

Show Me High School Bowling – Springfield Region Competition Rules

Note: The Show Me High School Bowling is not a recognized Varsity or Junior Varsity sport. To assist in rule's clarification the terms Varsity and JV will be used.

1. All students that meet the eligibility requirements will participate.
2. Each high school shall consist of a boy's team and a girl's team. In the event that there is not enough participants to field a girl's team, the participating girls are permitted to compete on the boy's team.
3. Team coaches must be present for any team to compete.
4. The Show Me High School Bowling shall be a scratch competition.
5. The Show Me High School Bowling will be composed of eight competition meets at host bowling centers.
6. Grade card checks are required before the first, fifth and eighth competition meets.
7. All participants are required to attend team practices. Each coach is required to hold a team practice at least once a week.
8. Five bowlers compete on a team at each tournament. There may be up to eight participants listed on a team's roster. The roster/lineup must be given to the competition director prior to the start of tournament play.
9. Host bowling centers shall hold team tryouts. The team coaches shall then select players for two varsity teams (boy & girl). The number of remaining participants shall determine the number of JV teams.
10. During competition, varsity teams will bowl against varsity teams and JV teams will bowl other JV teams. Points earned by the varsity teams only will determine team standings for the competition finals (eighth event). All teams, varsity and JV, will bowl during the competition.
11. Once the varsity team roster for a competition has been submitted, teams will not be permitted to move JV bowlers to the varsity team for that competition. Coaches have the discretion to move players from the JV to varsity before submitting team rosters for each competition.
12. Participants will not be permitted to practice on competition lanes prior to the start of competition. All participants will receive 15 minutes of practice time at the beginning of the competition.

13. Competition Format – The competitions shall be divided into a girl’s division and a boy’s division. Each team will bowl two standard games against the same opponent. Three points will be awarded for winning the team game and five points will be awarded for the team total. Following the two games, teams will move lane assignments and bowl three baker games against a different opponent. Three points will be awarded for winning the team game and five points will be awarded for the team total. Baker games will be bowled on a single lane. Teams will switch lanes after the first game and again after the second game.
14. Substitutes – A coach may remove a bowler during a game and put in another bowler from the team’s roster. The bowler that has been substituted for may not re-enter during that game, but is permitted to re-enter the following game. The final score will count towards the original bowler.
15. Absentee – If a team does not have a full five-person team; the team shall take a zero for the frames and/or games for the missing bowlers.
16. Vacancy Team – In the event a team has drawn the vacancy team to bowl, the team’s scores shall be compared to the team bowling on the odd numbered lane to the right. If there is no team to the right, or if the team to the right is not in the same division (boy/girl) or if the team is not a varsity/JV then the scores will be compared to the team bowling on the odd lane to the left.
17. Ties – In the event of a tie, game or series, the points shall be divided in half.
18. The Show Me High School Bowling shall bowl eight competitions at five different bowling centers. The individual scores bowled during the first two standard games at each competition will also be used to calculate the “Individual Springfield Champion.” After the eighth competition has completed, there will be two Individual Champions (boy/girl). The winner shall be determined by total pin fall for the eight-competition season. Both varsity and JV players are eligible to win.
19. Final competition (eighth event) – All teams shall bowl the first two standard games. Once the two games are complete and the point totals have been added, the five varsity teams will be seated according to total points won. In the event of a tie, a single baker game shall be bowled. Prior to the start of the baker finals, coaches will be permitted to change his/her lineup. Players may be moved from JV to varsity. Each team is permitted a maximum of eight players. Coaches are not permitted to alter the eight-person lineup once the baker finals have started. (Baker finals is subject to change in the event that more than five schools participate, it will go to a bracket format.)
20. Teams will be seated according to total wins for the season. The 5th seed vs. 4th seed, winner will bowl the 3rd seed, winner will bowl the 2nd seed, and the winner will bowl the 1st seed for the honor of being the Springfield High School Team Champion. Each match will be a best 2 of 3-baker format. The higher seed shall have starting lane preference.

Each baker game will be bowled on a single lane. After the completion of each baker game, the two teams will switch lanes.

21. Only student athletes, coaches and competition director are permitted in the bowler's area during competition.
22. The use of Tobacco Products and the consumption of any Alcoholic Products are strictly prohibited during any organized practice session, conference matches, or anytime the bowlers are expected to be under the supervision of the Show Me High School Bowling.
23. Official USBC Youth rules will govern play.
24. All decisions not covered by the rules shall be directed to the Board of Directors.

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