



2023-24 IHSA Boys Bowling State Finals

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors, the Bowling Advisory Committee, and our member schools, it is my pleasure to congratulate you for qualifying for the 2023-24 IHSA Boys Bowling State Finals. It is our hope that you are able to enjoy the tournament and we appreciate all of the work that you have put forth to be here today. No other state in the country conducts interscholastic competition for schools like we do here in Illinois, and we are thrilled that you are able to be a part of the opportunity.

A special welcome and congratulations are extended to all the participants of this year's state tournament. You should be commended for your hard work, practice and dedication which have enabled you and your school to achieve success. I also want to welcome and congratulate the coaches of all of our competing schools who have trained and prepared these students to reach this level of performance. Here students have a chance to demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and dedication. As a participant you proudly represent your families, schools, and communities in a very visible forum. Thank you for exhibiting what is best in the youth of our society.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Regardless of the outcome of events we ask that you do your best, strive to display the good sportsmanship, and embrace all that can be learned through this state tournament opportunity.

You should be able to find in this communication the information necessary to make your trip to State as smooth as possible. Feel free to call our office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of IHSA and for being a part of the IHSA state experience.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lambert
Assistant Executive Director
Illinois High School Association

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Coaches,

In reference to IHSA By-Law 2.070:

When student-athletes, representing their schools as a member of a bowling team or as an individual entry, participate in the practice round on Thursday, January 25th, this is an official practice for the school. Therefore, only certified, school approved coaches who have passed the PES exam, the Concussion exam, the HSHP video, and meet all IHSA by-law requirements are allowed to coach the student-athletes. This prohibits parents, private coaches, alumni, etc. who do not meet these requirements from coaching during the official practice round (or any practice round that is an official school practice).

Student-athletes must have their certified, approved coach present in order to begin their practice round on Thursday, January 25th.

Furthermore, during the competition round only certified, school approved coaches who have passed the PES exam and the Concussion exam and meet all IHSA by-law requirements are allowed to coach student-athletes. Again parents, private coaches, alumni, etc. who do not meet these requirements should not be coaching during the official rounds of the state series or any official competition the student-athletes are competing in representing their member school.

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to this IHSA By-Law.

IHSA Bowling State Final Information

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Website to use for state final information is: <http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwb/index.htm>

School Manual: The bowling school manual provides valuable information regarding the conduct of the state series and state tournament. It also includes all necessary forms.

Terms and Conditions: There have been changes to the Terms and Conditions for this year. It is your school's responsibility to understand and educate players regarding the rules of play.

Sectional Results, Corrections, and Substitutions: Each site will post their results. They are unofficial and it is not unusual for corrections to be made. Schools should contact us or the sectional manager with any concerns. Email is the best way to do that.

Check the spelling of your players' names, years in school, etc. If a school coach has a substitution or needs to add a player, please let us know no later than the Tuesday after the sectionals (before 12:01 pm). Should any vital information be incorrect, email, call, **contact Brock (bhopp@ihsa.org)** at the IHSA to make those changes. Any communication later than that, we cannot guarantee that the program can be changed.

At-large Qualifiers: At large qualifiers will be announced online the Monday afternoon following the sectionals. This will be the only form of notification. Please contact us if you see any errors.

State Final Qualifiers: The state final qualifying teams and individuals will be posted on the web. Please contact us if you see any errors.

Lane Assignments: The lane assignments will be posted on the web by Tuesday afternoon following the sectional competitions. You may also refer to your pre-assignment information and rotation included in your school manual as well.

State Final Results: Results will be posted online during the competition. In addition, a scrolling leader board will be available online and onsite during the tournament. Fans can also access this through their phones at state. The center has WIFI.

Team and Individual Qualifiers Housing: Schools are responsible to make their own housing arrangements. The IHSA website has posted a link to hotel information via the Tourism Bureau link. The link is: <http://www.thetourismbureau.org/>

Thursday Practice Information: While the IHSA has set up the option of a practice round on Thursday at the bowling center, it is not mandatory for teams to participate in the practice round. Lane fees for the practice round are \$2.50 per game, per person. It is the responsibility of the school to pay for the lane fees on Thursday. The IHSA will pay for the Friday and Saturday lane fees. Refer to the school manual for information regarding the practice round.

Required Bowling Ball Certification: Each school is required to make sure that the bowling ball being used in the state final is legal and certified and must meet the USBC specifications. All bowling balls should be certified prior to the state series. Refer to the Terms and Conditions for more information on certification. **No Bowling Certification forms are required.**

School Packets and Team Passes: Coaches can pick up their team packets at the front desk on Thursday during their practice session. Those not picked up will be at the pass gate for pick up on Friday.

Competitors in the Wheelchair Class will be able to pick up their packets at any time upon arrive to the facility. If there are any questions with this, please contact the IHSA.

Friday Pass Gate: Only competitors and coaches listed on the "List of Participants" will be allowed entrance through the pass gate. All other people that are with the team must enter through main entrance. Only those individuals wearing a wrist band will be allowed through the pass gate. Schools are responsible to supervise any non-qualifiers attending the tournament.

Saturday Pass Gate: New wrist bands will be issued on Friday following the cuts, to those individuals and coaches advancing to Saturday's round. Only competitors and coaches wearing the Saturday wrist band will be allowed entrance through the pass gate. All other people that are with the team must enter through main entrance. Those individuals wearing Friday's wrist band will be allowed through the pass gate at no charge. Schools are responsible to supervise any non-qualifiers attending the tournament.

Competitors in the Wheelchair Class can enter the facility through the arcade. If a competitor is coming to watch his team on Friday, he will be allowed in with his wristband at no charge.

Coaches' Meeting: There will be a virtual coaches' meeting – on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 2pm. Coaches can attend live or watch the recording, but coaches will be responsible for the content. Qualifying coaches will be sent a link early in the week. Pit passes will be handed out on Friday and Saturday mornings with score sheets.

State Final Admission: State Final admission for adults and children is Digital ticket for 11.00 or cash sales \$12.00 at the door for the day. A baby in arms is free. There is no reserve seating and no "saving" seats.

State Final Merchandise: The IHSA will be selling bowling state final merchandise. To order online prior to the state tournament or view the designs, go to www.ihsa.org and then Minerva Sportswear. Onsite sales will begin on Thursday during the practice round.

Important Pass Information:

Coaches:

Congratulations and welcome to the 2023-24 IHSA Bowling State Finals. This is a reminder that per our Terms and Conditions, teams can get a maximum of 8 wristbands for participants and 3 passes for qualifying coaches whose names are listed on the List of Participants; while individuals will get 1 wristband per participant and a max of 2 passes for qualifying coaches whose names are listed on the List of Participants. These must be securely worn by both coaches and participants at all times when entering and in the facility.

In the past the coach's pit pass has been in this packet, coaches will now receive their pit passes at the Coaches meeting on Friday. The pit passes are just that, passes for the pit area, they do not gain you entrance to the facility, only your wrist band will do that.

After we have the results from Friday and have made the cut, please remember to pick up your new wrist bands for Saturday. Only those teams and coaches with the proper colored wrist band for Saturday can enter the pass gate. If you are eliminated after Friday your wrist band will gain you entrance at the general admission gates, they must be worn on your wrist to gain entrance.

Students competing in the Wheelchair Class will be able to pick up their packets at any time over the course of the weekend. They will need their wristband on their person in order to gain access to the facility on Friday or participate in competition on Saturday. Coaches for the Wheelchair Class will receive their pit pass at the Coaches Meeting on Saturday morning.

If you have any questions at any time, please let us know.

Thank you for your cooperation,



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