2026-27 NJSIAA BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for any round of competition during 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, unless agreed upon by both schools. During the spring tournament season, we will make every effort to accommodate schools that have a conflict with their graduation.

Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, or Procedures. Any student-athlete who transfers after the competition start date will not be eligible for this tournament.

State tournament sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for League or Conference play. However, NJSIAA reserves the right to move an event to another facility if the playing conditions are not considered suitable for that competition, or if the facility will significantly limit anticipated attendance at the event.

Schools are to be reminded of the 3-team DQ rule for state tournament eligibility, which states "Any varsity team accumulating three or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the team's participation in the state tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. The 3-team DQ rule is not applicable during participation in the state tournament.

The NJSIAA will follow the procedure below for schools that are disqualified from state tournament competition:

1. If a school is disqualified, either for the use of an ineligible player or violating the 3-team DQ rule, from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded but prior to the bracket being final, then the bracket will be reseeded and the next ranked school who entered the tournament will be included.
2. If a school is disqualified, either for the use of an ineligible player or violating the 3-team DQ rule, from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded and after the bracket is final, then the bracket will not be reseeded, and no additional school will be included.
3. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition due to the use of an ineligible player during the state tournament, then the school will be removed from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place.

Schools participating in any NJSIAA tournament are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their spectators. Schools are required to provide adequate staff security to ensure there is proper oversight of their spectators. In addition, schools are financially responsible for any damage to the property or premises caused by their student-athletes, staff, or spectators (spectators include, but are not limited to, cheerleaders, marching band participants, students, and other fans).

NJSIAA requires Certified Athletic Trainers at all its tournament events. The ATC must document all injuries on an injury report form. This form must be available to the NJSIAA upon request.

Member schools that are not willing or able to comply with NJSIAA tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the state tournament operating procedures handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review NJSIAA tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of the tournament regulations as well as a copy of the rule modifications (if any) available at all contests. Copies of these documents are available on the NJSIAA website.

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Important Dates

Event	Date
First Practice:	November 16, 2026
Competition May Begin:	November 23, 2026
Entry Form Opens (Team):	January 4, 2027
Entry Form Closes (Team):	January 24, 2027
Cutoff (Team, Individuals, Independents):	January 31, 2027
PowerPoints Close (Team) at 11:59 PM:	February 1, 2027
Seeding (Team):	February 3, 2027
Individual 100 list Becomes Final at 11:59 PM:	February 4, 2027
Entries Close (Independents Only):	February 8, 2027*
Regular Season Competition Ends:	March 7, 2027

*There is no entry form needed for individuals, only teams and independents are required to submit an entry form.

Tournament Dates

State Team Tournament	Date	Location
Round 1 (Boys)	February 8, 2027*	Higher Seed
Round 1 (Girls)	February 9, 2027*	Higher Seed
Round 2 (Boys)	February 10, 2027*	Higher Seed
Round 2 (Girls)	February 11, 2027*	Higher Seed
Round 3 (Boys)	February 16, 2027*	Higher Seed
Round 3 (Girls)	February 17, 2027*	Higher Seed
Boys Sectional Championships	**Date**	**Location**
North I	February 20, 2027 (9:00am)	Bowler City (Hackensack)
North II	February 20, 2027 (9:00am)	Lucky Strike (North Brunswick)
Central	February 20, 2027 (9:00am)	Lucky Strike (North Brunswick)
South	February 20, 2027 (9:00am)	30 Strikes (Stratford)
Team Championships	**Date**	**Location**
Boys Semifinals & Girls Sectionals (AM)	February 23, 2027	Lucky Strike (North Brunswick)
Boys & Girls State Finals (PM)	February 23, 2027	
Individual Championships	**Date**	**Location**
State Championships	February 25, 2027	Lucky Strike (North Brunswick)
Unified Team Tournament	**Date**	**Locations**
Preliminary Rounds	TBD	TBD
State Championships	February 24, 2027	Lucky Strike (North Brunswick)

*The above dates are suggestions only. Due to the complexities of securing a third-party facility for this sport, the higher seeded (home team) will set the date and time for the first three rounds within the parameters listed above. If the away team cannot make that date or time, the match will be forfeited to the home team unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the NJSIAA. The first three (3) rounds must be completed by the Thursday before the boys sectional championships listed above. Schools may play on Sunday only if both schools agree.

New for This Year's State Tournament

1. During the regular season and the state tournament, each match must consist of 5 bowlers, and all 5 scores must be counted. If you bowel more than 5, the PowerPoint system will take the 5 lowest scores.
2. During the state tournament, NJSIAA will use the three-point scoring system. The first team to win two games will be declared the winner. If a team wins the first two games, the third game may still be bowled if both schools agree.
3. If there is a tie after 3 games in the state tournament, teams will bowl a full baker game to break the tie. If the game is still tied after the baker game, the teams will bowl another full baker game. This procedure will continue until the tie is broken.
4. During the state tournament, each team must submit a roster of eligible players for each match. Only players listed on the roster form are available to compete in that match.

Tournament Eligibility

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis.
2. Sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
3. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
4. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament.
5. A student competing on an interscholastic bowling team must compete as a member of the high school team in at least 50% of the school's total meets contested starting with the first contest (not scrimmage) and ending on or before the cutoff date to be eligible for the NJSIAA State Tournament. If there is an odd number remaining, then the player must compete in the greater number.
6. Students who experience Extraordinary Circumstances, which are limited to injuries/medical reasons or return from academic ineligibility, must compete in at least 50% of the school's remaining games, up to and including the cut-off date. If there is an odd number remaining, then the player must compete in the greater number.

Tournament Qualifications

1. The top 12 Boys teams from each of the four (4) sections and the four (4) groups, will qualify for the tournament based on NJSIAA PowerPoint system.
2. The top 16 Girls teams from each of the two (2) sections and the four (4) groups, will qualify for the tournament based on NJSIAA PowerPoint system.
3. Matches completed after the cutoff date will not count toward the PowerPoint calculation even if they were started before the cutoff date.
4. Qualification will be based on all games played from opening day to the cutoff date, with a minimum of 21 games.
5. Teams may still qualify if they've bowled fewer than 21 games, however their PowerPoint value will be based on dividing the sum of all PP-Games by 21, regardless of how many games they have bowled.

To qualify for the Individual tournament

1. The top 100 regular season averages between opening day and the cutoff date will qualify for the individual tournament regardless of their group and section.
2. The qualification for individual bowlers from schools that have a team will be based on a bowler's regular season dual meet averages only, with a minimum of 21 games on or before the cutoff date.
3. Independent Bowlers (players at member schools that don't have a bowling team) are eligible to qualify for the tournament (see rules below).
4. Independent bowlers average must be equal to or greater than the 100th bowlers average. Independent bowlers cannot bump out the top 100 bowlers, we will just add them to the 100.
5. Individuals that bowl fewer than 21 games will still be eligible to qualify, but their average will be based on dividing total pins by 21.
6. All averages will be rounded to two (2) decimal places. If there's a tie for the final spot, all tied bowlers qualify.
7. Girls bowling on a co-ed bowling team will be eligible to compete at the girl's individual championship if they qualify. Please make sure all girls bowling on a co-ed boys team have the **"Female Participant"** box

checked on your team roster in njschoolsports. Checking that box will capture their averages for qualifying in the girls individual tournament.
8. Girls may not compete in the boy's individual championships since we offer a girl's individual championship.
9. During the regular season and the state tournament, each match must consist of 5 bowlers, and all 5 scores must be counted. If you bowel more than 5, the PowerPoint system will take the 5 lowest scores.
10. During the regular season, the power point system will use the first three matches bowled regardless of the scoring system being used.
11. During the state tournament, NJSIAA will use the three-point scoring system. The first team to win two games will be declared the winner. If a team wins the first two games, the third game may still be bowled if both schools agree. If there is a tie after 3 games in the state tournament, teams will bowl a full baker game until a tie is broken.
12. During the state tournament, each team must submit a roster of eligible players for each match. Only players listed on the roster form are available to compete in that match.

Tournament 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 throughout the season. We cannot guarantee any roster changes made after the start of the tournament will make it into the tournament program.
2. All regular season varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest, no later than the following morning. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@nj.com.
3. Either team from a completed match can report data into www.njschoolsports.com for their team and/or their opponent, HOWEVER, each school is responsible for confirming their team's data is correctly entered.
4. **Player Substitutions:** The bowler that **starts** the game gets credit for the individual score for any in-game substitutions.
5. **Postponed Game Dates:** Matches must be entered using the date a match was completed – not when it started.
6. **Duplicate Players:** If one of your players appears twice (or more) on your roster, please contact hssupport@nj.com and request a player merge – otherwise, player averages could be incorrect.
7. All teams interested in entering the NJSIAA team tournament must complete the online entry form by the due dates listed. Please note, entering your team for the tournament does not guarantee that you are in the tournament.
8. There is no entry form for individual bowlers. The names and averages will be captured from the dual meet results that are submitted to NJ.com by each school.
9. Independent bowlers (bowlers that are from a member school, but their school does not have a bowling team) must complete the online entry form by the due dates listed. Please note, entering your independent bowler for the tournament does not guarantee that you are in the tournament.
10. Girls Bowling on a Boys Teams (Co-ed Team)
    a. If you have a girl who participates on your boys bowling team – they need to be marked as a "Female participant" on your team roster in njschoolsports.com
    b. There is a check-box available on 'boys bowling' team rosters in njschoolsports.com – check the box and hit "Save" for that player.
    c. If this box is not checked for girls on the boys bowling teams, those players will not be considered for the individual tournament qualification.
    d. If coaches have any questions about this, or anything else regarding the njschoolsports.com system, please contact HSSupport@nj.com

Entry Fee

- $90 per team, payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Bowling Tournament).
- $25 for each individual & independent bowler, payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Bowling Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Note: Only bowlers that compete at the individual championships will be charged the entry fee.

Withdrawal Policy for Tournament Participation

1. Schools that withdraw from the tournament before seeding will not be subject to any penalty.
2. Schools that withdraw from the tournament after having been seeded will be subject to a fine, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present.
3. Schools that withdraw from the tournament after the brackets have become official will be subject to a fine, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present. In addition, the program will be placed on probation for one year.
4. Schools that withdraw from the tournament at any point while on probation will be fined and barred from participating in the tournament for the following school year, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present. In addition, the program will be placed on an additional year of probation.
5. Schools that repeatedly withdraw from tournaments across multiple sports may be referred to the NJSIAA for review and may be subject to Athletic Department probation.

Tournament No-Show

Any school that fails to appear for an NJSIAA tournament contest will forfeit the contest, and the opposing team will advance to the next round. The school that fails to appear will be subject to a fine, unless truly extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise. In addition, the program will be placed on probation for a period of one year.

Tournament Seeding

1. The qualifying schools in each group and each section will be seeded by the tournament staff.
2. Teams will be seeded based on their PowerPoint totals.
3. If there is a tie in PowerPoints for seeding, ties will be broken using these parameters, in order, until the tie is broken:
   a. Head-to-head match wins (only if one team won all matches, any splits will be discarded)
   b. PowerPoint games played (a tied average with more games played has more value)
   c. If games played are equal – then Total Pins
   d. Highest team series (sum of 3 PP-Games in a single match)
   e. Highest PP-Game
   f. Coin-flip

The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting. Brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.

PowerPoint Procedure

1. A team's PowerPoints are defined as the average of every team PP-Game during the regular season.
2. A PP-Game is based on the 5 best individual scores in each game.
3. In the event a team shows up with less than five (5) bowlers, we urge the teams to continue with the match. The team with 5 bowlers will be PowerPointed and the team with less than 5 will not. All individual averages for both teams will count towards individual qualification.
4. All PP-Games will be averaged (rounding to two (2) decimal places) to determine the overall PowerPoints for that team.
   a. Example – ONE PP-Game: Where the top 5 individual scores are 180, 190, 200, 210 and 220 – PP-Game = 1000.
   b. Example – SEASON PowerPoints: Where six games are played across two matches, with PP-Games of 800, 810, 820, 830, 840 and 850, Total pins=4950 / 6 games = 825 PowerPoints

Out of State / Non-Member Opponents (OOS / NM)

Contests against out-of-state or non-member opponents will count for power points and will follow the same calculation procedure as games against member schools. We will use the actual record of the OOS/NM opponent as of the cutoff date. It is imperative that coaches continue to update their OOS/NM opponents records in highschoolsports.com throughout the season.

Co-ed Teams

1. All schools must declare their intention to bowl as a co-ed team by the competition begin date.
2. A Co-ed team is considered a boys team for all intents and purposes.
3. All Co-ed teams must enter their results as boys matches into www.njschoolsports.com
4. Co-ed teams may not separate for any contest once they have declared that they are co-ed.
5. Co-ed teams may only bowl against other co-ed teams or boys only teams. Co-ed teams may not bowl against a girls only team.
6. Girls performances during a co-ed meet will count for qualifications for the Individual championships.
7. Co-ed teams will only be eligible to compete as a boys team in the state tournament.
8. Co-ed teams cannot enter both the boys and girls team tournaments.
9. Separate boys and girls teams cannot combine into one team for the state tournament.
10. If there are separate boys and girls teams, girls must compete on the girls team.
11. Girls on co-ed teams may only compete in the girls individual championships if they qualify.
12. All co-ed teams must enter the team tournament as a boys team.

Independent Bowlers

1. Member schools with independent bowlers may enter only bowlers that have qualified. There is no limit.
2. An independent bowler's average will be based on a single private league – for all games played in that league, from the start of the NJSIAA season (opening day) until the cutoff date.
3. In order for a private league average to be considered, the league must be sanctioned by and following USBC rules.
4. All games must be documented by the league secretary and forwarded with the online entry form.
5. Independent bowlers must have bowled a minimum of 21 games on or before the cutoff date to be eligible.
6. Independent bowlers that compete in multiple leagues shall select the league they hold the highest average in for qualification purposes. Using tallied scores from multiple leagues is not permitted.

Independent Athletes

An Independent athlete is a student enrolled in a NJSIAA member school that does not sponsor a particular sports program and would like to enter a state individual tournament. Independent athletes are permitted, provided the school follows all independent entry requirements listed in the tournament regulations for their sport. I addition to the sports-specific tournament entry regulations, the following procedures for all sports must be followed:

1. All independent athletes must be accompanied by a certified faculty member (chaperone), or a coach approved by the schools administration.
2. The independent athlete will be disqualified if they are not accompanied by a certified faculty member (chaperone), or a coach approved by the schools administration.
3. The chaperone must have with them written authority from the school's administration and remain with the athlete throughout all contests.
4. Independent athletes will not be able to check-in to the event with a parent, a coach/chaperone must be present at the time of check-in.
5. Any properly appointed "coach" will be subject to all out-of-season practice rules.
6. The school district must be able to certify the independent athlete has met the required six (6) practices.
7. The school district must be able to certify the independent athlete has a completed physical on file.
8. The penalty for failure to comply will be the disqualification of the athlete.
9. If you compete on a co-ed team, you cannot be an independent athlete. You will have to follow the tournament regulations on how to qualify as an individual.

Tournament Rules

1. This is a "scratch" tournament (no handicaps).
2. No school may have more than 6 bowlers and 2 coaches in the settee area at any time during competition.
3. Schools may practice up to 6 bowlers before the start of the competition during the designated practice time.
4. All scores are final once submitted and signed by the coach. However, the tournament director has the authority to certify the official score.
5. 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.
6. All lanes will be assigned for the state tournament.
7. The NJSIAA will pay all bowling fees starting with the sectional finals. The host school will pay all lane fees for the first 3 rounds.

8. During the state tournament, each team must submit a roster of eligible players for that match. Only players listed on the roster form are eligible to compete in that match.
9. All teams, individual bowlers and independent bowlers, must have a coach or certified faculty member present. Failure to comply will result in the contestant or team not being permitted to bowl. Parents are not permitted to check-in players.
10. 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.
11. The NJSIAA and bowling establishment will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
12. 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 related to the postponement and the site, time, and date of the rescheduled event.
13. The tournament director and/or sectional directors will rule on any disputes.
14. Schools are asked to refrain from bringing into the bowling alley any outside food or beverage products, other than homemade items.
15. No electronic devices are allowed down on the lanes or in the settee area until the completion of the tournament.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. If there is a tie after 3 games in the state tournament, teams will bowl a full baker game to break the tie. If the game is still tied after the baker game, the teams will bowl another full baker game. This procedure will continue until the tie is broken.

State Tournament Score Reporting

Reporting requirements do not change during the state tournament. Coaches must continue to enter all match scores and individual player scores, not simply the final match result.

Team Championship Format

1. All teams that qualify for the tournament will compete in head-to-head matches where the first team to win 2 points advances.
2. The top twelve (12) boys teams and the top 16 girls teams in each Section & Group will be seeded and participate in a twelve (12) or sixteen (16) team bracketed tournament.
3. Matches in Rounds 1, 2, and 3 will take place at the home lanes of the higher seed.
4. All state matches are scored using 5 bowlers and all 5 scores will count.
   a. For rounds 1, 2, 3, the host school will decide if the match will be competed on two (2) lanes or four (4).
   b. Starting with the sectional finals, all matches will be competed on two (2) lanes. All 5 bowlers from one team will bowl on the same lane and all 5 from the other team will bowl on the same lane. Teams will stay on the same lane until the match is complete. NO ROTATION.
5. Matches will be scored where each game equals one (1) point. Tied games count as half a point (.5) for both teams.
   a. The first team with 2 points wins the match – if a team wins the first two games, the match is over.
   b. Final scores shall be reported as either: 2-0 or 2-1 or 2.5-0.5.
   c. If a match is tied at 1.5-1.5 after three games, teams will bowl full baker games until the tie is broken.
   d. The winner of the baker game earns an additional 0.5 points. The final score shall be entered as 2-1.5.
   e. If a team shows up with less than 5 bowlers, the teams must still compete.
6. The sectional championships will take place at four neutral sites assigned by NJSIAA.
7. The sectional champions from each group and section will compete at the State Team semifinals and finals at Lucky Strike in North Brunswick. The teams will be seeded based on their original PowerPoint number at the cutoff date. Seed 1 vs 4 and seed 2 vs 3.
8. The winners of the semifinal round will play each other for the state championship on a different pair of lanes.

Player Substitutions:

Any player may be substituted for at any time but the following will apply:

- when a bowler is substituted for any reason, that bowler may not re-enter until a new game has started.
- When a bowler is substituted for, the bowler that started the game will receive the individual credit for the final score of the game regardless of how many frames the starter bowled.

Individual 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. 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-ball 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 from rounds 1 and 2.
5. Ties for any of the top 5 seeds 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-ball roll-off will be conducted until the tie is broken.
4. Ties for the 4th & 5th seeds shall instead be broken using the 3-game total from round one (1), If a tie still exists, a coin flip will break the tie.

Round 3 (Stepladder Round)

1. The top 5 bowlers from round 2 will compete in the stepladder round for the Individual state championship.
2. Ties 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-ball roll-off will be conducted until the tie is broken.

State Tournament Oil Patterns

All tournament rounds will be conducted using the host facilities "house pattern" throughout the tournament.

Blind Scores

The use of blind scores is not permitted in any high school bowling matches.

String Bowling

All facilities using string bowling are approved for both regular season and tournament play. If a facility has both string and traditional pinsetters, teams and genders must compete using the same pinsetter type.

Ball Specifications

The USBC rule book (p.84-85) states that bowlers who knowingly use an illegal ball should have their scores voided. Therefor any bowler who delivers a shot without using all finger holes shall have that score voided since it is an illegal delivery.

All coaches should check with their bowlers to ensure that their equipment is legal and that they are using it correctly. Before each state tournament match, all coaches must confirm that the visiting teams' balls are approved for play before the match starts.

If there are any concerns, the following procedure must take place:

1. For rounds 1, 2, 3, please contact the rules interpreter first. If that is not successful, please contact the NJSIAA Director in charge of bowling.
2. For all rounds starting at the sectional finals, please contact the sectional director who will be on site. They will contact the rules interpreter and or the NJSIAA director if needed.
3. If there is a concern, please do not start the match until it is rectified.

Facility Needs

Boys Sectional Championships (4 Sites – need 10 lanes at each site)

- Boys North I: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)
- Boys North II: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)
- Boys Central: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)
- Boys South: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)

Girls Sectional Championships (20 lanes total)

- Girls North: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)
- Girls South: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)

Boys State Semifinals (need 20 lanes Total)

- Boys Semis #1: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)
- Boys Semis #2: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)

Boys & Girls State Finals (need 20 lanes Total)

- Boys Finals: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)
- Girls Finals: 10 lanes (8 competition lanes & 2 warmup lanes)

State individual Finals (need 70 lanes – 3 on a lane)

- Boys Finals: 35 lanes (for round 1)
- Girls Semis: 35 lanes (for round 1)

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 series in each section only and medals to the 2nd to 6th place Individuals with highest series in each section only. We will use the average of the first two games to determine the high series.

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 the 2nd to 8th place Individuals.