

# 2025 MHSAA BOYS and GIRLS REGION 21 BOWLING TOURNAMENT Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday Feb. 22, 2025

Meridian Early College HS Mustangs and Northern Lanes Recreation **WELCOME YOU** to the REGION 21 Tournament.

## Teams participating in Region 21

**Alma  
Birch Run  
Bridgeport  
Caro**

**Carrollton  
Essexville Garber  
Frankenmuth  
Freeland  
Midland Bullock Creek**

**Pinconning  
Saginaw Swan Valley  
Sanford Meridian  
Shepherd**

## Important phone numbers and locations

Northern Lanes Recreation – 1129 E Saginaw Rd, Sanford, MI, 48657

Tournament managers: Jon VanDongen, Meridian Early College HS Bowling Coach	989-860-0793
Jay Mulhollen, Meridian Early College HS Bowling Coach	989-798-3066
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Meridian Early College HS Athletic Department	989-687-3302
Northern Lanes Recreation	989-687-5562

Friday Team Boys Northern Lanes	Friday Team Girls Northern Lanes	Saturday Singles Boys Northern Lanes	Saturday Singles Girls Northern Lanes
7:00 am Check in	1:00 pm Check in	7:00 am Check in	1:00 pm Check in
7:20 am Coaches meeting	1:20 pm Coaches meeting	7:20 am Coaches meeting	1:20 pm Coaches meeting
7:35 am Announcements	1:35 pm Announcements	7:35 am Announcements	1:35 pm Announcements
7:40 am National Anthem	1:40 pm National Anthem	7:40 am National Anthem	1:40 pm National Anthem
7:45 am 15 min warm-up	1:45 pm 15 min warm-up	7:45 am 10 min warm-up	1:45 pm 10 min warm-up
8:00 am Begin scoring	2:00 pm Begin scoring	8:00 am Begin scoring	2:00 pm Begin scoring

## Tournament rules

MHSAA Tournament Rules will apply. Participants shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) bowling balls in the bowling center, and two (2) balls in the bowling area - with one (1) ball allowed on the ball return. All other bowling balls and bags are to be in the team's reserved ball section.

## Cost

There is a \$3.50 per lane, per bowler fee for each school. The cost per team will be \$189.00. For a school with a boys and girls team, the cost is \$378.00. ***Please make the check payable to Northern Lanes Recreation.*** The entry fee is due prior to the first day of the tournament. You may bring the check with you or mail it to: Meridian Athletics, Mitch Bohn, 3303 N M-30, Sanford, MI, 48657.

**\*\*\*\*SCHOOLS MUST PAY ENTRY FEES BEFORE TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO BOWL.\*\*\*\***

## Spectators/Admission

Spectator admission for MHSAA Regional tournaments will be \$7 per person both days. Digital tickets will be sold via GoFan at [gofan.co](https://gofan.co)

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. Large purses, backpacks, duffle bags, oversized bags/totes, and coolers are prohibited. Outside food is prohibited. Spectators are allowed a single clear bag not exceeding 12" x 6" x 12" - e.g., one-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar). Diaper bags brought in by a parent with a small child and bags containing medical supplies will be permitted.

## **Format**

The Friday Team competition will consist of four (4) alternating lane Baker sets followed by two (2) 5-man team games. After each Baker set and Team game, teams on odd lanes will move left one pair and teams on even lanes will move right one pair. We have an odd number of teams and there will be one team bowling unopposed for both the boys and girls each game.

Saturday's Singles competition, each bowler will bowl a six-game block moving one pair right after each game.

Tie breaker in Singles will be a one game roll off. If still tied, then a 9th and 10th frame roll off repeated until the tie is broken. Tie breaker in the Team event will be one Baker set (2 games). If still tied, then a 6th-10th frame Baker format roll off repeated until the tie is broken. Tie breaker pins do not count to total, only to break the tie.

Total pinfall will determine the top two (2) teams and the top seven (7) individuals moving on to the State Finals at Jax 60 in Jackson on Feb. 28th and Mar. 1st.

## **Oil Pattern**

Kegel "Phantom 2" oil pattern will be used.

## **Practice Time**

There will be ten (10) minutes of practice prior to the start of the Singles event and fifteen (15) prior to the start of the team event.

## **Entry Forms**

The MHSAA Regional Tournament Boys Team and Singles Roster form, Girls Team and Singles Roster form and Master Eligibility forms are **due Friday, January 31, 2025**. The roster forms are attached and are also located on the MHSAA website.

**Please email to: Mitch Bohn at [mitchell.bohn@merps.org](mailto:mitchell.bohn@merps.org)**

**\*\*\*\*ALL CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING BY EMAIL TO MITCH BOHN.\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR CHANGES IS THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT.\*\*\*\***

## **Lane Assignments**

Lane assignments will be made by random draw prior to the tournament. Lane assignments will be posted at the door and at the coaches meeting.

## **Practice prior to the tournament**

Teams may contact **Northern Lanes Recreation** for practice times for open bowling. No practice is available on tournament days. A coach must monitor any practice.

## **Dress Code**

**Boys** – Slacks are required. Blue jeans, cutoffs, shorts, sweatpants, or warm-up pants will not be allowed. Jerseys of either collared, quarter zip, V-neck, rib-lined or banded neckline designed for use as a bowling uniform are legal uniform tops. V-neck and crew neck jerseys must be made of some type of athletic performance fabric – not cotton. Cotton T-shirts and sweatshirts will not be allowed as legal uniform tops during competition.

**Girls** – Slacks, shorts, skorts, or skirts will be allowed. Skirts, shorts and skorts must be at least fingertip length when extending the arm straight down to the side when standing straight up. Blue jeans, cutoffs, sweatpants, warm-up pants, **or yoga/spandex pants will not be allowed**. Jerseys of either collared, quarter zip, V-neck, rib-lined, or banded neckline designed for use as a bowling uniform are legal uniform tops. V-neck and crew neck jerseys must be made of some type of athletic performance fabric – not cotton. Cotton T-shirts and sweatshirts will not be allowed as legal uniform tops during competition.

**Both** – 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. Bandanas are not allowed. Religious dress is allowed with NO approval from the MHSAA required. Prior to competition, warmups (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies) must be removed and may not be used in competition.

**If a violation of the MHSAA bowling dress code 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 Regional will result. Coaches must also adhere to the MHSAA dress code regulations.**

### **Coaching Restrictions**

A maximum of **two** school coaches, per gender, will be allowed in the bowler's area during competition. Coaches are not allowed on the approaches. Coaching is allowed ONLY between frames. Coaches may NOT use iPads for coaching in the bowler's area.

### **Competition Area**

Only bowlers who are in the lineup and actively competing are permitted in the bowlers seating area. Substitute bowlers should remain in a nearby area, ready to enter competition promptly when needed. Large backpacks and bags are not allowed in the bowlers' area during competition. Each bowler is permitted one small bag (e.g., drawstring/cinch bag) to transport and store bowling equipment in the bowler's area. Exceptions will be made for bags containing medical supplies. Coaches are allowed to have backpacks/bags in the competition area during competition.

### **Substitutions**

A standard starting lineup for team competition will consist of five (5) bowlers. 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 the substitute in subsequent games. The substitute must be on the seven (7) person roster at the start of the competition. **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.**

**Team Roster** (list probable starting five bowlers in positions 1-5) Roster limit is seven (7) bowlers in team competition and a maximum of six (6) bowlers in the singles competition.

### **Sportsmanship**

**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 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 a one-lane courtesy for bowlers on adjacent lanes.

**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.

### **Alcohol and Tobacco**

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.