

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOWLING HANDBOOK and IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

2011-2012



The KHSAA welcomes the sport of bowling to sanctioned sports in Kentucky.

Eligibility to Enter Teams

All teams must be a KHSAA member school and follow the bylaws that were agreed to upon becoming a member school. Bowling will be a winter sport and will be phased into applicably with the KHSAA rules. Any bowling center that is interested in sponsoring a high school recognized by the KHSAA is welcome to participate.

Regulation Season (add chart from handbook?)

- a. Bowling shall take place as a winter sport with organized practice beginning on October 15. The first contest shall not take place before the Monday following state football semifinals.
- b. The regional tournament will be held during week of March 11-17(NFHS week 37)
- c. State Tournament – March 23-24 (NFHS week 38)
- d. Maximum number of 22 days of competition.

Jurisdiction and Governance

Rules for competition shall be those of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) American Bowling Alliance. KHSAA rules prevail in case of a conflict with standard USBC rules.

Awards/Amateur Status

Participants shall comply with bylaw 12 in the KHSAA handbook

Team Structure

Competition will be provided for both girls' teams, boys' teams, and coed teams.

Rosters

1. A schools roster is unlimited on the number of members.
2. Rosters shall be entered on the KHSAA website and will be locked on the first day of the post season.

3. On the day of competition the competition team for that date will consist of twelve (12) uniformed bowlers.
4. Though teams may have more than twelve bowlers on their team roster, only twelve bowlers may compete in any High School Bowling competition at any level. Eight bowlers will be active during competition, while the remainder of participants will act as substitutes.

Coed Option

If a single gender team cannot be formed, a coed team can be organized following these guidelines:

1. Coed teams shall be defined as any team having one or more members of the opposite gender.
2. All coed teams must participate in the boy's matches and tournaments.
3. Individuals and teams participating as coed (boys) for the regional tournament will continue as coed (boys) for the state tournament.

Preseason – Scrimmages

1. Two (2) preseason scrimmages are allowed. Once the season has begun all matches shall be counted as regular season matches.

Regular Season Rules

1. It is the schools responsibility to secure a facility to bowl and establish a schedule. Many bowling center proprietors already welcome the high school leagues and are willing to work with schools (see state wide list of bowling facilities on our website).
2. Master schedules have been utilized in the past and may be the preference for center management.

Weekly Match Format

1. Warm Up/Practice is allowed 5-10 minutes prior to the start of competition. Lineups must be exchanged prior to each game simultaneously.
2. Rules for competition shall be those of the United States Bowling Congress. Rules contained within this document prevail in case of a conflict with standard USBC Rules. (link to rules: <http://bowl.com/rules/rulebook/index.jsp>)
3. Competition will consist of regular and baker games as well as total pin fall, for a total of seven possible points each match. Format will be two games of regular bowling (two teams of 4 bowlers on 2 different pairs of lanes bowling and dropping the lowest score on each pair), two games of baker and total pin fall (excluding the lowest scores that was dropped during regular play). Each three person score will be compared to those of the other team on that pair. The team with the highest 3 game score wins 1 point (there are 2 points available each game) 4 possible points for the two games combined.

4. Two teams of four will bowl two regular games with top three scores from each team counting as a regular game (dropping the lowest score). 4 possible points.

Example:

GAME # 1			
TEAM: South High	SCORE	TEAM: North High	SCORE
Joe Bowler	221	John Tenpin	175
Jack Split	201	Steve Ebonite	190
Donald Sparemaster	99	Mike Arrows	122
Alex Gutterson	135	Zach Fouls	144
SUB - TOTAL	656	SUB - TOTAL	631
(-) LOW SCORE	99	(-) LOW SCORE	122
TOTAL	557	TOTAL	509

1 point

0 points

5. It takes five bowlers to bowl one baker. There will be two games of baker bowled for a total of 2 possible points. If less than 5 bowlers for a team are at a match then that team must take a 0 in the frames that would be bowled by the missing bowler. The coach may put the missing bowler in any of the 5 positions.
6. Baker style bowling is: Bowler 1 – bowls frames 1 & 6, Bowler 2 – bowls frames 2 & 7, Bowler 3 – bowls frames 3 & 8, Bowler 4 – bowls frames 4 & 9, Bowler 5 - bowls frames 5 & 10.
7. Total pin fall (excluding the all lowest scores dropped) wins 1 point.
8. Centers are requested to donate an extra pair of lanes for bowlers, not currently participating in the matches, to practice on (limit 4 bowlers from each tem, provided lanes are available).
9. Centers shall designate which lanes are to be used for competition – home team on the left lane, visiting team on the right lane.
10. In the case of a tie for a regular game, a Baker game, or a series during the regular season both teams will receive a half of a point.
11. Standings shall be determined on a match win, loss, and tie basis. When a match is completed the competition shall be recorded as a win (1-0), a loss (0-1), or a tie (0-0-1).

Substitutions and line ups

1. Substitutions in both regular and Baker games are allowed and a team may substitute as much and at any time they wish, however once an athlete is removed, the player can not re-enter that game. During regular games the athlete beginning the game will get credit for the score for average purposes.
2. First and Last names must be written on the score sheet for regular games and baker games to ensure that the number of bowlers do not exceed 12. Teams playing more than 12 bowlers will receive 0's for every frame bowled by the extra bowlers, this includes baker frames. Teams that do not post the line up on the score sheet will risk forfeiting the points won in baker and the pins they earned towards the total pin fall point.
3. Each team should assign a lane captain for each pair of lanes (two boys and two girls per team). The lane captain should be knowledgeable of the regulations listed above. The lane captains of the home team should be capable of making corrections on the scoring system at that bowling center. The lane captains should be listed last on the appropriate lane roster (for easier identification and communication).

Bowling Etiquette and Self Reporting

1. When a bowler is on the approach, ready to bowl, bowlers on the adjacent lanes on both sides should remain back behind the line of vision for that bowler.
2. No part of a bowler's body should pass the foul line, even if it is accidental. Bowling centers should have the foul light on during competition, and coaches should ask before the start of the match for them to be turned on. In the case that the foul lights are not in working order the coaches should watch for violations. If a bowler does commit a foul, the rack should be reset and/or appropriate corrections to the score should be made.
3. If a bowling ball bounces out of the gutter or the back of the pinsetter and strikes any pins, those pins cannot be counted and the rack should be reset and/or appropriate corrections to the score should be made.
4. If the overhead rack should inadvertently knock down pins that should still be standing, then a bowling center employee should correctly replace those pins before the second ball is thrown.
5. If a bowler bowls out of turn or on the wrong lane, the resulting score (good or bad) must be erased, not transferred, and the proper order or proper lane used.
6. The bowler himself/herself can realize the violation and take appropriate steps to correct.
7. A teammate or opponent who has observed a violation can politely approach the bowler and request stoppage of play to discuss the possible violation or error.
8. A coach or establishment representative can request stoppage of play to discuss a possible violation or error.
9. If a parent or other fan observes a violation, it is recommended that they notify the coach or establishment representative instead the players themselves.

Code of Conduct, Violations and Disputes

1. If the bowler, or a teammate, or an opponent identifies a violation, the coaches should be consulted about the appropriate correction. Lane captains should then make correction themselves if possible.
2. If the lane captains cannot agree on the validity of the violation, the appropriate score correction for the violation or cannot complete the appropriate correction on the score system, then a coach or establishment representative should be consulted.
3. If agreement still cannot be reached, then both coaches and the establishment representative should consult to make a final decision. If a major discussion is needed to settle the dispute, it is each coach's responsibility to control his/her players, assistant coaches and fans so that the discussion can be carried out in a calm, controlled manner.
4. It is important to realize that if play continues beyond the point of the violation, that it may be impossible to reverse the results of any actions that follow the violation.
5. Bowlers who are caught cursing, taunting, or enacting inappropriate gestures will receive 1 warning. If the player is caught doing anything inappropriate the player will be disqualified.
6. Bowlers who engage in the destruction of center property or any type of physical altercations with players, coaches, spectators, or officials will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament.
7. Fans and players may not distract the opposing teams with chants. If they repeatedly attempt to chant while the other team is up they will receive a warning, if they continue after the warning they risk costing the team to forfeit the current baker game. Also any fan who engages in any type of physical altercation or who refused to follow the previous rules will be forced to leave the property or risk being arrested.
8. All competitors shall remain in the seating and playing area of their assigned pair of lanes while competition is in progress. Non-competitors and spectators may not be in the area. Coaching will be behind set tee areas. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, profanity, abuse of equipment, and any outburst or show of unsportsmanlike conduct. Any violation of the above mentioned rules would result in an automatic ejection from the game in progress plus suspension of the player for the remaining competition of the day.

Rules and Equipment During All Regular and Championship Meets

1. Team members and coaches are required to wear collared shirts or one-inch mock collars with school name/logos on the back of the shirt; **no other advertisements or sponsorships will be allowed unless agreed to by the KHSAA**. Manufactures logos are permitted as manufactured.
2. Coaches are required to adhere to the same dress code as team members.

3. DRESS CODE: All bowlers must wear similar team collared shirts. Bowlers must also wear full length slacks. These slacks may be of any color as long as they are similar to that of the rest of the team and do not have any tears or holes in them. Bowler may NOT wear shorts, or jeans. Bowlers out of uniform will not be allowed to bowl till they are able to comply with the rules.
4. Bowlers are not allowed to have cell phones or any other electronic devices in the pit area during the meet.
5. All bowlers are required to wear bowling shoes during competition. Shoes will be furnished by the bowling center where the match is being played, if needed, at no cost to the student athlete and shall be returned to the bowling center at completion of the match.
6. Bowlers are expected to have their own ball for use in the matches. Balls furnished for use by the bowling center are for match play only and must be returned to the bowling center at the completion of the match.

Coaching

Coaching of players is permitted to be continuous throughout the match, as long as it does not interfere with play. Coaching should be held in a private area away from the competition for the purpose of offering advice to the player and not in any way to distract an opposing player.

Coaches Qualifications

All coaches shall meet the criteria of Bylaw 27 as required by the KHSAA and hired by the school.

Post-Season Team Format (still working on)

1. Teams will bowl one game with two teams of four bowlers, dropping the low score on each lane. That six bowler total will be used to seed the team into a bracket (size depending on the number of teams in their region). The team will then bowl whichever team they are seeded to bowl in a match. Teams will bowl baker games with the first team to win three games being the winner and advancing into the tournament.

Post Season Individual Format

1. Individuals will qualify based on their averages compiled during the regular season using regular games only.
Coaches must submit score sheets to the regional host and that information shall be compiled throughout the season.
2. The top four averages for males and top four averages for females from each region will qualify for the state tournament. If there is a tie for the fourth place, then the averages should be compared after the decimal point. Example 196.6 would qualify over a 196.4 average.
3. How individual tournament works? Like ladder idea for end.

All-State Selection

Ask coaches association (not one formed at this time) to choose and award.

Website and KHSAA Contact

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