



## 2008-2009 IHSA Girls Bowling State Final Information

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 2009 IHSA Girls 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,

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Website to use for state final information is: <http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwl/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.

<http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwl/2008-09/school-manual.pdf>

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

<http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwl/2008-09/t-and-cs.pdf>

**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, fax or contact Linda ([lmuxfeld@ihsa.org](mailto:lmuxfeld@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 by Monday afternoon. This will be the only form of notification. Please contact us if you see any errors.

<http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwb/index.htm>

**State Final Qualifiers:** The state final qualifying teams and individuals will be posted on the web. Please contact us if you see any errors. <http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwb/index.htm>

**Lane Assignments:** The lane assignments will be posted on the web by Monday afternoon following the sectional competitions. You may also refer to your pre-assignment information and rotation included in your school manual as well. <http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwb/index.htm>

**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. A computer will also be available for fans to use to get more detailed results. Coaches will receive printed results after each round.

<http://www.ihsa.org/activity/bwb/index.htm>

**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/>

**Holiday Inn of Rockford Team Special:** Room reservations must be made immediately after sectionals. A special rate has been provided to qualifying schools for a rate of \$79.95 for as long as rooms are available. They go fast so call now. In order to get this rate a coach must call 815-398-2200 or 1-800-383-7829 and refer to the IHSA to receive the rate.

**Holiday Inn of Rockford Late Check out:** The Holiday Inn (**no other hotel**) has graciously extended its check out to 2:00 p.m. on Friday PROVIDED coaches tell the front desk at the time of checking in. Any check out after 2:00 p.m. a school will be charged for another day. A room will be available to store luggage if a guest prefers to check out, store luggage and then check back in when a player of team advances to Saturday play. These are two excellent options so please show your appreciation for their efforts to accommodate our tournament. The person we have been working with is Lee Lee Wasson, sales manager.

**Parking at State Finals for Teams and Fans:** We need your help with this. Team buses/vans only park in one parking spot. If you have a bus that will take up more than one spot, you should drop your players off at the pass gate and park the bus in a remote lot. We have made arrangements with some of the local businesses to use their lots for this kind of overflow. Refer to the map for more details on parking. Please, do not park in areas that are posted NO PARKING. They are marked no parking because these private businesses have not approved of parking in their lot.

**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 \$10.00 an hour per lane. 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 IHSA school manual posted on the bowling website for information regarding the practice round.

**Scheduling a Practice Time:** To call for Reservations contact Cherry Bowl, (815) 332-9595, beginning Sunday, February 8th through Tuesday, February 10th. Lanes will be available at Cherry Bowl for qualifying teams and individuals to practice from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. League bowling begins at 5:00 p.m. so there will be no practice after 5:00 p.m. In fairness to everyone, Cherry Bowl staff has been directed **NOT** to accept reservations until Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**Team Practice Times:** Prime practice time will be from 11:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. During prime time, a school whose team has qualified may reserve one pair of lanes (2 lanes) for a two-hour block. Prime practice blocks available for qualifying teams are: 9:00 - 11:00, 11:00 - 1:00, 1:00 - 3:00, 3:00 - 5:00

**Individual Practice Times:** Individual qualifiers unattached to a team may reserve one lane for one hour. Prime practice blocks are available for individual qualifiers between: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
9:00 - 10:00, 10:00 - 11:00, 11:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 1:00, 1:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 3:00, 3:00 - 4:00, 4:00 - 5:00

**Required Bowling Ball Certification Forms:** While each school is required to make sure that the bowling ball being used in the state final is legal and certified, the Bowling Ball Certification Forms should be kept on file with the coach and presented upon request by the state final committee. All bowling balls should be certified prior to the state series. Coaches who need a bowling ball certified at the State Final will be charged \$4.00 per bowling ball. Refer to the Terms and Conditions for more information on certification.

**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.

**NEW!!!! 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.

**NEW!!!! 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 main entrance at no charge. Schools are responsible to supervise any non-qualifiers attending the tournament.

**State Final Admission:** State Final admission for adults and children is \$10.00 for the day. A baby in arms is free. There is no reserve seating and no “saving” seats.

**Coaches’ Meeting:** There will be a coaches meeting on Friday at 8:45 a.m. State final programs will be distributed at that time along with score sheets.

**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](http://www.ihsa.org) and then Minerva Sportswear. Onsite sales will begin on Thursday during the practice round.

**High School Bowling Coaches of Illinois (HSBCI):** Greg Troyer has schedule a meeting on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn for members or potential members of the coaches association. The meeting will go from 8:00 pm -10:00 pm with a 7:30 pm social. Contact Greg for more information. [Greg.troyer@214.org](mailto:Greg.troyer@214.org) A special thanks to the Holiday Inn and the Rockford Tourism Bureau for their support of the meeting.