards will allow two coaches from each team to have coaching privileges in the bowlers’ area.

Coaching Supervision – All student athletes **must** be accompanied by an adult coach as designated by the school. Athletes will not be checked in or allowed participation without adult coaching and supervision as required by MHSAA Regulation II, Section 2. Only two coaches will be allowed in the bowler area for each team.

Uniforms/Dress Code – Athletes and coaches will be required to follow the MHSAA bowling uniform/dress standards. Caps, headgear, blue jeans, t-shirts or cutoffs are not allowed. Female bowlers will be allowed shorts or skirts of appropriate length. Yoga pants are not allowed. **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 Finals will result.** Prior to competition, warm ups (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies) must be removed and may not be used in competition. Coaches must also adhere to the MHSAA uniform/dress code regulations.

Format/ Pairings – The Finals format in singles will begin with a 6 game qualifying block, with the top 16 bowlers in each gender advancing to the match play round. Match play will be a two games total pins format with pairings and brackets based on qualifying round scores.

In Team competition, the 18 teams in each gender will begin with a qualifying block consisting of eight Baker games and two regular games. The top 8 scores based on total pinfall will advance to the match game round consisting of one regular game and two Baker games. Pairings and brackets will be based on qualifying round scores. (See time schedules)

Hotels/Meals – A list of area hotels is attached. You may also go to the MHSAA Web site and check the preferred housing information on the bowling home page. **Daily lunch and continental breakfast with beverage will be provided for all bowlers and coaches each day at the Finals.** Schools and athletes are responsible for their own housing costs.

Fees/Schedule – All Finals lane fees will be paid by the MHSAA. Time schedules are attached.

Practice – Lanes will be available for practice on Thursday from 3-5:30 p.m. and after 9:30 p.m. for teams and on Friday afternoon and evening for singles participants not in the team event. Practice lane fees must be paid by schools and/or athletes. Access to lanes for practice will be coordinated by the bowling center counter staff. Participants are asked to limit practice to no more than 3 games per bowler. Although not strictly prohibited, it is recommended that coaches not bowl with students during practice. There will be ample warm-up time prior to each round of the Finals.

Lane Conditions – The Finals lane condition will be the Kegel “**Allen Pattern**”. It is a 39-foot pattern. More information on the Allen pattern is on the MHSAA bowling website. Coaches and bowlers are reminded that conditions are not absolute and the base pattern is subject to humidity, surface, etc.

Lane Assignments – Lane assignments are determined in advance and will be in the team packet received at registration.

Substitutions – The MHSAA substitution rule will apply. Coaches who make changes to their team roster prior to the Finals may do so at check-in. There are no replacements allowed for singles qualifiers who are not able to bowl in the singles Finals.

Pace of Play – Coaches must inform their players of the importance of being ready to bowl at their turn. Intentional slow play will not be tolerated. Warnings will be given with possible disqualification if problems persist. A one-lane courtesy rule will be observed.

Paddock/Equipment – All equipment/bags, etc. will be stored in the paddock area. The paddock area is supervised, but bowlers and coaches should exercise good judgment in leaving valuables in bowling bags. Small padlocks for bags are recommended and care taken to not leave property scattered or away from the team’s assigned area.

Cell Phones/Pagers – Bowlers and coaches may not have cell phones on their person or used in the bowling area. Coaches may not use tablets/smartphones in the bowler’s area.

Sportsmanship – MHSAA Sportsmanship Regulations and Regulations prohibiting taunting will be followed and enforced. It is imperative that coaches and players understand that spontaneous emotion and positive cheering for teammates is entirely appropriate and welcome. However, and rehearsed and orchestrated chants and cheers that are designed to intimidate and disrupt other teams and bowlers will not be allowed. Tournament management will be the sole judge of appropriate conduct, warnings, penalties and/or disqualifications. We need the cooperation of coaches and bowlers to have an exciting event with great enthusiasm and energy within the parameters of good sportsmanship and respect for each other. **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.**

2017 Division 1 Bowling Finals Time Schedule – Sterling Lanes

Friday – Team Competition – Time Schedule

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 (15 minutes)

8:25 a.m. – Qualifying round begins, eight Baker games followed by two regular games. Change lanes after each regular game, change lanes after each Baker set (two games), 18 girls teams, 18 boys teams.

12:00 Noon – Lunch & condition lanes

1:00 p.m. – Top eight teams in each gender begin Quarterfinal match game round, two Baker games, one regular game.

2:30 p.m. – Semifinal round match games, four girls teams, four boys teams.

4:00 p.m. – Championship match for final two girls teams and final two boys teams.

Saturday – Singles Competition – Time Schedule

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 begins for 60 boys & 60 girls, 6 regular games, five or six bowlers on a pair, change lanes after each game. Top 16 advance to second round.

11:30 a.m. – Lunch & re-condition lanes

12:30 p.m. - Second round match games begin, two games total pins, 16 boys & 16 girls, one match per pair, five-minute warm-up.

1:30 p.m. (approx.) – Quarterfinal round - eight boys & eight girls, two games total pins, one match per pair.

2:30 p.m. (approx.) – Semifinal round for four boys & four girls, two games total pins, one match per pair.

3:30 (approx.) – Finals for boys & girls, two games total pins, one match per pair.

Sterling Heights Area Preferred Hotel List/Rates 2017 Division 1 Bowling Qualifiers

Courtyard by Marriott –

30190 Van Dyke Ave. – Warren – (I-696 @ exit 23, north 2 miles)

Comp internet, Bistro serving breakfast and dinner. Rates: Team: \$104 Fans: \$109 Some rooms have 1 King + sleeper sofa

Wyndham Garden Inn Sterling Heights –

34911 Van Dyke Ave.-Sterling Heights (I-696 @ exit 23, north 4 miles)

Hotel features a 32,000 sq ft Indoor Water park with full time lifeguards on duty, three story waterslide, lazy river, interactive splash play park, indoor running track, locker rooms with men's and women's steam rooms, 24 – hour state-of-the-art fitness center, video game arcade and poolside snack bar with full beverage service. Family restaurant Loon River Café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Rates: Team: \$109 Fans: \$112 Rate includes two (2) admissions to indoor water park. May purchase additional water park tickets at \$10 apiece.

Hampton Inn & Suites

36400 Van Dyke Avenue

Sterling Heights, Michigan, 48312

(586) 276-0600

Hampton Inn & Suites/Sterling Heights would be happy to accommodate MHSAA High School Bowlers. Rooms come with either 1 King or 2 Queen Beds, and the Suites also have a full size sleeper sofa. We have an indoor heated pool, all rooms have micro and fridges, and the rate also includes hot breakfast.

Hampton Inn – Warren

7447 Convention Blvd. (North of I-696 on Van Dyke)

586-977-7270

Holiday Inn & Suites – Warren

30000 Van Dyke Ave.

888-897-0084

Baymont Inn and Suites

7447 Convention Blvd.

Warren - (586) 977-7270

Quality Inn & Suites –

30900 Van Dyke Ave. – Warren – (I-696 @ exit 23, north 2 miles)

Comp hot breakfast, comp wi-fi, no pool, business center, exercise center Rates: Team: \$94 Fans: \$99

Residence Inn by Marriott – 30120 Civic Center Blvd. – Warren – (I-696 @ exit 23, north 2 miles)

Comp internet, Bistro serving breakfast and dinner.

Rates: Team: \$104 Fans: \$109 All rooms have 1 Queen bed + sleeper sofa

