



2022-23 NJSIAA BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

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.

Member schools that are not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and all procedures found in the tournament operating procedures handbook should not enter the tournament.

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 – entries submitted via fax or email will not be accepted.
2. The boys' sectional tournament will have four sections – NI, NII, Central and South.
3. Three (3) wildcard teams from each section will advance to the team state championships for both the boys and girls.
4. The top twenty-five (25) individual bowlers from each section will advance to the individual state championships for both the boys and girls.

Bowling Important Dates

Event	Boys Dates	Girls Dates
First Practice	November 21, 2022	November 21, 2022
Competition Start Date	December 5, 2022	December 5, 2022
Post-Season Transfer by Date	December 5, 2022	December 5, 2022
Team Entry Form Due (by 12:00pm)	January 9, 2023	January 9, 2023
Cutoff (Individuals Entries)	January 23, 2023	January 23, 2023
Individual Entry Form Due (by 12:00pm)	January 24, 2023	January 24, 2023
Regular Season Competition Ends	March 5, 2023	March 5, 2023
Post-Season Meeting	TBD	TBD
Sectional Championships		
		Girls Dates
Girls North I @ Bowler City		February 18, 2023 @ 9:00am
Girls North II @ Bowlero (North Brunswick)		February 18, 2023 @ 9:00am
Girls Central @ Bowlero (North Brunswick)		February 18, 2023 @ 9:00am
Girls South @ Laurel Lanes		February 18, 2023 @ 9:00am
Sectional Championships		
	Boys Dates	
Boys North I @ Bowler City	February 11, 2023 @ 9:00am	
Boys North II @ Jersey Lanes	February 10, 2023 @ 2:00pm	
Boys Central @ Bowlero (North Brunswick)	February 11, 2023 @ 9:00am	
Boys South @ 30 Strikes	February 11, 2023 @ 9:00am	
Team State Championships		
	Boys Dates	Girls Dates
Bowlero starting at 9:00am	February 20, 2023*	February 22, 2023*
Individual State Championships		
	Boys Dates	Girls Dates
Bowlero starting at 9:00am	February 24, 2023*	February 24, 2023*
Unified Team Tournament		
Preliminary Rounds @ TBD	February 18, 2023	
Team Championships @ Bowlero	February 24, 2023	

*Snow dates – Team Boys February 21st – Team Girls February 23rd – Individual February 25th

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. Schools may not enter more than four (4) individuals in the state sectional tournament.
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 sectional state 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. Both the boys' and girls' entries will be divided into 4 sections (North I, North II, Central, South) equally for each gender.
4. When dividing the sections by 4, if they do not divide equally, then one remainder will be added to each section starting with NI until there are no more remainders.
5. **NJSIAA staff reserves the right to adjust sectional assignments based on lane availability at each location. This may result in some sectional sites having a different number of teams competing at each location.**
6. 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 remainders will be added to Group I.
7. 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.
8. Individual qualifiers will be placed in a section based on their schools' northing number. However, NJSIAA staff reserves the right to place an individual qualifier in a different section based on lane availability at each location.

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 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 to compete at the boys' team sectional and state tournament.
8. Girls bowling on a boys/co-ed bowling team must compete as an individual at the girls' sectional tournament to qualify for girls' individual state tournament.
9. Girls may not compete as individuals or be eligible for awards in the boys' individual state tournament, nor may they compete on a boys' team in the state tournament, 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. Open substitution rules will be in effect, including Baker team matches.
12. All scores are final once submitted and signed by the coach. However, the tournament director has the authority to certify the official score.
13. 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.
14. Schools will draw for starting lane assignments in the sectional tournament. Lanes will be assigned for the state tournament.
15. The NJSIAA will pay all bowling fees for all tournaments.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. The NJSIAA and bowling establishment will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
20. Teams may practice before the start of the sectional tournament and state tournament if lanes are available. 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.
21. 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.
22. The tournament director and/or sectional directors will rule on any disputes.
23. Schools are asked to refrain from bringing into the bowling alley any outside food or beverage products, other than homemade items.
24. No electronic devices are allowed down on the lanes or in the settee area until the completion of the tournament.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. All tournament 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 directors and/or NJSIAA officials in attendance for displays of unsportsmanlike conduct.

To Qualify for the Team State Championships

1. Each sectional champion and runner-up in each group will advance to the team state championships.
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 team state championships.
4. The winner of the Baker game roll-off will be considered the sectional champion.
5. Only two schools from each group will automatically advance to the team state championships.
6. The three teams with the next highest pinfall among the non-qualifiers in a particular section will qualify as the three wildcard qualifiers from each section that advance to the Team State Championships, regardless of group number will advance to the team state championships.
7. If two or more schools tie for the third wildcard spot, one Baker team game will be bowled to break the tie.
8. 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 4 sections = 32 teams

Wildcard Qualifiers per section (NI and Central) = 3 (N1 = 1, N2 = 1, Cen = 1, South = 1) X 2 sections = 12 teams

Wildcard Qualifiers per section (NII and South) = 4 X 2 sections = 8 teams

Total teams moving on to state finals = 44 46

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 = 3 (N1 = 1, N2 = 1, Cen = 1, South = 1) X 4 sections = 12 teams

Total teams moving on to state finals = 44

To Qualify for the Individual State Championships

1. The top twenty (25) individuals from each section with the highest 3 game series (total pins) will advance to the individual state championships.
2. NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust the number of individuals advancing from each section to the individual state championships if changes are needed to the sectional assignments due to lane availability at each location.
3. All ties to determine the 25 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.
4. Tiebreakers should take place on lanes that neither participant has bowled on if fresh lanes are unavailable.
5. Individual bowlers must remain at the sectional location in case of a tie.
6. 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 State Championship Format

Round 1

1. All bowlers who qualify for the individual state championships 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. 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 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 individual state championship.

State Team Championships Format

1. The state team championships will be determined by bowling 3 traditional games.
2. Teams will rotate lanes to bowl with a different school each game within a group of lanes assigned to their respective group.
3. If two or more schools tie for a team state championship, one Baker game will be bowled to break the tie. The winner of the Baker game roll-off will be considered the state champion.
4. If two or more schools remain tied after the Baker game roll-off, then co-championships will be awarded.

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 Team Championships:

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

Individual Meet of Champions:

- Trophy to the state champion and medals to 2nd thru 8th place individuals.

2023 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

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