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The Championship Program

First Practice—Oct. 1 First Contest—Oct. 22

Online Requirements For All Sports

POSTING SCHEDULES

Schools must post season schedules on the AHSAA website in the Members' Area by the deadline dates listed below. Failure to do so could result in a fine assessed to the school. Schools may go online and make any changes immediately as they occur.

Deadlines for posting schedules:

May 1— fall sports (football only)

June 1 — fall sports (cross country, swimming & diving, volleyball)

Sept. 15 — winter sports (basketball, bowling, indoor track wrestling)

Jan. 15 — spring sports (baseball, golf, outdoor track, soccer, softball, tennis)

POSTING ROSTERS

Schools are required to post team rosters prior to its first contest of the season.

POSTING SCORES

Schools are also required to post scores of contests online immediately following all contests in the regular season (and within 24 hours after regular season tournaments) and in the playoffs or be subject to a fine.

In the post-season playoffs, failure to report scores immediately after a contest will subject the school to a fine

- 1. Bowling is a championship sport for the 2018-19 season, providing competition for girls and boys in one classification (1A-7A).
- 2. Each school team is limited to 18 dates and 5 tournaments, at the varsity level and 12 dates and 2 tournaments at the middle school and junior high level.

Note: A tournament, an organized sport competition that uses elimination and/or round-robin formats, must be sanctioned and determine a champion. It is usually played at one site.

- 3. The season concludes Jan. 25, 2019.
- 4. Team size may be determined by the school coach or local school policy. However, during a match, only eight team members five bowlers and three substitutes will be allowed in the pit (team area) during competition, when space will allow.
- 5. All participants must be eligible under AHSAA rules and teams must be accompanied by a certified coach, from their school. Non-faculty coaches must be accompanied by a certified faculty member (see AHSAA Handbook, page 61).
- 6. Area matches shall be 1 traditional followed by 3 Baker, with winner determined by total pins. Format for non-area matches may be determined by home team or tournament host as dictated by bowling center time perimeters.
- 7. In an area match, in the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined by 1 additional Baker game and total match pins; including the additional Baker game.

- 8. Team uniforms will be left to the discretion of each school. Team must wear matching shirts. It is recommended pants and/or skorts be khaki, black or school color. No shorts. It is recommended that teams consult the local center for local dress code requirements before ordering uniforms. Athletes dressed in jeans, shorts, or hats will not be allowed to participate during the regional and/or state tournaments until appropriately dressed.
 - Sponsorship ads are not allowed on team uniforms. Ads may be placed on t-shirts or other clothing worn for practice or team travel.
- 9. Coach and player conduct is under the governance of the AHSAA Conduct Rule. Lane courtesy and bowling etiquette is expected of all teams.
 - Except as stated here, USBC rules will be the rules by which high school bowling will be governed. Those rules may be accessed by using the following link:
 - http://www.bowl.com/highschool/
- In order to qualify for the championship program, each school must play all schools in their area twice. Area matches take precedence over all other matches.
 - Note: In the event of a regular season tie, at the end of the season, for the area championship (same area record) the area champion will be determined by:
 - (a) head to head competition
 - (b) total pins for the two matches
 - (c) total pins against area opponents
 - (d) flip of a coin
- 11. Due to seating limitations, cheerleaders and pep bands are not allowed at bowling meets.
- 12. Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at all AHSAA inside sport events. No thundersticks, cowbells, drums, air horns, megaphones or other artificial noisemakers may be used.
- 13. Spring bowling practice is permitted for a maximum of 5 days during any consecutive 10 school day calendar period any time during the second semester. (Refer to page 50 of AHSAA Handbook, Rule 3, Section 17, Spring Evaluation Periods)
- 14. Bowling will be treated as tennis, golf and swimming in regard to Outside Participation, see page 27 of the AHSAA Handbook, letter (A) Independent Rule. Bowling athletes will not be limited in the number of individual events, but may not participate in any bowling team events during the high school season.
- 15. High School bowlers will be allowed to participate in the SMART program and not violate the Amateur Rule, page 29, of the AHSAA Handbook.
- 16. Teams must coordinate practice times with the bowling center they choose to use and must comply with the center's request regarding start and end times, within reason.
- 17. Bowling Centers may charge schools for house bowling shoes and balls, but it has been recommended by center personnel who served on an advisory committee to the AHSAA that centers charge \$100 per team per season for 2 days per week of practices and/or matches. Final cost is set by each individual center, not the AHSAA.

Special Playoff Rules:

- 1. Regular season matches are not permitted after the playoffs begin.
- 2. Invitational, county, conference, league tournaments or area matches must be completed prior to January 12. Area winners must report their records and runner-up team to State office by Monday Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. to mchou@ahsaa.com.
- 3. A student may participate in only one level of competition, on the same day or in the same event (county, conference or league tournaments). Junior high and/or middle school players may be moved to a higher level team as long as they do not exceed the maximum number of matches allowed at the highest level of play.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

DATE: Regional tournaments will be conducted on January 17-18, 2019. The North Regional (Areas 9-16) will be held at Vestavia Bowl and the South Regional (Areas 1-8) will be held at Camelia Lanes in Mobile.

The top 2 teams, from each area, will advance to one of two regional sites for a total of 16 teams at each regional site, for both girls and boys.

The top 8 teams from each regional will advance to the state tournament for a total of 16 for girls and 16 for boys (32 total).

COACHES MEETING: A mandatory meeting for head coaches will be held at each venue, one hour prior to start time for both girls' and boys' teams.

FORMAT: Regional tournament matches will consist of a two-day tournament.

The first day will be 3 traditional – 10 pin games to determine seeding for day two.

Day two matches will be elimination rounds and teams will be placed in a 16 team bracket and will bowl 1 traditional and 3 Baker games, using a 16 team single elimination bracket. Practice is allowed the day before, but must be scheduled through the bowling facility, and rental fees will be charged.

Each coach shall verify points and score for each individual bowler and total pins after each match by initialing and/or signing the scoresheet. Once signed, no corrections will be made. Signed scoresheets become the official score.

TIE-BREAKER

If after first day of bowling there is a tie, the tie shall be broken by a head-to-head match using the Baker format, until a winner is determined.

Schedule: (Subject to change. Online schedule will be the official schedule.)

Day 1: Boys and girls bowl starting at 12 p.m.

Day 2: Boys and Girls bowl starting at 8 a.m. Finals around 3:30 p.m.

ADMISSION REGULATIONS

\$8.00 per day (Tickets may be purchased online at www.gofan.com)

A team may bring a team party of 12 to regional and state tournament matches:

- e.) 8 players, in uniform
- f.) 2 certified coaches
- g.) 1 student manager
- h.) 1 certified trainer

RESPONSIBILITY OF COACHES OF TOP 8 TEAMS: Email team roster and picture (digital) to state tournament program coordinator, Dennis Victory at ahsaa@cfxsports.com.

STATE TOURNAMENT

DATE: The AHSAA Bowling State Tournament will be conducted on January 24-25, 2019

The top 8 teams from each regional will advance to the state tournament for a total of 16 for girls and 16 for boys (32 total)

Site: AHSAA State Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Oak Mountain Lanes in Pelham, Alabama.

COACHES MEETING: A mandatory meeting for head coaches will be held one hour prior to start time for both girls' and boys' teams.

FORMAT: State tournament matches will consist of a two-day tournament.

The first day will be 3 traditional – 10 pin games to determine seeding for day two. Day two matches will be elimination rounds and teams will be placed in 16 team, single elimination brackets, and will bowl 1 traditional and 3 Baker games.

Schedule:

Day 1: Boys and Girls will start bowling at 12:30 p.m.

Day 2: Boys and Girls will start bowling at 8:00 a.m.

Break from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Finals at 5:00 p.m.

The 8 girls and 8 boys who bowl the 3 traditional games, and have the highest individual scores, will receive medals.

Practice the day before will be allowed, but must be scheduled through the bowling facility. Rental fees will be charged for these practice sessions.

TIE-BREAKER

If after first day of bowling there is a tie, the tie shall be broken by a head-to-head match using the Baker format, until a winner is determined.

ADMISSION REGULATIONS

\$10.00 per day (Tickets may be purchased online at www.gofan.com)

A team may bring a team party of 12 to regional and state tournament matches:

- a.) 8 players, in uniform
- b.) 2 certified coaches
- c.) 1 student manager
- d.) 1 certified trainer

Area Alignment

Class 1A-7A Girls

Area 1

Coordinator: Chip Mentone

The odore

Alma Bryant B.C. Rain McGill-Toolen Murphy Theodore UMS-Wright

Area 3

Williamson

Coordinator: Damion Smith

Baldwin County

Baldwin County Daphne Fairhope Foley Gulf Shores Spanish Fort

St. Michael's Catholic

Area 5

Coordinator: Ms. Shannon Pignato

Auburn

Auburn Beauregard Benjamin Russell Stanhope Elmore

Valley

Area 7

Coordinator: Kim Kiel

Pelham

Helena

Heritage Christian

Hoover McAdory Pelham Thompson Area 2

Coordinator: Beverly Spondike

Saraland

Baker Citronelle LeFlore Magnet Mary G. Montgomery Mattie T. Blount

Mattie T. Saraland Satsuma Vigor **Area 4**

Coordinator: Dr. Scott Phillips

Houston Academy

Houston Academy

Jeff Davis Lanier, Sidney Lee, R.E. Northview Park Crossing

Area 6

Coordinator: Shannon Howell

Indian Springs

Fayetteville Indian Springs Oak Mountain Spain Park Winterboro

Area 8

Coordinator: Tyler Burgess

Vestavia Hills

Homewood Hueytown Oak Grove Parker, A.H. Pleasant Grove

Ramsay

Vestavia Hills

Area 9

Coordinator: Dennis Alvarez

Sipsey Valley

Lamar County Northridge

Sipsey Valley South Lamar

Area 11

Coordinator: John Lyons, Jr.

Huffman

Carver, G.W. - BHM

Corner Gardendale Huffman Mountain Brook

Mountain Brook Shades Valley

Area 13

Coordinator: Jeff Colgrove

Gadsden City

Coosa Christian Etowah Gadsden City Hokes Bluff Southside, Gad.

Area 15

Coordinator: Sylvia Lambert

Bob Jones

Bob Jones Columbia Grissom Sparkman

Westminster Christian

Area 10

Coordinator: Dan Carden

American Christian

American Christian Central - Tusc.

Hillcrest - Tusc.

Holt

Holy Spirit Catholic

Paul Bryant

Area 12

Coordinator: Van Phillips

Center Point

Center Point Clay-Chalkville Hewitt-Trussville

Lincoln Pinson Valley

St. Clair County

Area 14

Coordinator: Mark Mason

Priceville

Cullman
East Limestone
Hartselle
Lindsay Lane
Priceville

Saint Bernard West Point

Area 16

Coordinator: Jeremy Lowry

Madison County

Buckhorn Hazel Green Huntsville Lee-Huntsville Randolph

Scottsboro

Area Alignment

Class 1A-7A Boys

Area 1

Coordinator: Chip Mentone

Theodore

Alma Bryant B.C. Rain

McGill-Toolen

Murphy

Theodore UMS-Wright

Williamson

Area 3

Coordinator: Damion Smith

Baldwin County

Baldwin County

Daphne Fairhope Foley Gulf Shores

Robertsdale Spanish Fort

St. Michael Catholic

Area 5

Coordinator: Ms. Shannon Pignato

Auburn

Auburn Beauregard Benjamin Russell

Prattville

Stanhope Elmore

Valley

Area 7

Coordinator: Kim Kiel

Pelham

Helena

Heritage Christian

Hoover McAdory Pelham

Thompson

Area 2

Coordinator: Beverly Spondike

Saraland

Baker

LeFlore Magnet

Mary G. Montgomery

Mattie T. Blount

Saraland Satsuma

Vigor

Area 4

Coordinator: Dr. Scott Phillips

Houston Academy

Houston Academy

Jeff Davis Lanier, Sidney Lee, R.E. Northview

Park Crossing

Area 6

Coordinator: Shannon Howell

Indian Springs

Fayetteville Indian Springs Oak Mountain

Spain Park Winterboro

Area 8

Coordinator: Tyler Burgess

Vestavia Hills

Homewood Hueytown

Oak Grove Parker, A.H. Pleasant Grove

Ramsay

Vestavia Hills

Area 9

Coordinator: Dennis Alvarez

Sipsey Valley

Lamar County Northridge Sipsey Valley

South Lamar

Area 11

Coordinator: John Lyons, Jr.

Huffman

Carver, G.W. - BHM

Corner Gardendale Huffman

Mountain Brook Shades Valley

Area 13

Coordinator: Jeff Colgrove

Gadsden City

Coosa Christian

Etowah Gadsden City Hokes Bluff Southside - Gad.

West End

Area 15

Coordinator: Sylvia Lambert

Bob Jones

Bob Jones Columbia Grissom

James Clemens Sparkman

Westminster Christian

Area 10

Coordinator: Dan Carden

American Christian

American Christian Central - Tusc

Hillcrest - Tusc.

Holt

Holy Spirit Catholic

Paul Bryant

Area 12

Coordinator: Van Phillips

Center Point

Center Point Clay-Chalkville Hewitt-Trussville

Lincoln

Pinson Valley

Area 14

Coordinator: Mark Mason

Priceville

Cullman

East Limestone

Hartselle

Lindsay Lane

Priceville Saint Bernard

West Point

Area 16

Coordinator: Jeremy Lowry

Madison County

Buckhorn

Hazel Green

Huntsville

Lee - Huntsville

Madison County

Randolph

Scottsboro