



2023 MHSAA BOWLING FINALS



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**FOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS QUALIFYING TO THE MHSAA
BOWLING FINALS, THIS IS THE D-4 COMPETING SCHOOL
GUIDE FOR COMPETITION AT M-66 BOWL, BATTLE CREEK**

MARCH 3-4, 2023

Congratulations on qualifying for the MHSAA 2022 Division 4 Bowling Finals March 3 & March 4 at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek. 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: cole@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 **SEVEN** per team for the MHSAA Finals.

Alcohol/Tobacco Policy – The 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 – Finals spectator tickets will be \$11 for each day of the competition. Each spectator requires a ticket. Digital ticketing (GoFan) will be used as the only entry method. 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. Spectators are also not allowed to bring large bags or backpacks into the bowling center.**

Directions – M-66 Bowl is located at **19794 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017.**

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 wristband(s). Team qualifiers will receive two coach wristbands for a head and assistant coach. Singles qualifiers will receive one coach wristband. Schools with multiple bowlers qualifying for the singles event will receive two coach wristbands. Only coaches with wristbands will have coaching privileges in the bowlers’ area during the respective competitions.

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. 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 the start of competition, warmups (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 – **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. A hotel list for the Battle Creek area is part of this file.

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

Practice – Lanes will be available for practice on a limited basis Thursday 3/2/23 (no open lanes from 4-6:30 PM) for teams and after the team competition of Friday for singles. 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 and can be made by calling 269-962-9597. Participants are asked to limit practice to no more than 3 games per bowler. There will be ample warm-up time prior to each round of the Finals. Again, please be aware that the “Phantom Pattern” may NOT be on the practice lanes.

Lane Conditions – The Finals lane condition will be the Kegel “**Phantom Pattern**”. More information on the [Phantom 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 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 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. **A bowler is allowed five bowling balls in the Finals center. No more than two bowling balls may be in the competition area.**

Foul Lights – Automated foul-detecting devices will be turned off during MHSAA postseason tournament competition. Bowlers will use the honor system regarding suspected or questioned foul line infractions. The first suspected foul will result in the Tournament Manager issuing a

warning to the bowler, with a subsequent foul being a zero for that delivery. *NOTE: regular bowling rules apply for obvious foul line infractions; if a bowler clearly crosses or touches the foul line at delivery, the player is not credited with any pins knocked down by that delivery.*

Cell Phones/Pagers – Bowlers and coaches may not have cell phone or pagers on their person or used in the bowling area. Coaches may not use tablets/Smartphones in the bowlers 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 in 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.

2023 Division 4 Bowling Finals Time Schedule – M-66 Bowl

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. Rotate (odd left, even right) after each regular game, rotate after each Baker set (two games), 18 girls teams, 18 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 a.m. – Warm-up period (15 minutes)

8:25 a.m. – Singles qualifying round begins for 60 boys & 60 girls, 6 regular games, five bowlers on a pair, rotate lanes after each game. 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.



BATTLE CREEK LODGING

Baymont Inn & Suites

4725 Beckley Road
269-979-5400 Toll Free: 877-229-6668 www.baymontinns.com

Baymont Inn & Suites Downtown

182 West Van Buren Street
269-565-0500 Toll Free: 877-229-6668 www.baymontinns.com

Best Western Executive Inn

5090 Beckley Road
269-979-8506 Toll Free: 800-789-7234 www.bestwestern.com

Quality Inn

2590 Capital Avenue SW
269-965-3201 Toll Free: 800-424-6423 www.comfortinn.com

Fairfield Inn

4665 Beckley Road
269-979-8000 www.marriott.com/btlf

FireKeepers Casino Hotel

1117 Michigan Avenue
877-352-8777 www.firekeeperscasinohotel.com

Hampton Inn

1150 Riverside Drive
269-979-5577 Toll Free: 800-426-7866 www.hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Battle Creek

12812 Harper Village Drive
269-979-0500 Toll Free: 800-465-4329 www.holidayinn.com/battlecreek

Red Roof Inn

5050 Beckley Road
269-979-1100 Toll Free: 800-733-7663 www.redroof.com

McCamly Plaza Hotel

50 CAPITAL AVENUE SW
269-963-7050 Toll Free: 888-622-2659 www.mccamlyplaza.com

Battle Creek Quality Inn & Suites

11081 East Michigan Avenue
269-964-3000 Toll Free: 800-424-6423 www.qualityinn.com

Courtyard by Marriott

12891 Harper Village Drive
269-979-2900 Toll Free: 800-Marriot www.marriott.com