



2023-24 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 2024 IHSA Girls Bowling State Finals. It is our hope that you are able to enjoy the tournament and we appreciate all the hard work it took to get you to The Cherry Bowl. 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.

I also want to welcome and congratulate all the coaches of our competing schools who have trained and prepared their student-athletes to reach this level of performance. They now have a chance to demonstrate the fruits of your hard work and can proudly represent their families, schools and communities in this very visible forum.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Regardless of the outcome of the weekend events we ask that you do your best, strive to display 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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, February 15, 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, February 15.

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/bwl/index.htm>

Pre-Tournament Information

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, fax or 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.

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 posted on the girls bowling menu page.

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.**

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 Rockford Convention and Visitors Bureau link. The link is: <http://www.gorockford.com>

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 <http://www.minervapromotions.com/ihsa/> Onsite sales will begin on Thursday during the practice round.

Tournament Information

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 \$25.00 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. To call for Reservations contact The Cherry Bowl, (815) 332-9595, beginning Sunday, February 12 through Tuesday, February 14. Lanes will be available at The Cherry Bowl for qualifying teams and individuals to practice from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15. League bowling begins at 5:00 p.m. so there will be no practice after 5:00 p.m. In fairness to everyone, **The Cherry Bowl staff has been directed NOT to accept reservations until Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Prime practice time will be from 9:00 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 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.
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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. Please leave contact information when you pick up your team packet.

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.

Parking at State Finals for Teams and Fans: We need your help with this. Team buses/vans, you should drop your players off at the pass gate (North Door) and park the bus in the Salvation Army lot immediately south of The Cherry Bowl. Please do NOT park in the Crazy Penguin lot. A no parking sign will be posted in areas that are not allowing us to park in their lot.

Team Food: Pre-order food specials (pizza/sub-sandwiches) are available to order each day. Order at counter by 9:30am. NO team tabs.

Coaches' Meeting: There will be a virtual coaches' meeting on Wednesday a link will be sent to coaches. It will be recorded and posted for coaches who cannot attend. Coaches are responsible for the information shared in the meeting. Pit Passes will be handed out at the State venue on Friday/Saturday.

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 the 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. Competitors and coaches wearing the Saturday wrist band will be allowed entrance through the pass gate. Those individuals wearing Friday's wrist band will be allowed through the pass entrance or the general admission doors as long as they are wearing their Friday wrist band. 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.

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

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

WIFI: This is available in the center. No arrangements can be made for electricity and some areas are better than others in the center.

Important Pass Information:

Coaches:

Congratulations and welcome to the 2024 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 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 on Saturday morning.

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

Thank you for your cooperation,



Stacey Lambert
Assistant Executive Director
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