

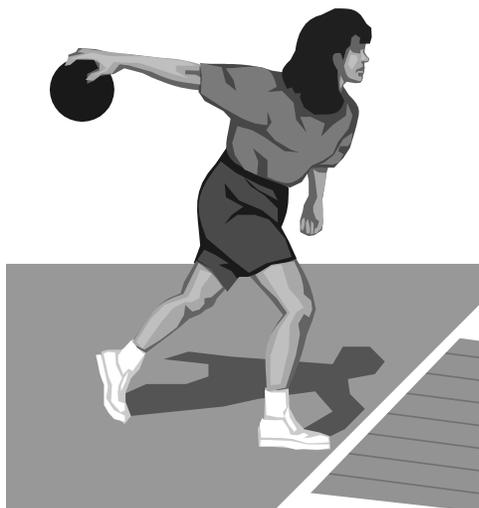


2016-17

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

FOR

Bowling



NHIAA BOWLING COMMITTEE

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Points of Special Emphasis:

- **Rescheduling a Match**

- When a match is cancelled or postponed due to weather, the teams shall reschedule the match. It is expected that schools will make every effort to participate in the “rescheduled match.” In the event any one of the schools scheduled in the original match is unable to participate, the match may be played.”

Note: If the school is unable to schedule or to play in a rescheduled match a letter must be submitted by the athletic director within 24 hours to the NHIAA Bowling Committee through the Executive Director explaining the circumstances. The Executive Director will award a forfeit loss to the school if it is determined that the match should have or could have been made up. The decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the Bowling Committee within three days of making the original decision.

- During a baker match if a player bowls out of their assigned position or a player that has been previously substituted out from that game is reentered, the frame will be marked as a zero and will move to the next assigned player.
- **Bowling Rosters (Team & Individual) are Due: February 14, 2017** – Roster Form is available under AD Forms
- **Uniform / Dress Code:**
Slacks/Skorts are required for all participants in a match, and hats are not permitted (this rule applies to both student-athletes and coaches). Uniforms must be worn during the entire length of competition (participants shall keep team shirt on). Matching collared shirts and pants of a similar color will be required for all varsity teams. The host school coach will be responsible for ensuring everyone is in compliance in regards to uniforms/dress code. Athletes not in proper dress shall not be allowed to participate until corrected.
- Rosters for the bakers match must be submitted to the host coach after the standard round.
 - A maximum of 8 varsity athletes will be allowed in the line-up.
- Rescheduling responsibility falls on the host schools athletic director to come up with a plan and contact all of the schools involved.
- For the NHIAA Bowling Records please visit www.nhiaa.org and go to additional sports tab

Participating Schools:

2016-17 Bowling Divisional Alignment

One Division – 12 Schools

Pinkerton	3168	Goffstown	1201	Sanborn	736
Keene	1582	Hollis/Brookline	908	Stevens	649
Spaulding	1506	Souhegan	857	Hillsboro Deering	421
Merrimack	1450	Bishop Guertin	854	Raymond	419

Participating Centers:

CENTER	ADDRESS	TOWN	PHONE	Schools using Center as home site:
Dover Bowl	887 Central Ave # B	Dover, 03820	603 742-9632	Spaulding High School
Funspot	579 Endicott Street	No. Laconia	603-366-4377	
Spare Time	216 Maple Street	Manchester	603-625-9656	Goffstown High School, Hillsboro Deering High School
Maple Lanes	125 Maple Ave.	Claremont, 03743	603-542-2400	Stevens High School
Merrimack Ten Pin	698 Daniel Webster Hwy	Merrimack, 03054	603 429-0989	Bishop Guertin High School, Hollis-Brookline High School, Merrimack High School, Souhegan High School
Strikers East	4 Essex Drive	Raymond, 03077	603-895-9501	Raymond High School, Pinkerton Academy, Sanborn Regional High School
Yankee Lanes	477 Park Ave.	Keene, 03431	603 352-5537	Keene High School

****All schools should register their team on-line at: www.bowl.com/highschool/index.jsp****

1. Scoring:

There are two types of scoring systems that will be used for NHIAA competitions:

- a. Standard Ten Pin Scoring – Every frame must be completed by each player bowling in a regular order.
- b. Baker System Scoring – The Baker format is mainly used in five-person team competition where the number one bowler completes the first and sixth frames, the number two bowler completes the second and seventh frames, the number three bowler completes the third and eighth frames, the fourth bowler completes the fourth and ninth frames, and the number five bowler completes the fifth and tenth frames.
- c. **** The NHIAA will use scratch competition for interscholastic events, and will not use any sort of handicapping system ****

2. Substitutes:

For the Baker style games, a coach may remove a bowler during a game and put in an alternate (this includes putting in a substitute in the middle of a frame). Once a bowler has been substituted for they may not re-enter during that game. However, they may re-enter during the next Baker game.

For Standard Ten Pin games, a bowler must bowl the entire game. A coach may only substitute for a bowler between games 1 and 2 unless an injury occurs, then a coach may substitute at that point but that game will not count towards either bowler's individual average.

3. Regular Season Match Format:

- a. All teams involved in the match will bowl two standard scoring games consisting of five (5) bowlers from each team.
- b. Any bowlers who arrive late may not join a game already in progress, and will receive zeroes for the game or frames they were supposed to be in (if there are only four bowlers on-site for the start of the game). They can then be placed in the line-up at the beginning of the next game.
- c. Teams will then be seeded based on the total amount of pins for the two games. Any ties will be broken with a 9th & 10th frame roll-off (in a four (4) team match, if two teams are tied for the 2nd and 3rd seed there will be no roll-off as both teams will compete against each other).
- d. In a four team match, the #1 seed will take on the #4 seed in a best 2 out of 3, Baker style match, while the #2 seed will take on the #3 seed in a best 2 out of 3, Baker style match. The winner of each of those matches will then take on each other in a best 2 out of 3, Baker style match to determine first and second place, while the losers of the two matches will take on each other in a best 2 out of 3, Baker style match to determine third and fourth place.
- e. In a three team match, the #1 seed will receive a bye, and the #2 seed will take on the #3 three seed in a best 2 out of 3, Baker style match with the winner taking on the #1 seed. In a five team match, the #4 and #5 seeded teams will take on each other to narrow the field down to four teams. All teams who receive a bye are allowed to bowl a practice Baker style game on an assigned lane.

There must be a minimum of three teams at a match, and there will be seven (7) points awarded at each match regardless of how many teams participate. The point breakdown is as follows:

- 1 point awarded to the #1 seeded team following the two standard ten pin scoring games.
- 3 points to the first place
- 2 points to the second place team
- 1 point to the third place team

4. Standings:

The formula for the standings is as follows:

- a. Team's point total X total # of opponents / (divided by) number of matches played.

So if a team earns 22 points and competed against 43 schools in 9 matches throughout the season, their point total for the standings would be $22 \times 43 / 9 = 105.1$ points.

5. Tie Breakers:

- a. **Baker Match:** For a 9th & 10th frame roll-off, the ninth and tenth frame bowlers will repeat; one to bowl the 9th frame and one to bowl the 10th frame. There are no substitutions allowed during a roll-off unless an injury occurs. The higher seeded team gets to choose either the lane they would like to bowl **or** the order in which they would like to bowl. So for example, if Team A is the higher seed and opts to bowl second in the order, then Team B would get the choice of lane (and vice versa). The team with the highest two frame total wins. If a tie still exists, teams will "flip-flop" order and lanes, and bowl another 9th and 10th roll-off. This will continue until the tie is broken.
- b. **Standard Ten Pin Match:** In the event of a tie for the standard ten pin match, the team with the highest single game total would be awarded the higher seed and bonus point.

6. Practice During the Day of Competition:

None of the competition lanes within the bowling establishment may be used for practice by any team member or substitute on the day of any match or tournament except for certified USBC Youth scheduled matches. Bowlers may bowl on all other lanes before a match.

7. Before Competition Begins:

Bowlers will receive 10 minutes practice on their scheduled starting lane only before competition.

8. **Practice Lanes During Competition:**

Only those individuals not bowling in the present game can practice on the practice lane. Once the bowler has been removed from the game, he/she may go to the practice lane. Any individual practicing on the practice lane while bowling in a game will subject their frame(s) to forfeiture.

9. **Legal Lineup:**

In addition to the varsity team, each school may bring up to two sub-varsity teams to compete in a match. A school must have a minimum of four (4) bowlers in order to compete, and can have a maximum of eight (8) bowlers for a match. If a team only has four (4) bowlers for the Baker portion of the match, then the coach will determine which bowler/two frames the team will receive a zero (0) for their score prior to the match beginning.

10. **Scorekeeping / Protests:**

Scorekeeping will be performed by the coach for each team if the center does not have automatic scoring, or the scoring system is malfunctioning.

During a baker match if a player bowls out of their assigned position or a player that has been previously substituted out from that game is reentered, the frame will be marked as a zero and will move to the next assigned player.

All protests or discrepancies during a regular season match must be settled on-site. Any protests or discrepancies during the team or individual state tournament will be settled by members of the NHIAA Bowling Committee and/or the rules interpreter.

11. **Conduct of Coaches and Players:**

- i. Right-of-way. Bowling lanes are placed side-by-side and when a person is poised and ready to throw the ball, the person or persons on the adjacent lanes should wait for them to complete that turn before stepping on the approach for their turn. There is nothing more distracting to a bowler than being locked in on the mark and have someone fly past them on their right or left.
- ii. Keep food and drinks out of the bowler's settee area (this is the area immediately surrounding the automatic scorekeeper console in most bowling centers). When a bowler gets on the lane approach and throws the ball, the importance of having their last step slide should be very evident both from a safety and delivery of the ball standpoint. If anything gets on the bottom of a person's sliding foot, they will stick at the foul line and fall on the lane. At minimum, it will be a tremendous strain on the leg and body. **Also, please do not bring food or drink into the bowling centers.**
- iii. All cell phones, iPod's, MP3 players and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in the settee area. If any individual is found in violation of this policy, the team will receive a warning. Any subsequent violation by any member of that team will be disqualified for the remainder of the match. ****Violations are to be reported to the match host, who will then alert the coach of the warning or disqualification****
One group warning will be given at the state tournament about the use of electronics in the settee area. Athletes will then be disqualified if found in violation of the rule.
- iv. Use your own equipment unless you have permission to do otherwise. Even if you are using a house ball, it can be very disconcerting if someone uses the ball that you personally selected for yourself. This becomes even more acute if you have purchased your own equipment and another person uses them without asking.
- v. Be ready to take your shot when it is your turn. Certainly there is no need to rush when taking a shot, but please be ready to take your turn as soon as the bowler in front of you is finished. It is imperative that we maintain an appropriate "pace of play".
- vi. Coaches must monitor their team at all times and step in when necessary.
- vii. Please use warm-up lane for that purpose only. There are to be no trick shots or fooling around on any lanes in the house during a competition. Those lanes are set aside by the house for serious warm-up/practice, and student-athletes must not abuse the privilege of having that lane made available.

- viii. Don't make loud noises or do anything distracting when another person is on the lane ready to deliver their ball. Since bowling is done in an enclosed environment, people from several lanes away could be distracted by your "unsportsmanlike conduct." Also, please remain with your team in the settee area. Student-athletes should not venture into another team's area during competition.
- ix. Respect the bowling center and don't abuse the lanes or equipment. The centers around the state have gone above and beyond to provide for our student-athletes, and allow bowling to be a high school sport in New Hampshire. Please be respectful so that we can maintain the relationships we have with the centers because without them, we would not be able to bowl. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including deliberate fouling, unusually loud or vulgar language or abuse of equipment and facilities is prohibited. Anyone found in violation is subject to removal from that day's competition.
- x. In addition to displaying appropriate sportsmanship while competing, student athletes and coaches are reminded that we are guests while participating in matches. All people involved need to be sensitive to this issue and respect the property and people of the host site. Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior anywhere on the property gives everyone a bad name and can result in the loss of a match site. Failure to display proper behavior, even when not actually competing, will be considered unsportsmanlike and may result in disqualification and removal from the existing and/or future meets. Coaches or other responsible adults are expected to provide adequate supervision for their student athletes at all times.
- xi. The coach(es), players bowling in the match, and NHIAA officials are the only persons authorized to be in the bowlers' area during the match. Substitutes or any other interested parties must remain behind the area defined as the bowlers' area.

12. Uniform / Dress Code:

Slacks are required for all participants in a match, and hats are not permitted (this rule applies to both student-athletes and coaches). Uniforms must be worn during the entire length of competition (participants shall keep team shirt on). Matching collared shirts and pants of a similar color will be required for all varsity teams. The host school coach will be responsible for ensuring everyone is in compliance in regards to uniforms/dress code. Athletes not in proper dress shall not be allowed to participate until corrected.

13. Submitting Score:

The AD or coach of the host school must collect all score sheets after the competition, and submit them by the Monday following the event to the NHIAA office nchaput@nhiaa.org or fax them to **1-844-800-3058**.

14. Individual Qualifier:

By-Law Article XVI: Bowling Sect. 7: Tournament Selection

An individual is required to compete/score in a minimum of 14 and maximum of 28 games/events to qualify for the Individual and Team State Meets.

15. Individual State Tournament:

There will be two flights for the NHIAA Individual Bowling Championships:

Championship Flight: Top 32 bowlers in terms of average for standard scoring games.

Medal Flight: The next 32 bowlers (#33 – 64) in terms of average for standard scoring games.

- The top bowler will be recognized in both the Championship and Medal Flight, with the Individual State Champion being the winner of the Championship Flight.
- There will be no rounding individual averages in determining flight placement.
- If there is a tie for the final spot in either or both flights, all bowlers tied for that final position will be included in that flight.

All individuals who qualify for the Championship and Medal Flights will bowl three (3) games (all bowlers will move to the next assigned pair to the right after each game in this round within the cluster of lanes).

At the conclusion of the third game, the top 16 bowlers will be seeded #1 - #16 to play in a single elimination, head to head competition to get down to four (4) bowlers (two rounds of head to head competition). Therefore the #1 seed will compete vs. the #16 seed, the #2 seed will compete vs. the #15 seed, etc. All matches will consist of one (1) head to head game. Any ties for the 16th seed (final position) will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off.

Any ties for positions 1 – 15 will be broken in the following order:

1. Highest game of the three.
2. Total of highest two games.
3. Scoring average from the regular season.
4. Coin flip.

At the conclusion of the 2nd round, the four (4) remaining bowlers will be seeded by their cumulative score from all five (5) games played to compete in a step-ladder final. In the step ladder final the #3 seed will face the #4 seed, with the #2 seed automatically advancing to the semi-finals (to face the winner of the #3 vs. #4 match) and the #1 seed automatically advancing to the finals (to face the winner of the semi-final match). All matches in the step ladder finals will consist of one (1) head to head game. All ties in the step-ladder finals will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off, including ties for seeding purposes.

16. Team Qualifier:

By-Law Article XVI: Bowling Sect. 7: Tournament Selection

A team is required to compete in a minimum of seven (7) and maximum of 14 games/events to qualify for the State Meet. **Individuals shall qualify using the language stated in #14 Individual Qualifiers, to compete with the team.**

17. Team State Tournament:

Up to 70% of teams with the highest points for the regular season will qualify for the Team State Championship, and will be seeded according to the official NHIAA standings outlined on page 4 (these are tabulated by the chair). Any ties in the final regular standings will be broken as follows:

1. Head to head record for Baker matches.
2. Total team pinfall for regular season (standard scoring team total from each match).
3. Coin toss.

The format will be single elimination, best 4 out of 7 Baker Style Matches. If a tie exists at the end of any of the Baker style games, the tie breaking procedures outlined on page 4 will be used to break the tie for that game.

18. Tournament Bracket: Once the official NHIAA Tournament Pairings have been released, there will be no switching or bracket placements. Game times (not date) may be adjusted at tournament contests held at the home of the higher seed, if both teams are agreeable.

At neutral sites there shall be **NO** date or time changes with two (2) exceptions:

- A. Graduation Exercises
- B. Weather and/or facility issues

19. Tournament Rosters:

All tournament teams will be limited to a maximum of eight players

Rosters are now to be submitted utilizing the AD's Admin login.

Bowling Rosters are due: February 14, 2017

Host School Responsibility Check List

Bowling

- Confirm with teams scheduled to participate in match as to who will have sub-varsity teams coming, and if so, how many.
- Contact Host Bowling Center to let them know how many lanes are needed for the match, and to go over any special arrangements.
- Provide a sufficient number of seats for bowlers not in the match to be seated. (All coach(es), players bowling in the match, and NHIAA officials are the only persons authorized to be in the bowlers' area during the match)
- Come up with lane assignments prior to match for varsity and sub-varsity teams for both the standard games and Baker matches.
- Print out scoring sheets for each team with the lane assignment as to which lane they will start on.
- Play the national anthem to begin match.
- Serve as match director and deal with any scoring, behavior, dress code, lane courtesy, etc. issues which may arise.
- Collect all score sheets from each coach, and fax or email (if you are able to scan sheets and email as a PDF) those to the NHIAA office by Monday at noon following your event to nchaput@nhiaa.org or 1-844-800-3058

How to set up a Match

- Determine how many lanes you will need to accommodate all teams present.
- Once you have the number of lanes necessary, create lane assigns for the whole match. This will help with the flow and allow for less down time throughout. Leave the pair closest to the wall open for your varsity baker championship match. (If on 13-28, leave 27-28 unused for the entirety of the match. Use 1-2, if you have 1-16).
- Have your varsity teams at the opposite end of the lanes you want to finish on. (If you are finishing on 27-28 have the varsity team start on 13-14). Have the JV teams on the lanes sandwiched between your championship pair and the varsity teams.
- Once you are done with the qualifying round, have your JV teams bowl on the lanes that the varsity teams did and vice versa.
- As baker matches complete, keep moving teams toward the wall.
- What this is designed to do is help the flow of the matches, as well as, allow for the center to regain open lanes for business. This should negate any issues we have had where open play or birthdays have been set up right next to the competition lanes. With leaving the end pair for the championship match unused it holds an even advantage for both teams.

NHIAA Official Scoring Sheet

All coaches should turn this sheet into the host school's coach or AD at the conclusion of the match.
 That person must then email or fax the score sheet to Nate Chaput at:
 Email – nchaput@nhiaa.org Fax – 1-844-800-3058

Standard Scoring:

School:				Team: VAR SV1 (circle one)			
Game 1				Game 2			
	Name:		Score		Name:		Score
1				1			
2				2			
3				3			
4				4			
5				5			
Game 1 Team Total				Game 2 Team Total			

Team Total for Standard Scoring Games: _____

Extra Bowlers

Game 1				Game 2			
	Name:		Score		Name:		Score
1				1			
2				2			
3				3			

Coach's Signature: _____

Baker Scoring Match Score Sheet

(Please fill in all that apply)

Preliminary Round (only needed with more than four teams at a match):

	<u>Game 1</u>	<u>Game 2</u>	<u>Game 3</u> <small>(if necessary)</small>
Seed # _____	_____	_____	_____
vs.			
# _____	_____	_____	_____

Round 1:

	<u>Game 1</u>	<u>Game 2</u>	<u>Game 3</u>
Seed # _____	_____	_____	_____
vs.			
# _____	_____	_____	_____

Round 2:

	<u>Game 1</u>	<u>Game 2</u>	<u>Game 3</u>
Seed # _____	_____	_____	_____
vs.			
# _____	_____	_____	_____

Points Earned (Check all that apply):

Top Team Total, Standard Scoring (1 pt)	_____
First Place (3 pts)	_____
Second Place (2 pts)	_____
Third Place (1 pt)	_____
Total Points:	_____



2016-17 BOWLING TOURNAMENT ROSTER

TEAM Tournament Entry Form
Due no later than
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
nchaput@nhiaa.org
 Team Tournament - Saturday, February 18, 2017 Stikers East, Raymond

All competitors must be eligible under the NHIAA By-Laws.
 List all athletes that qualify to compete in the championships (maximum of 8).

Please list alphabetically by LAST NAME
and include school name and personnel

	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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To be accepted, this **ENTRY FORM** must be emailed from the Principal, Athletic Director, or Secretary which will act as a signature.



2016-17 BOWLING TOURNAMENT ROSTER

INDIVIDUAL Entry Form
Due no later than
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
nchaput@nhiaa.org
 Individual Tournament - Saturday, February 25, 2017 Sparetime, Manchester

Under "Would Compete" please indicate yes or no if your athlete will be **AVAILABLE** to compete in the State Tournament.
List ALL athletes that qualify to compete regardless if they are in the TOP 64.
 All competitors must be eligible under the NHIAA By-Laws.
Please list alphabetically by LAST NAME
and include school name and personnel

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