



# *Michigan* Middle School Bowling



Sign ups are the last week Feb. 16  
Competition begins Mar. 14<sup>13</sup>

## **BOWL AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS**

### **EVERYONE PARTICIPATES**

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE WON**

### **BOYS DIVISION GIRLS DIVISION**

### **TEAM SHIRTS PROVIDED**

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# **GUIDELINES OF THE MICHIGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING LEAGUE**

## ***SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION***

***COMPETITION IN BOWLING WILL BE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>.***

## ***ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES***

***WHERE APPLICABLE, THE BOWLING LEAGUE SHALL ABIDE BY MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND THE USBC YOUTH ELIGIBILITY RULES. THE BOWLING LEAGUE COMMISSIONER SHALL RECEIVE BEFORE THE FIRST CONFERENCE MEET, THE NAMES OF ALL BOWLERS FROM EACH TEAM.***

***STUDENT PARTICIPATION FEE WILL BE \$75.00 PER STUDENT FOR THE YEAR'S FULL SEASON (SEE ARTICLE V)***

## ***ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY***

***ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR BOWLERS WILL PARALLEL THE NORMAL SPORTS ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES OF EACH STUDENTS PARTICULAR MIDDLE SCHOOL. BOWLERS THAT DO NOT MEET THESE GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOWLING LEAGUE EVENTS. THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMAL PRACTICES.***

## ***LEAGUE STRUCTURE***

***THE GOAL OF EACH SCHOOL SHALL BE TO FIELD AT LEAST ONE BOYS AND ONE GIRL'S VARSITY TEAM AND AT LEAST ONE BOYS AND ONE GIRL'S JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM. HOWEVER, A SCHOOL WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM WITH LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF TEAMS.***

## ***LEAGUE PLAYING RULES***

***TEAM STRUCTURE - A TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF NOT LESS THAN TWO NOR MORE THAN FIVE BOWLERS; HOWEVER, ONLY TWO BOWLERS ARE NEEDED FOR A FULL TEAM LINEUP FOR COMPETITION. A LEGAL LINEUP WILL CONSIST OF TWO BOWLERS.***

***POINT SYSTEM - WE WILL BE BOWLING TWO GAMES WITH FIVE PLAYERS ON EACH TEAM - ONE POINT FOR EACH TEAM GAME WIN AND ONE POINT FOR TEAM SERIES WIN.***

***PLAYING FORMAT - A TEAM IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT A LEGAL LINEUP ON THE LANES AT THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME FOR THE MATCH. THE TEAM ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RECAP WILL PUT THEIR LINE-UP DOWN FIRST.***

## ***HANDICAP SYSTEM***

***90% OF 200***

**SUBSTITUTES - A SUBSTITUTE BOWLER MAY BE USED AT ANY TIME DURING THE GAME OR MATCH. ONCE A BOWLER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM A GAME, HE/SHE CANNOT RETURN TO BOWL DURING THE SAME GAME. THE PERSON WHO FINISHES THE GAME SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THAT GAME.**

**ABSENTEES - WHEN THERE IS AN ABSENTEE, USE THE BOWLERS AVERAGE MINUS TEN (USE THE BOWLER WITH THE MOST GAMES BOWLED).**

**VACANCY SCORES - BOYS = 90 GIRLS = 90 plus handicap**

**FORFEITS - A TEAM WHICH FORFEITS WILL LOSE THE 2 POINTS FOR THE GAMES SERIES, HOWEVER, THE SCORES OF ALL ELIGIBLE PLAYERS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE LEAGUE RECORDS AND WILL QUALIFY FOR ALL LEAGUE AWARDS. WHEN A MATCH IS DECLARED FORFEITED, THE TEAM WHICH IS PRESENT MUST BOWL AS IF THE MATCH WERE A CONTEST, COMPLETING A TEAM FRAME ON ONE LANE BEFORE STARTING TO BOWL A SUCCEEDING FRAME. ALL POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE TEAM WHICH IS PRESENT WITH IT'S LEGAL LINEUP.**

- A TEAM GAME WILL BE DECLARED FORFEITED IF ONE TEAM FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME THE OPPOSING TEAM HAS COMPLETED ITS THIRD FRAME OF BOWLING, PROVIDING THE OPPOSING TEAM HAS STARTED BOWLING AT THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME OF THE MATCH.
- THE MATCH WILL BE DECLARED FORFEIT IF ONE TEAM FAILS TO APPEAR WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME OF THE MATCH.
- A GAME OR A MATCH WILL BE FORFEITED IF A TEAM FAILS TO FIELD AT LEAST TWO TEAM MEMBERS.
- A TEAM BOWLING AGAINST A BLIND TEAM WILL BOWL AGAINST THE VACANCY SCORES PLUS HANDICAP.
- A MATCH MAY BE RE-SCHEDULED OR THE STARTING TIME DELAYED DUE TO TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES PROVIDING THE OPPOSING TEAM'S COACH IS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED STARTING TIME OF THE MATCH.

#### **CONDUCT OF COACHES AND PLAYERS**

- NO COACH, PLAYER OR OTHER PERSON OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE TEAM SHALL BE PERMITTED TO USE ANY TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON THE BENCH OR IN THE PLAYING AREA EITHER DURING THE PRACTICE BALLS OR WHILE ANY MATCH IS IN PROGRESS.
- NO CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLER'S SETTEE AREA DURING THE MATCH AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.
- ALL BOWLERS SHOULD REMAIN IN THE IMMEDIATE BOWLERS AREA WHILE COMPETITION IS IN PROGRESS.
- BOWLERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE PREVIOUS BOWLER PROMPTLY, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO BOWL AS SOON AS THE ONE LANE TO THE RIGHT IS CLEAR.
- UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: DELIBERATE FOULS, UNUSUALLY LOUD OR VULGAR LANGUAGE, OR ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT, OR FACILITIES, IS NOT PERMITTED. IT WILL BE UP TO THE ADVISORS / COACHES TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN (REMOVAL, ZERO FOR THE FRAME, ETC.)
- THE COACH, LEAGUE OFFICIALS AND THE FIVE BOWLERS BOWLING IN A

MATCH 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.

- NO SMOKING OR DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
- IS PERMITTED IN THE SPECTATORS AREA.

- IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHES TO VERIFY THAT SCORES ARE CORRECT. IT WILL ALSO BE THE COACHES RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE HIS/HER TEAM CONTRIBUTES ITS FAIR SHARE OF TIME TO THE SCOREKEEPING FUNCTION, IF NEEDED, WHETHER IT BE PARENTS OR BOWLERS FROM THE TEAM.

**IT IS THE COACHES RESPONSIBILITY TO FILL OUT RECAPS ENTIRELY- FIRST AND LAST NAMES AND ALL SCORES.**

**NO SCORES REPORTED - ZERO FOR THE GAME**

#### *BOWLING PRACTICE*

PRIOR TO STARTING OF MATCH - THE ONLY PRACTICE BALLS ALLOWED SHALL BE 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BEGINNING OF THE MATCH. THE PENALTY FOR ADDITIONAL PRACTICE IS DISQUALIFICATION OF THE OFFENDING PLAYER FROM THE MATCH OR TOURNAMENT.

REQUIRED PRACTICE SESSIONS - IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH HEAD COACH TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE PRACTICE SESSION EACH WEEK DURING THE BOWLING LEAGUE SEASON. THESE SESSIONS WILL BE AT NO COST TO THE SCHOOL OR STUDENT AND **MUST BE PRE-ARRANGED WITH THE PARTICIPATING BOWLING CENTER TO INSURE LANES ARE RESERVED AND AVAILABLE.**

#### *UNIFORMS*

TEAM COMPETITORS AND COACHES SHALL APPEAR IN UNIFORMS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR ALL MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS. UNIFORMS WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO ALL BOWLERS AND COACHES. **THOSE NOT IN UNIFORM, CANNOT BOWL - NO EXCEPTIONS. MAKE SURE YOUR BOWLERS KNOW THIS!**

#### *TRANSPORTATION*

IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE BOWLING LEAGUE TO ARRANGE FOR HIS/HER TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PRACTICES, MATCHES, AND TOURNAMENTS. IN SOME CASES SCHOOL POLICY MAY DICTATE THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY, IN WHICH CASE IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEAD COACH TO CONFORM TO THIS POLICY. IT WILL BE REQUIRED THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS SIGN WAIVERS OF LIABILITY, STATING THAT THEY ARE ASSUMING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION AND WILL HOLD THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND BOWLING CENTERS HARMLESS FOR ANY ACTIONS ARISING AS A RESULT OF TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

### AWARDS

ONE PLAQUE OR TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE SCHOOLS WHICH FINISH IN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE IN EACH OF THE FOUR DEFINED DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LEAGUE BOWLING SEASON. INDIVIDUAL PLAQUES OR TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS OF EACH FIRST AND SECOND PLACE TEAM IN EACH DIVISION.

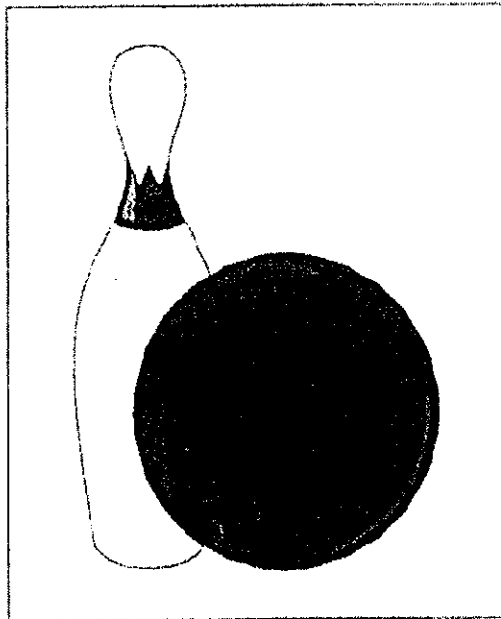
INDIVIDUAL AWARDS, BOYS AND GIRLS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: HIGH GAME SCRATCH, AND HIGH GAME HANDICAP, HIGH SERIES SCRATCH AND HIGH SERIES HANDICAP, AND HIGH AVERAGE. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS,

BOWLERS MUST BOWL IN AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF ALL GAMES BOWLED BY HIS/HER TEAM.

NOTE - A BOWLER MAY WIN HIGH AVERAGE AWARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

### CONTINGENCIES

ANY SITUATION ARISING WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY THE BOWLING LEAGUE GUIDELINES SHALL BE COVERED BY THE USBC RULE BOOK AND/OR BY THE BOWLING LEAGUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.



# Middle School BOWLING Conference

(the most asked questions)

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING IS A LETTER SPORT!

the initial \$75.00 cost is the ONLY cost you will incur!

bowling balls and rental shoes are provided if needed

each bowler receives a "bowler's card" with bowling and pro shop privileges

handicap 90% of 200 - this creates a level playing field for all bowlers

bowlers are to wear uniforms to the meets (NO EXCEPTIONS). UNIFORMS MUST BE CURRENT UNIFORMS  
UNIFORM REPLACEMENT COST: \$20.00

cancellation criteria: if school is cancelled, practices and matches are cancelled. if a scenario arises during the school day, a decision will be made at 2pm the day of meet.

NO WEARING OF HATS OR HEADGEAR DURING MEETS OR PRACTICES

legal lineup

if four or five members on a team - 2 = legal lineup

if 3 or less on a team - 1 = legal lineup

award pins given out throughout the season: high games and high series

reserved seating:

seating for bowlers will be reserved (the 1st table up from the bowlers area)

locks distinctly count as locks!

practices: at least once a week at the bowling center per the coaches discretion