



## 2021 MHSAA BOWLING FINALS



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The MHSAA Bowling Return to Play guidelines must be followed at the MHSAA Bowling Finals. The MHSAA Finals Qualifier information, the MHSAA Return to Play guidelines, the MHSAA Bowling Managers Manual and the MHSAA Bowling PSTI will all be used to administer and govern the MHSAA 2021 Bowling Finals tournaments.

**FOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS QUALIFYING TO THE MHSAA  
BOWLING FINALS, THIS IS THE D-1 COMPETING SCHOOL  
GUIDE FOR COMPETITION AT THUNDERBOWL LANES**

**March 26-27, 2021**

To: MHSAA Bowling Division 1 Team & Individual Finals Qualifiers  
From: Cody Inglis, Assistant Director  
Re: 2021 Finals Information

Congratulations on qualifying for the MHSAA Division 1 Bowling Finals **March 26 & March 27** at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. 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](mailto: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 SIX 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 \$10 for each day of the competition.** Digital ticketing (GoFan) will be used as the only entry method. Digital Tickets will be \$10.00 per spectator. The spectator capacity of all Bowling Finals sites will be limited to 1 spectator per bowler. For the team event on Friday, this will be one spectator per bowler, with a maximum of six. For the Saturday singles portion, this means that one spectator per bowler is allowed. Digital ticketing codes will be sent directly to the school for spectators to purchase tickets for entry. Spectators should enter through the front (main) entrance of the facility. Parking is free of charge. **Coaches & participants MUST check in together and at the same time. No ENTRY will be permitted unless the complete team is together, players and coaches on Friday A.M. For Saturday singles, all participants and their coaches must enter at the same time.** 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. No large bags or backpacks will be allowed in the center. Metal detectors will be used at the entrance.**

**Awards** - At the Finals the first and second place teams will receive trophies and eight team medals, and the top eight individuals in singles receive medals.

**Directions** – Thunderbowl Lanes is located at 4200 Allen Road in Allen Park close to the intersection of W. Outer Dr. and Allen Rd. Main highway access is off of 1-94 or M-39.

**Entrance & Check-in Area** – **Coaches & bowlers MUST ENTER and check in together and at the same time. No ENTRY will be permitted unless the complete team is together, players and coaches on Friday A.M. For Saturday singles, all participants and their coaches must enter at the same time.** 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 wristbands for the head coach & assistant. Team qualifiers will receive two coach wristbands. Singles qualifiers will receive one coach wristband. Schools with multiple bowlers qualifying for the singles event will receive two coach wristbands. Only coaches with an ID wristband will be allowed 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.

**Conduct** - Coaches and team members are reminded that rules of good sportsmanship will apply in MHSAA Regional Tournament Bowling. Athletes and coaches will be subject to the MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3-D regarding unsportsmanlike conduct. Profanity, taunting, kicking ball returns and throwing equipment will not be tolerated. **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.**

**Uniforms/Dress Code** – Athletes and coaches will be required to follow the MHSAA bowling uniform/dress standards. Caps, hats, blue jeans, t-shirts or cutoffs are not allowed. Shorts, skorts or skirts must be at least fingertip length when extending the arm straight down to the side when standing straight up. 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.

**Facial Coverings - Face coverings are required in bowling AT ALL TIMES. This includes all times when in active participation and all times during non-active participation.**

**Format/ Pairings** – In Team competition, the 12 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)

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.

**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.

**INTERNET STREAMING** - For the 2020-21 school year, the MHSAA Executive Committee has approved a waiver of the MHSAA HANDBOOK regulation related to live video of regular season and MHSAA Tournament events. **Member schools not participating in the School Broadcast Program may use their own resources and a platform of their own choice to live stream events without restrictions.** Member schools not participating in the School Broadcast Program may assign the live streaming rights to a local third party if they choose to do so. Local over-the-air TV stations and cable channels may broadcast games live. Tournament Managers are to remind participating teams of this new and revised policy for the 2020-21 school year. **It is strongly encouraged this year, that with limited spectator capacity that each school competing have one person that live streams or updates their fan base, as one overall stream for bowling may not be feasible in a bowling center.**

**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, 3/25/21 from 3-9 p.m.** for teams and on Friday afternoon and evening after competition until 9 p.m. for singles participants not in the team event. Practice lane fees must be paid by schools and/or athletes. **Tournament lane condition may NOT be available for practice sessions.** Access to lanes for practice will be coordinated by the bowling center counter staff. You may call Thunderbowl Lanes directly at 313-928-4688 to schedule practice time on Thursday. 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 Assignments** – Lane assignments are determined in advance

**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 Rotation at Finals** –Lane rotation will be limited in 2021. Lane rotation will be determined by tournament managers across the lane block.

**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 if the bowlers are on the school master eligibility list. 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 by the team area. A bowler is allowed four bowling balls in the Finals center. No more than two bowling balls may be in the competition area. There will not be a paddock area. 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.**

**Tiebreaker Procedures – Final** - 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.

## 2021 Division 1 Bowling Finals Time Schedule – Thunderbowl 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. 12 girls teams, 12 boys teams.

### **12:30 p.m. – Lunch & condition lanes**

1:15 p.m. – Top eight teams in each gender begin Quarterfinal match game round, two Baker games, one regular game.

2:45 p.m. – Semifinal round match games, four girls teams, four boys teams.

4:15 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 bowlers on a pair, Top 16 advance to second round.

### **12:00 p.m. – Lunch & re-condition lanes**

1:00 p.m. - Second round match games begin, two games total pins, 16 boys & 16 girls, one match per pair, five-minute warm-up.

1:45 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.

3:15 p.m. (approx.) – Finals for boys & girls, two games total pins, one match per pair.