



MHSAA 2020 Boys & Girls Bowling Regional Tournament Manager Manual

ADMISSION – Spectator admission for MHSAA Regional tournaments will be \$6 per person both days. Spectator admission at the MHSAA Finals will be \$8 each day.

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 rosin 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 paddock or other assigned area. Equipment changes will be allowed.

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.

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 smartphones may not be used by coaches during competition in the bowlers area for coaching purposes, nor can coaches or athletes 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.

ENTRY MATERIALS – **Participating schools must submit a Master Eligibility List and roster form to the tournament manager by Feb. 7, 2020 or be subject to the \$50 late entry fee. There is no extension for the deadline. Please get materials into the Regional manager.**

INJUNCTION/RESTRAINING ORDER POLICY - 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.

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. Tournament Managers are to remind participating teams of this policy; ensure that team video equipment is not being used to stream live video; read the public address announcements and post the signage provided by the MHSAA; and enforce the policy if a member of a participating team party or a spectator is suspected of streaming video.

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 with no more than 6 bowlers on a pair. The number of lanes available in the host bowling center and the size of the field will determine exact assignments. A maximum of 6 bowlers on a pair should be the goal of lane assignments.

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.

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

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 AT TOURNAMENT SITE – Teams/individuals may not practice at MHSAA Regional or Finals tournament sites on the day of competition. Practice **may** take place at the site on days **prior** to the tournament at school expense. At the Regional level, such practice should be coordinated by the host school & proprietor so that all schools are given equal access. Such practice should be monitored by the school coach. At the Finals sites, participants may schedule practice sessions prior to day of competition on their own during open bowling times. Singles qualifiers will have lane access for practice on the prior afternoon (Friday) at the Finals sites.

PRACTICE/WARM-UP POLICY – Teams and individuals shall be allowed a warm-up period not to exceed 15 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 team roster for the MHSAA tournament on the day of competition, six for singles competition. The tournament roster may change from one day to the next (singles to team), or one level to the next (Regional to Finals).

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.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS – Regional managers shall send to each participating school an information packet with time schedule, lane fees, check in procedures and all other information regarding facilities, parking, concessions, paddock, scoring, equipment, etc. The packet should be sent to schools no later than February 14, 2020. Regional managers should also indicate the official “setting of the field” to be no later than Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, meaning no additions to the field can occur past this date.

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 IV, 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.**

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

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 7 person 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.**

TIME SCHEDULES – Regional tournament Managers and host centers will determine start times for team & singles competition. Check in should be one hour prior to start of competition. Finals time schedules will be supplied to Finals qualifiers by Regional Managers or by going to MHSAA.com under the bowling site.

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 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.

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. Slacks, shorts, skorts or skirts will be allowed. Skirts, skorts and skirts must be at least fingertip length when extending the arm straight down to the side when standing straight up. 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 headgear is prohibited. Headbands for hair retention and sweatbands are allowed. 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 Regionals 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.**

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.

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.

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