

## **2021-22 BOWLING FORMAT**

### **TEAM COMPETITION**

Six members of each team may compete in each American 10-Pin game. Five members of each team may compete in each Baker Game. The remaining members, if any, will act as substitutes. Averages, vacancy, or absentee scores are not allowed.

Competition will consist of an American 10-Pin game and Baker games as well as total pin fall. Format will be one game of American 10-Pin and five Baker games. For the American 10-Pin game, two teams of three bowlers on two different pairs of lanes will compete head-to-head (6 points) and two points will be awarded for total pinfall. For the Baker games, the team leading in points will have the choice of which pair of lanes to use and which lane they will start their first Baker game, after which teams will switch lanes within the same pair of lanes. If teams are tied in points, then the team with the highest pinfall will have the choice of which pair of lanes to use and which lane they will start their first Baker game, after which teams will switch lanes within the same pair of lanes. Teams must submit a team lineup in order to the opposing coach prior to each Baker game.

There shall be 10 minutes between the American 10-Pin game and the start of the Baker games. There shall be two minutes between Baker games.

Competition is based on a 23-point scoring system - 8 points for the American 10-Pin game (6 individual and 2 team), 2 points per Baker game (10 Points), 2 Points for Total Pin Fall of the five Baker games, and Overall Total Pin Fall wins 3 points. Half points will be used in the case of tie situations. If there is a tie at the point level the match will be awarded to the team with the highest pin fall.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

#### **American 10-Pin Game**

1. When a substitution is made that substitute must complete the remainder of the game. Two substitutions are permitted. The starting player once removed cannot return to bowl for the remainder of the game.
2. The opposing coach must be notified of a substitution before the substitute bowler throws his/her first ball. Failure to notify the opposing coach of a substitution will result in a zero pin-fall for those balls thrown by the illegal substitute.
3. A substitute bowler cannot enter a game to shoot a spare unless the original bowler is physically unable to complete the frame. If a bowler is substituted in the middle of a frame that bowler cannot bowl again for the remainder of the match.
4. Substitutes will receive no additional practice throws on the competition lanes prior to entering a game.

#### **Baker Games**

1. A coach may remove a bowler during a game and put in an alternate (this includes putting in a substitute in the middle of a frame). Once a bowler has been substituted for they may not re-enter during that game. However, they may re-enter during the next Baker game.
2. The opposing coach must be notified of a substitution before the substitute bowler throws his/her first ball. Failure to notify the opposing coach of a substitution will result in a zero pin-fall for those balls thrown by the illegal substitute.
3. Substitutes will receive no additional practice throws on the competition lanes prior to entering a game.
4. A maximum of two substitutions are permitted in each Baker game.

## **DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

Individuals will qualify for the state tournament by competing in their respective Sectional Tournament. Sectional tournament sites will be selected by the state office. If an individual is a member of a school team, in order for them to be eligible to participate in the sectional they must have bowled in a varsity match by November 1.

Section 1 will be composed of Regions 1 and 2. Section 2 will be composed of Regions 3 and 4. Section 3 will be composed of Regions 5 and 6. Section 4 will be composed of Regions 7 and 8. Entry forms for each sectional must be submitted via the TSSAA Portal at least one week prior to the start of the tournament. Schools that do not file a timely entry will be assessed a \$25.00 penalty per day in order to compete in the tournament.

Bowlers will be on a pair of lanes with each bowler bowling six games, moving to their next assigned lanes after bowling three games. Lane assignments will be done at the discretion of the tournament director. The lanes will be oiled using the same "sport shot" pattern chosen for the state tournament. The "sport shot" pattern chosen to be used for the individual tournament will be released the Monday of NFHS Week #18. State tournament qualifiers will be based on total pinfall, and shall be as follows:

- Section 1 - Top 10
- Section 2 - Top 12
- Section 3 - Top 20
- Section 4 - Top 12

If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, a one game roll-off would take place between all those tied for the last spot.

## **DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL REGION TOURNAMENT**

Individuals will qualify for the state tournament by competing in their respective Regional Tournament. Regional tournament sites will be selected by the state office. If an individual is a member of a school team, in order for them to be eligible to participate in the regional they must have bowled in a varsity match by November 1.

Entry forms for each regional must be submitted via the TSSAA Portal at least one week prior to the start of the tournament. Schools that do not file a timely entry will be assessed a \$25.00 penalty per day in order to compete in the tournament.

Bowlers will be on a pair of lanes with each bowler bowling six games, moving to their next assigned lanes after bowling three games. Lane assignments will be done at the discretion of the tournament director. The lanes will be oiled using the same "sport shot" pattern chosen for the state tournament. The "sport shot" pattern chosen to be used for the individual tournament will be released the Monday of NFHS Week #18. State tournament qualifiers will be based on total pinfall, and shall be as follows:

- East Region - Top 6
- Middle Region - Top 12
- West Region - Top 6

If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, a one game roll-off would take place between all those tied for the last spot.

## **DIVISION I AND DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL STATE TOURNAMENT**

### **Semifinals**

Bowlers will be on a pair of lanes with each bowler bowling six games, moving to their next assigned lanes after bowling three games. The lanes will be oiled to the “sport shot” pattern. The “sport shot” pattern chosen to be used for the individual tournament will be released the Monday of NFHS Week #18.

The top 6 girls and top 6 boys in each division will advance to the finals based on their total pinfall. If there is a tie in total pins for 6th place, there will be a one game roll-off between all those tied for 6th. If there is a tie for seeds, a ninth (9) and tenth (10) frame roll off would be used and continued until a winner is determined.

### **Finals**

Finalists will bowl head-to-head matches in a “step ladder” format.

Match 1 - #6 vs. #5

Match 2 - Winner of Match 1 vs. #4

Match 3 - Winner of Match 2 vs. #3

Match 4 - Winner of Match 3 vs. #2

Match 5 - Winner of Match 4 vs. #1

If there is a tie, a ninth (9) and tenth (10) frame roll off would be used and continued until a winner is determined.

### **AWARDS**

TSSAA will award plaques to the team champion and team runner-up in the district and region in Division I. In Division II, TSSAA will award plaques to the team champion and team runner-up in the region. In the Division I individual sectional tournament, TSSAA will award medals to the top three finishers and a plaque to the medalist. In the Division II individual region tournament, TSSAA will award medals to the top three finishers and a plaque to the medalist. In the state championships, TSSAA will award trophies to the team champion and runner-up, medals to members of the championship and runner-up teams, medals to the top six individual finishers, and a plaque to the individual medalist.

### **2021-22 BOWLING CALENDAR**

Date of First Contest	September 27, 2021
DI & DII Individual Qualifying Tournaments Must Be Completed By	December 6, 2021
DI Bowling Districts Must Be Completed By	December 17, 2021
DI & DII Bowling Regions Must Be Completed by	January 13, 2022
DI Girls' Team Sectionals	January 15, 2022
DI Boys' Team Sectionals	January 17, 2022
DI & DII State Bowling Championships	January 19-21, 2022