



2021-22 NJSIAA BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SATs, graduation, and the like. In addition, all schools competing in this tournament must adhere to the NJSIAA state tournament COVID-19 policy which can be found on our website under current resources or by following this link: <https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-11/njsiaa-state-tournament-policy.pdf>

Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

In all tournaments conducted by the NJSIAA, each member school must compete in its own group and section classification, unless fewer than eight (8) schools qualify. In that case, the Executive Committee may combine one or more groups. When the committee eliminates sectional championships because of an insufficient number of schools qualifying, the State Group Championships will be conducted on a statewide quartile basis or State Championships may be conducted without regard to Groups or Division.

Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are also available on the NJSIAA website.

The United States Bowling Congress along with any NJSIAA bowling rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

1. All entry forms (team & Individual) must be completed online.
2. Entries that are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.

Bowling Important Dates

Event	Boys Dates	Girls Dates
Team Entry Form Due (by 12:00pm):	January 3, 2022	January 3, 2022
Cutoff (Individuals Entries):	January 17, 2022	January 17, 2022
Individual Entry Form Due (by 12:00pm):	January 18, 2022	January 18, 2022
Regular Season Competition Ends:	February 16, 2022	February 16, 2022
Post-Season Meeting:	February 24, 2022	February 24, 2022
Sectional Championships		Girls Dates
Girls North I @ Bowler City		February 5, 2022 @ 9:00am
Girls North II @ Lodi Lanes		February 5, 2022 @ 9:00am
Girls Central @ Bowlero (North Brunswick)		February 5, 2022 @ 9:00am
Girls South @ 30 Strikes		February 5, 2022 @ 9:00am
Sectional Championships	Boys Dates	
Boys North IB @ Lodi Lanes	February 10, 2022 @ 2:00pm	
Boys North II @ Jersey Lanes	February 11, 2022 @ 2:00pm	
Boys North IA @ Bowler City	February 12, 2022 @ 9:00am	
Boys Central @ Bowlero (North Brunswick)	February 12, 2022 @ 9:00am	
Boys South @ 30 Strikes	February 12, 2022 @ 9:00am	
Team Championships	Boys Dates	Girls Dates
Bowlero starting at 9:00am	February 16th (Snow - Feb 17)	February 14th (Snow - Feb 15)
Individual Championships	Boys Dates	Girls Dates
Bowlero starting at 9:00am	February 18th (Snow - Feb 22)	February 18th (Snow - Feb 22)

To qualify for the tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. All eligible teams may participate in the Sectional Championships.
3. Teams must have competed in at least two (2) VARSITY matches (to completion) against like genders to be eligible for the team tournament.
4. Individual bowlers from member schools that do not have a bowling team or whose team has not entered the state sectional tournament may compete in the individual tournament provided they meet the entry qualifications. These schools may not enter more than four (4) individuals.
5. All individual entrants qualify if they have an average of 170 in a minimum of six (6) league matches bowled up to and including the cutoff date. This qualifying average must be documented by the league secretary and forwarded with the entry form. Events can either be dual matches or tournaments.
6. Tournaments regardless of the number of games bowled are considered one event. This includes all games bowled in match play, both varsity and JV.
7. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season and before the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
8. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications before the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached before the start of the tournament for the team.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in njschoolsports.com by the start of the season. Rosters must be checked and updated if necessary, by the start of the tournament. We cannot guarantee any roster changes made after the start of the tournament will make it into the tournament program.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
3. All eligible teams and individuals must complete the entry forms by the due dates listed.

Entry Fee

- \$120 per team, payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Bowling Tournament).
- \$20 for each individual bowler, payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Bowling Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- DO NOT use certified mail

Tournament Seeding

1. For the state sectional tournament, schools will be assigned to a section and group by the NJSIAA tournament directors based on geographical location (northing number) first, then by enrollment.
2. The classifications for bowling will be determined by the actual number of teams entered in the sectional tournament.
3. The boys' entries will be divided into 5 sections (North IA, North IB, North II, Central, South) and the girls into 4 sections (North I, North II, Central, South) equally.
4. When dividing the sections by 5 or 4, if they do not divide equally, then we will place the schools at the break line based on which schools are closest in the northing number.
5. Once the sections are determined, we will divide the schools based on enrollment in each section by 4 (Group 1, 2, 3, 4) to determine the groups. If they do not divide equally, then we will place the schools at the break line based on which schools are closest in enrollment number.
6. The enrollment figures used will be taken from the current NJSIAA enrollment figures. Public and non-public schools will compete in common brackets, they will not be separated.
7. Individual qualifiers will be placed in a section based on their schools' northing number.

Tournament Rules:

1. One (1) team from each school, consisting of five (5) bowlers.
2. Each competitor will bowl three (3) traditional games in the sectional tournament and the winner will be determined by the total pins.
3. This is a "scratch" tournament (no handicaps).
4. No school may enter both a team and individuals.
5. No school may have more than 6 bowlers and 2 coaches in the settee area at any one time during competition.
6. Schools may practice up to 6 bowlers before the start of the competition during the designated practice time.
7. Girls bowling on a boys/co-ed bowling team will be eligible for the boys' state championship as team members.
8. Girls may also compete in the Girls Individual Championship if they qualify as an individual.
9. Girls may not compete as individuals or be eligible for awards in the boys' championship, nor may they compete on a boys' team if they have competed as a member of a girls' team, at any time during the season.
10. Coaches must show ID at the time of check-in for all NJSIAA tournaments. If a school-approved chaperone is supervising the bowler/s, they must have school identification as well.
11. Lanes will be rotated during all sectional tournaments
12. Re-surfacing of the balls is permitted after the group finals and before the start of the TOC.
13. The TOC lanes will be re-oiled so we can avoid using the lanes blocked by the desk at Bowlero
14. Open substitution rule will be in effect, including Baker team matches.
15. All scores are final once submitted and signed by the coach. However, the tournament director has the authority to certify the official score.
16. Blind scores are not permitted. If a team supplies a pacer(s) on the day of the tournament, it is understood that the pacer(s) is not eligible to compete in that tournament.

17. Schools will draw for starting lane assignments in the sectional tournament. Lanes will be assigned for the Tournament of Champions (state finals).
18. The NJSIAA will pay all bowling fees for the sectional and Tournament of Champion matches.
19. Bowlers' names must appear on the entry form in order to bowl. Any changes from those players/coaches' names that appear on the entry form must be submitted in writing to the tournament director before the start of the tournament. This written notice must be signed by the principal, athletic director, and coach, and must state the reason(s) for the change. Such change is effective for the entire tournament.
20. Each team or individual must have a coach or certified faculty member present. Failure to comply will result in the contestant or team not being permitted to bowl.
21. Proper attire must be worn by all bowlers, i.e., a school-issued shirt. No hats. Players will be disqualified if not dressed in a school-issued shirt. Coaches will be responsible for informing their bowlers of this regulation and for following the dress attire rules.
22. The NJSIAA and bowling establishment will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
23. Teams may practice before the start of the sectional tournament and the Tournament of Champions if lanes are available. In the TOC, teams/bowlers may not practice on the lanes designated for the championships. The NJSIAA will not pay for practice games or shoe rental. Note that it is possible that the bowling alley will not have rental shoes in all sizes. Schools should come prepared and plan accordingly.
24. In case of inclement weather or any other reason that causes the tournament to be postponed, the tournament director will inform the management of the lanes of the postponement. Coaches are urged to call the bowling alley for information relative to the postponement and the site, time, and date of the rescheduled event.
25. The tournament director and or sectional directors will rule on any disputes.
26. Schools are asked to refrain from bringing into the bowling alley any outside food or beverage products, other than homemade items.
27. No electronic devices are allowed down on the lanes or in the settee area until the completion of the tournament.
28. Any member school and/or student-athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport may be disqualified from all remaining NJSIAA tournaments in that sport in that season and be barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present. (Section 17, Rule 2, NJSIAA handbook). The tournament director may replace a team/individual that withdraws with the next finisher in the sectional tournament.
29. Schools entering individuals not presently competing on an interscholastic basis are advised to read carefully the procedures covered in - "Coaches Appointed to Accompany Teams or Individuals to NJSIAA Championships" in the NJSIAA handbook. Tournament directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching capacity who is not properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education. A properly appointed coach will thereafter be subject to the Rules and Regulations covered in Program Regulations, Section 11 - Out of season Practice. If a substitute coach is used, written authority from the school's principal must be presented.
30. Protests based upon a tournament director's judgment or misinterpretation or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Article VII, Sec. 1.
31. Participation by an ineligible player in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible player and the final results are adjusted accordingly. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said school will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place, if applicable and feasible; schools eliminated before the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.
32. The sectional and state directors have the authority to disqualify a coach or a player for conduct unbecoming a student-athlete/coach, but not limited to, the use of profanity, disorderly conduct, and/or flagrant physical or verbal misconduct. The disqualified player will not be replaced during that game. The normal NJSIAA rules will apply to the disqualification. Schools are responsible for the conduct of their student-athletes and their spectators. Schools are subject to disqualification by the tournament director and/or NJSIAA officials in attendance for displays of unsportsmanlike conduct.

To Qualify for the Team Group Championships:

1. Each sectional champion and runner-up in each group will advance to the group finals.
2. If two or more schools tie for a sectional championship or the runner-up spot, one Baker team game will be bowled to break the tie.
3. If the tie is for the sectional championship, both teams (and only those two teams in that group) will advance to the group finals.
4. The winner of the Baker game roll-off will be considered the champion.
5. Only two schools from each group will automatically advance to the group championships.
6. One wildcard qualifier from each section regardless of group number will advance to the group championships.
7. The team with the next highest pinfall among the non-qualifiers in a particular section will qualify as a wildcard for the group championships.
8. The number of wildcard qualifiers is based on the number of sections each gender has (Boys 5, Girls 4).
9. The wildcards per section can come from any group. See wildcard clarification below:

Boys

Regular Qualifiers per section = 8 (Grp 1 = 2, Grp 2 = 2, Grp 3 = 2, Grp 4 = 2) x 5 sections = 40 teams

Wildcard Qualifiers per section = 5 (N1A = 1, N1B = 1, N2 = 1, Cen = 1, South = 1) = 5 teams

Total teams moving on to state finals = 45

Girls

Regular Qualifiers per section = 8 (Grp 1 = 2, Grp 2 = 2, Grp 3 = 2, Grp 4 = 2) x 4 sections = 32 teams

Wildcard Qualifiers per section = 4 (N1 = 1, N2 = 1, Cen = 1, South = 1) = 4 teams

Total teams moving on to state finals = 36

To Qualify for the Individual Meet of Champions:

1. The top twenty (20) individuals from each section with the highest 3 game series (total pins) will advance to the Individual meet of champions.
2. All ties to determine the 20 individual bowlers will be broken by a two-frame roll-off (9th and 10th frame). If a tie still exists after the two-frame roll-off, a one-frame roll-off will be conducted until the tie is broken.
3. Individual bowlers must remain at the sectional location in case of a tie.
4. If there are 5 individual/independent bowlers that are competing, they will be considered one (1) team for the sole purpose of computing the number of individuals that will be sent to the Individual meet of Champions. If there are 10 individual/independent bowlers, they will be considered two (2) teams per the above verbiage. These individual/independent bowlers shall not be considered a school team and cannot advance to the team finals.
5. The following process will take place for Individual bowlers that scratch from the meet of champions.
 - If the coach, school, or athlete informs the sectional meet directors before or on the day of the sectionals that they cannot participate at the finals. No fines will be levied, and we will go to the next place winner until the position is filled.
 - If there is a scratch after the sectionals, the NJSIAA will determine if a fine will be levied based on the reason and we will not replace the position.

Individual Meet of Champions Format:

Round 1

1. All bowlers who qualify for the Individual meet of champions will bowl 3 games.
2. All bowlers will move to the next assigned pair after each game in this round.
3. At the conclusion of the third game, the top 18 bowlers will advance to round 2.
4. The top 18 bowlers will be based entirely on the first 3 games bowled in round 1, with no carryover from the sectional tournament.
5. Ties for the 18th position will be broken by a two-frame roll-off (9th and 10th frame). If a tie still exists after the two-frame roll-off, a one-frame roll-off will be conducted until the tie is broken.

Round 2

1. The 18 bowlers who advanced to round 2 will bowl 3 games.
2. Bowlers will move to the right after each game in this round
3. At the conclusion of the third game, the top 5 bowlers will advance to round 3 (Stepladder Round) based on the six-game total bowled earlier in the day.

4. All ties for the top five seeded positions will be broken by a complete game roll-off.
5. If the 4th and 5th seeded positions are tied, the seed will be awarded to the bowler with the higher series in the first three games bowled earlier that day.

Round 3 (Stepladder Round)

1. The top 5 bowlers from round 2 will compete in the stepladder round for the state championships.

Team Group Championships Format

1. The team group championships will be determined by bowling 3 traditional games.
2. The winner in each group will compete in the team tournament of champions.
3. Teams will rotate with a different school within a cluster of six lanes within their respective group.
4. If two or more schools tie for a state group championship, co-championships will be awarded. However, one Baker game will be bowled and the team with the highest pin total will advance to the team tournament of champions.

Team tournament of Champions Format

1. The overall State Champion will be determined by a Baker game competition between the state group champions.
2. The group champions will be seeded by pin total. If there is a tie, a single game roll-off will determine the team that advances to the Baker game finals.
3. Seeds for group champions that have the same pin total for three games will be broken by the pin total for the 3rd game, then the 2nd game.
4. The Group Champion with the highest pin total will be seeded first. The Group Champion with the next highest pin total will be seeded second, the next highest will be seeded third, and the next highest seeded fourth.
5. Breaking ties for seeding: Total pins beginning with the 3rd game, and if needed because of a tie there, we would use total pins in the 2nd game, and if needed again, we would use total pins for the first game.
6. Schools with the highest pinfall would be seeded higher.
7. The teams involved in the Baker game finals will consist of 5 bowlers with Seed #1 vs. Seed #4 and Seed #2 vs. Seed #3 competing in the best 3 out of 5 games.
8. The winners will then compete in a best 3 out of 5 baker game format to determine the overall state champion.

Awards

Sectional Champions:

- Trophy and 15 certificates for the 1st place team in each group in each section.
- Trophy to the individual with the highest 3-game series in each section only and medals to 2nd thru 6th place individuals with highest 3-game series in each section only.

State Group Championships:

- Trophy and 15 certificates for the 1st place team in each group.

Team Tournament of Champions:

- Trophy and 15 certificates for the 1st place team.

Individual Meet of Champions

- Trophy to the individual with the highest single-game score and medals to 2nd thru 8th place individuals with the highest single-game score.

State Tournament Schedule

<u>Boys Bowling Sectional Directors:</u>	<u>Girls Bowling Sectional Directors:</u>
North IA: Howard Conklin - hconklin@bergenfield.org	North I: Howard Conklin - hconklin@bergenfield.org
Bowler City - (201) 343-3545	Bowler City - (201) 343-3545
85 Midtown Bridge St., Hackensack, NJ 07601	85 Midtown Bridge St., Hackensack, NJ 07601
North IB: Greg Hatzisavvas - wpubowl@aol.com	North II: Stefana Niemo - sniemo@mhrd.org
Lodi Lanes - (973) 471-7100	Lodi Lanes - (973) 471-7100
58 Terhune Ave., Lodi, NJ 07644	58 Terhune Ave., Lodi, NJ 07644
North II: Greg Hatzisavvas - wpubowl@aol.com	Central: Mike Mitchell - michael_mitchell@nbpsnj.net
Jersey Lanes - (908) 486-6300	Bowlero (North Brunswick) - (732) 846-2424
30 Park Ave., Linden, NJ 07036	1 Carolier Ln., North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Central: Anthony Bilello - abilello@obps.org	South: Mark Klimek - mklimek@pennsauken.net
Bowlero (North Brunswick) - (732) 846-2424	30 Strikes - (856) 783-0558
1 Carolier Ln., North Brunswick, NJ 08902	501 South White Horse Pike, Stratford, NJ 08084
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2022 State Championship Oil Patterns:

Boys Team State Championships – USBC White # 2

Girls Team State Championships – USBC Red # 2

Boys & Girls Individual State Championships – USBC Blue # 2