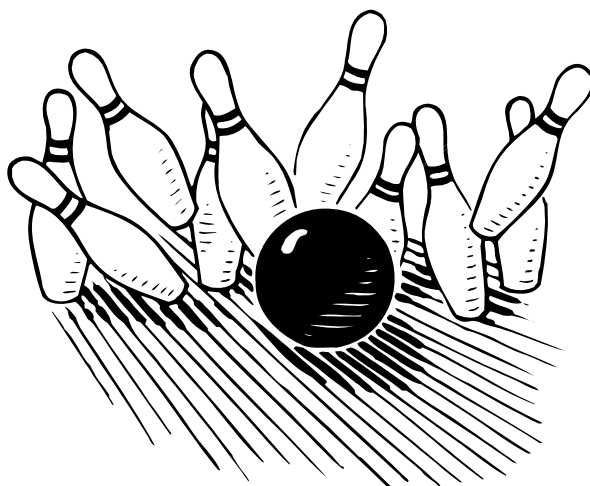


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ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

BOWLING HANDBOOK



This handbook is provided for member schools participating in interscholastic bowling by
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2006-2007 Arkansas High School Bowling Guidelines

I. Eligibility

The sport of bowling shall take place as a winter sport. Any bowling center that is interested in sponsoring a high school recognized by the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) is welcome to participate. ALL AAA guidelines regarding **grade point, physicals, and other participation rules** will be followed.

II. School Classification and Declaration Dates

A. Competition in bowling will be held for students in 9th through 12th grades in all participating AAA member high schools.

B. Declaration Deadline without penalty	Week 14	10/6/2006
Season begins	Week 22	11/27/2006
Absolute Declaration Deadline	Week 22	12/1/2006
Regions and % going to State Determined	Week 28	1/8/2007
Regional Tournament	Week 32	2/5/2007 – 2/10/2007
State Tournament	Week 33	2/12/2007 – 2/17/2007
Maximum permissible events	10 Varsity (plus 2 tournaments)	
	10 Jr. Varsity (plus 2 tournaments)	

III. Jurisdiction and Governance

All Arkansas Activities Association rules will be followed. Rules for competition shall be those of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) America Bowling Alliance. Arkansas Activities Association rules prevail in case of a conflict with standard USBC rules.

IV. Team Structure

If a single gender team cannot be formed, a coed team can be organized following these guidelines:

1. Co-ed teams shall be defined as any team having one or more members of the opposite gender.
2. All co-ed teams must participate in the boys games, tournaments, meets, etc.
3. A girl participating on a co-ed team will also compete with the boys for individual awards.
4. Individuals and teams participating as co-ed (boys) for the regional tournament will continue as co-ed (boys) for the state tournament.

V. Meets

A. All meets will consist of two or more schools in head-to-head competition plus additional bowlers from non-team schools. Each school will divide into 3-member bowling teams within their division (boys, girls, varsity, junior varsity) for the initial individual games. Scheduled meets with other schools will consist of teams bowling two individual games followed by one or two Baker-Style games using five of the six members of the team. (Baker-Style alternates frames between five bowlers to complete one game.) Teams will remain on the same lane for the duration of the game. Teams without five members present will be given a zero for the absent bowler's frames.

B. Competition is based on a 9-point or 13-point scoring system, as follows:

1. 9-point scoring system - One point for each team game won, one point for each team series won (three points per pair of lanes) and three points awarded to the winner of each Baker-Style game.
2. 13-point scoring system - One point for each team game won, one point for each team series won (three points per pair of lanes), three points awarded to the winner of each Baker-Style game, and one point for the Baker total pins.

- C. The meets will be coordinated between the bowling centers and the coaches involved. According to AAA rules, regular season meets and tournaments cannot start until 3:30 P.M. on school days. For all meets and tournaments, AAA sanction rules will apply. The schedule determines the home and visiting teams in each match. Warm-up / practice is allowed 5-10 minutes prior to the start of competition. **The home team must determine their line up first.** The visiting team is allowed to counter any line up or substitution.
- D. A coach may substitute players at the end of each game during a match but may not substitute during a game except in the case of illness or injury. The player's score will stand as is. Averages, vacancy, or absentee scores are not allowed. During the second individual game of the meets, a coach is allowed to exchange one player position per pair of lanes. Example: During game 1, Bowler A, B, C on lane 1 and Bowler D, E, F on lane 3. After game 1, the group on lane 1 has won by a large margin, and the coach decides to exchange bowler C and bowler F. The coach will also be allowed to introduce as many new bowler(s) as he chooses to the playing roster in the second game (examples bowlers G – L); therefore, taking over the spots of bowlers A – F.
- E. A bowler arriving late cannot be allowed to make up. Coaches should substitute from their rosters for the missing bowler. If there are no substitutes, the tardy bowler will receive a 0 (zero) score for the frames missed.
- F. Invitational meets / tournaments can be held. Guidelines for the invitational meets will be determined by the host school(s) and the bowling center involved.

VI. Regional and State Championships

By week #21, AAA will coordinate with the ASHBC to divide the participating schools in a manner so that each Arkansas regional can be held on week #32. The number and sites of regionals will be determined at that time so that teams will be geographically close to the regional sites.

Each regional will advance a percentage of the teams and individuals to the state championships to be held week #33. The exact number of schools advancing to the state championships will also be determined by week #21.

Play-off competitions will have each team rolling three games with all six individuals participating plus four Baker-Style Games. Total pins will determine each advancing regional or state championship team. Coaches will be allowed to substitute after any game in the Baker-Style format. Awards given will be determined by the AAA and ASHBC.

In addition to team play, individuals from schools declared for bowling but having fewer than six bowlers may participate in individual competition at the regional meet if they have participated in a minimum of five **varsity** meets and can advance to the state championship following criteria set above.

Individuals that do not qualify as part of the team competition will compete in the same method (three games) with their total pins awarding them a chance at individual awards given at the state championships.

Individuals from non-team schools may qualify for the regional finals by bowling a minimum of six games and being in the top percentage to be determined of the bowlers' averages at the district level. All individuals from non-team schools must coordinate their qualifying games with the bowling center.

A meet committee will be established at region and state meets to hear appeals and address matters not covered in these terms and conditions. The meet committee will be comprised of three individuals – the meet director, two other persons appointed by the meet director and not involved in the dispute. If a AAA staff member is present, they will serve in one of the appointed positions.

VII. Conduct of Players

- A.** All competitors shall remain in the seating and playing area of their assigned pair of lanes while competition is in progress. Non-competitors and spectators may not be in the area. Coaching will be done behind set tee areas.
- B.** All competitors are required to conduct themselves in an ethical and sportsmanlike manner. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, profanity, abuse of equipment, and any outburst or show of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- C.** Any violation of the above mentioned rules would result in an automatic ejection from the game in progress plus suspension of the player for the remaining competition of the day.

VIII. Rules and Equipment During All Regular and Championship Meets

- A.** Team members and coaches are required to wear collared shirts with school name / logos on the back of the shirt, no other advertisements or sponsorships will be allowed unless agreed to by the AAA.
- B.** Slacks, jeans, walking shorts or skorts for the girls are examples of proper attire. All attire must not have any visible tears, holes, frays. Shirts must be tucked in to the waistband except for retro bowling shirts.
- C.** AAA rule of no jewelry during competition will be followed. A competitor shall not wear jewelry (except religious/medical medal which must be taped to the body). Hair restraint devices are considered legal, provided they are functioning and are being worn in the hair during the event.
- D.** No head decorations and headwear are permitted for competitors except for medical or religious reasons. Coaches may wear school hats for identification purposes.
- E.** Bowlers are not allowed to have cell phones in the pit area during the meet.
- F.** All bowlers are required to wear bowling shoes during competition. Shoes will be furnished by the bowling center where the match is being played, if needed, at no cost to the student athlete and shall be returned to the bowling center at completion of the match.
- G.** Bowlers are expected to have their own ball for use in the matches. Balls furnished for use by the bowling center are for match play only and must be returned to the bowling center at the completion of the match.

IX. Coaching

Coaching of players is permitted to be continuous throughout the match, as long as it does not interfere with play. Coaching should be held in a private area away from the competition for the purpose of offering advice to the player and not in any way to distract an opposing player.

X. Coaches Qualifications

All coaches shall be either 1) certified teachers as required by the Arkansas Department of Education or 2) Credentialed volunteers as authorized by Act 1012 of the 1997 Arkansas General Assembly.

A. Certified Teacher Coaches Qualifications

1. Coaches shall be regularly employed and paid by the local board of education for professional duties. Assignment of professional duties shall be for a minimum of three regular class periods or equivalent time each day.
2. Assignment to a professional education duty other than a classroom teaching assignment all or part of the required three periods is permissible, but such assignment does not excuse a coach from the certification required as a teacher.
3. Football, basketball, and track coaches are required by the Arkansas Department of Education to have a coaching endorsement.
4. Certified teachers who are coaches of other team or individual sports who do not have the ADE coaching endorsement must successfully complete the AAA's required coaches education program.
5. The coach's duties as an employee shall require certification that will qualify him/her to be paid legally from a public school teachers salary fund.
6. A coach may receive money for directing recreational activities outside his regular coaching duties during off-hours including summer months or from an outside agency.
7. Payment from federal program funds is permissible if the contract of the coach is eligible to be paid from teacher salary funds. However, the AAA does not approve a vocational permit as a certification for coaching even though such an individual can be contracted and paid from salary funds.

B. Registered Volunteer Coaches Qualifications

1. Registered volunteers are prohibited from performing any coaching duties during an interscholastic contest in the sports of football, basketball, and track.
2. Registered volunteer coaches are not permitted to receive any financial compensation for their services.
3. Registered volunteer coaches must provide the school a current health certificate (TB skin test) and documentation of a criminal background check (finger printing) prior to interscholastic coaching.
4. Registered volunteer coaches must successfully complete the AAA's required coaches education program prior to interscholastic coaching.
5. An accurate, current listing of active Registered Volunteers must be submitted to the AAA office annually by the school on the "Intention to Participate in the Registered Volunteers Program" form.
6. Registered volunteer coaches must submit an enrollment form to the AAA office in any year that they serve in this capacity.

C. Other Coaches/Student Teachers

An individual failing to meet the above requirements is ineligible to assume coaching duties during interscholastic events. A teaching intern (student teacher) may assist with coaching duties during the intern period at the assigned school. The intern may not assume the responsibilities of head coach nor be paid for service.

D. Nonpublic School Coaches

A nonpublic school coach must meet the same requirements as a public school coach in a comparable assignment.

XI. Code of Conduct

- A.** The use of all tobacco products will be prohibited in the host bowling center (separate restaurants/lounges excluded) during any practice session, conference match, or function; or any other time when bowlers are reasonably expected to be under the supervision of the Arkansas High School Bowling Conference.
- B.** The sale and consumption of any alcoholic beverage will be prohibited in the host bowling center (separate restaurants/lounges excluded) during any practice session, conference match, or function.

- C. The use of any drugs other than those prescribed by a physician is prohibited at any time.
- D. No bowler shall fail to comply with any reasonable instruction or request of coaches, coordinator, or bowling center management during any time or function when he/she is properly under the authority of such personnel.
- E. No bowler/parent/guardian/coach shall act in an unsportsmanlike manner preceding, during, or following any practice session, conference match, or function.
- F. During any practice session, conference match, or function, no bowler/parent/guardian/coach shall cause, or attempt to cause, or threaten physical injury or physical deception, or behave in such a way that could reasonably be anticipated to cause physical injury to a member of the coaching staff, team, opposing team, or any other person.
- G. No bowler/parent/guardian/coach shall cause or attempt to cause damage to private property or any property held by the bowling center management.
- H. No noisemakers, signs, or banners will be allowed during region or state meets.

XII. All State Selection

The top 15% of individual finishers including all ties at the state meet will be designated All State.

XIII. Website and AAA Contact

For more information about high school bowling at the Arkansas Activities Association, please contact Annette Savage, Assistant Executive Director.

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We, the bowling center management, bowler, parent/guardian, and coach, agree to abide by the code of ethics set forth by the Arkansas High School Bowling Conference; we further understand that failure to comply with this code will result in disciplinary action.

Bowling Center Management: _____ Date ____/____/____

Bowler: _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date ____/____/____

Coach: _____ Date ____/____/____

High School Bowling Consent and Release

For and in consideration of my son /daughter's participation on the high school bowling team, the undersigned parent/guardian agrees as follows:

1. I consent to my son/daughter's participation.
2. I assume any and all risk, known and unknown, associated with such activity including transportation to and from the events and practices.
3. I not only release the school, its coaches and organization, and the sponsoring bowling center from any and all liability, but for further valuable consideration not to sue in the event of any injury or loss associated with my son/daughter's participation.
4. I authorize the designated person in authority to approve emergency medical treatment to my child should it become necessary. See school standard medical release form.

I have read and understand this document and freely consent to it.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Name of Son/ Daughter _____ Date ____/____/____

Emergency Phone Number _____