



2022-23 MHSAA Bowling Division 2 Region 9 Regional Information Packet

To: Participating School Athletic Directors and Bowling Coaches
From: Adam Valk - Tournament Manager
Re: Division 2, Reg.9
Bowling Regional Tournament - Feb. 23-24, 2023

Welcome to the 2023 MHSAA Regional Bowling Tournament hosted by Wayland Union High School and Spectrum Lanes in Wyoming. Please review the following information and procedures for the Regional Tournament.

Competing Schools - Allegan, Battle Creek Pennfield, Charlotte, DeWitt, Fowlerville, Grand Rapids Christian, Haslett, Hastings, Mason, Thornapple Kellogg, Otsego, Plainwell, Richland Gull Lake, Wayland, Wyoming Godwin Heights

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Entry Procedures/Limits - Deadline for submitting rosters and Master Eligibility list is **Feb. 3, 2023**. Entry materials should be addressed to me (Adam Valk) via e-mail to - valka@waylandunion.org or Autumn Bonte - Athletic Secretary bontea@waylandunion.org. Eligibility lists may be updated after initial submission until February 22.

Team event – Maximum 7 boys, 7 girls on the team roster.
Singles – Maximum of 6 boys and 6 girls

Fees - A school with a boys' and a girls' team, plus all 6 boys' and girls' singles entries, the total is **\$250.00**. Payment is due before bowling on Friday, **checks made out to Spectrum Lanes**. Fees can be paid at check-in, please do not send fees in advance, have your coach bring them to Spectrum Lanes at time of check-in. Checks, credit cards or cash is accepted. Invoices provided in advance if needed.

Time Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 23 (Team event) 1:05pm Start

- 12:00 p.m. Check In for all boys and girls (Only Coach is needed for check -in)
 - 12:30 p.m. Coaches meeting or earlier if all coaches are present
 - 12:45 p.m. Announcements and National Anthem
 - 12:50 p.m. Warm-ups (15 minutes will be given for team event)
 - 1:05 p.m. Begin Scoring
- Format:** (8 baker games, followed by 2 regular games. Move lanes after each baker pair and regular game)

Friday, Feb. 24 (Singles event) 10:00am start

- 9:00 a.m. Check in for all boys and girls (Only Coach is needed for check-in)
 - 9:30 a.m. Coaches meeting or earlier if all coaches are present
 - 9:45 a.m. Announcements and National Anthem
 - 9:50 a.m. Warm-ups (15 minutes will be given for team event, 10 minutes for singles)
 - 10:00 a.m. Begin Scoring
- Format:** Singles Event - 6 games. Move after each game.

Total pins will determine final placement. **Top three teams and top ten singles advance to State Finals** in each gender. Ties will be broken to determine 1st place and final qualifying position.

Oil Pattern - The MHSAA Regional lane condition is the Kegel “Phantom Pattern”.

Coaching – A maximum of two coaches per gender will be allowed admission. There can only be **two** coaches allowed in the bowling area during competition. Coaches are expected to follow the dress code and exemplify proper sportsmanship. Coaches are not allowed on the approaches, as per MHSAA rules, coaching should take place between frames only.

Paddock Area - Boys and Girls will use the banquet room inside of the South Entrance as paddock and check-in.

Line-up Changes - Line-up changes will be taken care of at check-in. Please make sure your replacement is on the Master Eligibility List that you will be sending in with your roster of bowlers. Substitutes must be on the Master Eligibility list in order to participate.

Admission/Spectators - All tickets will be sold via GoFan Digital Tickets. Pre-school children are admitted free. Please share this information with parents ahead of time. School administrators and coaches’ spouses can sign in and will be admitted free of charge.

There is no smoking at Spectrum Lanes, and no alcohol sales to spectators for the duration of the tournament. Noisemakers (whistles, airhorns) and cameras that *flash* are not allowed. Positive and courteous cheering is encouraged.

Please communicate to spectators that they may not bring food or beverages into the bowling center!!

Spectrum Lanes has a full breakfast/lunch/dinner menu and will be available during the tournament. They will also offer Pizza by the Slice on both days of the event.

Sportsmanship - All MHSAA regulations regarding sportsmanship and disqualifications will be followed as stated in MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3-D. This is a high school event, and as such there will be no tolerance for taunting, swearing, or intimidating conduct. Kicking/hitting the ball returns or throwing equipment may result in disqualification from the tournament.

Dress Code - The MHSAA dress code for tournament competition will be followed and enforced. Boys – Slacks and a collared shirt or mock turtleneck are required. Girls – Slacks, shorts, or skirts with collared shirts or mock turtlenecks are required. Skirts must reach the top of the knee and shorts shall be an appropriate length.

As specified in the MHSAA manual: T-shirts, jeans, sweatpants, cutoffs, and warm-ups are not allowed. Hats or caps are not allowed. Religious dress is allowed with prior approval.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices - No cell phones/electronic devices are not allowed in the bowling area. Wireless headphones are also not allowed in the bowling area. 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 bowlers area.

Equipment - Participants shall be limited to a maximum of **FIVE** bowling balls in the bowling center, and **TWO** balls in the bowler's area. Additional bowling balls should be kept in the paddock area. A bowler may not leave the center to get other balls during competition. Equipment changes will be allowed during competition. Bowling balls must be on the USBC approved ball list to be used in MHSAA competition.

Ball Cleaning - Players may not alter the surface of the ball with abrasives or apply cleaner after competition begins. **USBC Rule 18 has been rescinded. Starting August 1, 2022, bowlers are no longer allowed to use isopropyl alcohol to clean a bowling ball once competition has started.** 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.

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.

Practice at Spectrum Lanes – Please be advised that if you choose to have your team practice at Spectrum Lanes prior to the Regional, do not expect lane access on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Your best practice time is the weekend before the event (Saturday or Sunday, Feb. 18 or 19 during normal available hours of the house. Make sure you call ahead to make lane reservations, do not expect lane access without advance communication!

Miscellaneous Information:

- USBC equipment rules and MHSAA regulations will govern the competition. All disputes will be handled on-site by the tournament manager.
- There will be 15 minutes of practice before the girls' and boys' team event and 10 minutes before each singles event. Half the time will be on one lane, and then teams will switch sides for the remaining practice time.
- There can be no practice at Spectrum Lanes prior to the start on the day of the tournament. Contact Spectrum Lanes for available times and costs for practice on days prior to the event. Please be advised that MHSAA recommends supervision from a school representative and practices must be during normal open bowling times at normal rates.
- Lane assignments will be drawn randomly when all entries are received and processed. You will be notified of your starting lanes at check-in.
- All additional information is available online at the MHSAA website- rosters, general procedures, coaches' manual, etc.
- Spectrum Lanes is located off of US 131 at Exit 78. Ample parking is available and a full breakfast/lunch/dinner menu will also be available during the tournament. There are also a few local hotels if teams plan to stay over on Wednesday or Thursday night.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions. On behalf of Wayland Union HS and Spectrum Lanes, thank you for participating and I look forward to receiving your information.

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