

NWIHSB Rules 2023/24



NWIHSB Preseason Bowl-O-Rama Tournament Rules

- 1 Teams will bowl two regular games during qualifying. The top 16 boys and top 16 girls teams will advance to baker match-play competition. If there are not 16 teams in a division the top 8 will advance. All ties are 9th-10th Frame roll off with the same bowlers that finish the tie game.
- 2 Teams are allowed up to seven bowlers on their roster.
State Rule: In tournament play, coaches may substitute during the regular team games.
Lineups may be changed at the start of any new game. A bowler may be used just once during any game.
During the Baker games, substitutions at any time but bowler can't reenter game till start of next game.
Lineup change only at start of game.
- 3 There will be a five minute practice session prior to the first round baker matches.
- 4 Baker Match play will be 2 Games Total Pins. Team with highest 2 game total will advance to the next round. Higher seed team will get to pick their starting lane.
- 5 Please turn scores in following **each game during qualifying** and **after each baker match**.
- 6 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches. Team trophies for champions, individual medals for team 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Medals for top 7 individuals during qualifying segment will be presented during baker match play.
- 7 Teams may be comprised of bowlers from multiple schools if necessary to fill teams day of the event by the tournament staff. Sign up sheets listing schools needing bowlers and bowlers needing teams will be at the tournament desk and will be filled in order signed.
- 8 All USBC and IHSB rules shall apply.
This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director and are final.
- 9 Cost \$60.00 per team for lineage--\$70 if you are a walk-in.
- 10 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.
- 11 *Schools will be allowed one boys and one girls team on a first come basis until the entry deadline date.
After deadline date, multiple entries from the same school will be accepted.
Schools wishing to enter more than one boys or one girls team should notify tournament director at time of original entry submission.*

NWIHSB REGION RUMBLE RULES

- 1 ALL IHSB rules, including Varsity eligibility, will apply.
- 2 Teams will bowl two regular games during qualifying moving right lane 1 pair to right after first game with the left lane moving left. Teams will be re-seeded and begin a 5-game baker block. During Baker, teams will move one lane right each game.
- 3 Teams are allowed up to seven bowlers on their roster.
State Rule: In tournament play, coaches may substitute during the regular team games.
Lineups may be changed at the start of any new game. A bowler may be used just once during any game.
During the Baker games, substitutions at any time but bowler can't reenter game till start of next game.
- 4 Top four teams will advance to stepladder finals. Higher seed team will pick their starting lane. **Stepladder matches are two baker game total pins.**
- 5 Teams in first stepladder match will be given two practice shots on each lane. Teams awaiting stepladder matches will be allowed to practice on designated practice pair once the second game of the stepladder match prior to their match begins.
Entering teams will receive two practice shots on each lane (advancing team receive no practice but may practice on designated practice pair).
Ties are 9th-10th Frame roll off with the same bowlers that finish the tie game.
- 6 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches. Team trophies for champions, individual team medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. Individual medals for top 7 qualifiers.
- 7 Oil Pattern will be similar to the IHSB State pattern.
- 8 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.
- 9 All USBC and IHSB rules do apply.

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- 10 This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
- 11 **All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform**
- 12 *Schools will be allowed one boys and one girls team on a first come basis until the entry deadline date.
After deadline date, multiple entries from the same school will be accepted.
Schools wishing to enter more than one boys or one girls team should notify tournament director at time of original entry submission.*

NWIHSB Mixed Doubles Rules

- 1 Event open to any IHSB bowler competing in one of the three (Greater Lake County, Lakeshore, Quad County) conferences.
- 2 Two squads, limited to 64 Bowlers per squad, 3 regular games Move 1 pair to right in 2 Blocks. The top 16 Boys & 16 Girls bowlers over all will advance to the finals. **Pinfall from qualifying squads will not carry over to finals.**
Match play ties are 9th-10th Frame roll off for last position. Others are High game bowled.
- 3 Teams will be comprised of one boy and one girl. Pairings will be based on qualifying seed (#1 Boy paired with #1 girl, etc..)
- 4 Match Play to follow a 16 league schedule. Team's will draw for lanes, lane number equals team number, follow the schedule
Match Play will be 5 games of baker match play. Partner 1 on Left Lane and Partner 2 on Right
20 Bonus pins awarded for each game won.
Top Six(6) teams will advance to stepladder finals based on finals pinfall including bonus pins.
Stepladder matches will be one game, with higher seed choosing starting lane.
Entering teams will receive two shots on each lane (advancing team receives no practice but may practice on designated practice pair).
- 5 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches.
Individual medals for top five teams. Smart Scholarships for top eight teams.
Projected payout for 64 boys / 64 girls entries
(1st \$300 / 2nd \$220 / 3rd \$180 / 4th \$140 / 5th \$120 / 6th \$100 / 7th \$80 / 8th \$60 per team)
Top Quaiflers in each division \$50
- 6 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.
- 7 All USBC and IHSB rules, including Varsity eligibility rules do apply. **No 6th & 7th Graders**
This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director and are final.
- 8 **All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform**
- 9 Cost \$20.00 per Bowler (\$7.50 lineage, 11.00 Scholarship, 1.50 awards)

HOLIDAY CLASSIC RULES

General Rules

- 1 Teams will bowl three regular games on **same pair of lanes**.
- 2 Teams are allowed up to seven bowlers on their roster.
- 3 Substitutions are allowed at any time during regular games and lineup changes are permitted at the beginning of any game.
- 4 Two divisions (Large School, Small School). This will be based on IHSAA classification for football (no football, use basketball). 6A, 5A and 4A (Large School), 1A, 2A, and 3A (small school)
- 5 Team trophies for overall champions (highest total all entries). Individual medals for teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division. Individual medals for top 7 boys and girls overall.
- 6 All ties for top positions will be settled by the highest team game during qualifying.
- 7 Teams may be comprised of bowlers from multiple schools if necessary to fill teams day of the event by the tournament staff. Sign up sheets listing schools needing bowlers and bowlers needing teams will be at the tournament desk and will be filled in order signed.
- 8 All USBC and IHSB rules shall apply.
This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director and are final.
- 9 **All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform**
- 10 Cost \$50.00 per team and \$60.00 per walk-in team. If a team is made up of combined bowlers from different schools, the fee is \$10 per bowler.
- 11 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.
- 12 *Schools will be allowed one boys and one girls team on a first come basis until the entry deadline date.
After deadline date, multiple entries from the same school will be accepted.
Schools wishing to enter more than one boys or one girls team should notify tournament director at time of original entry submission.*

NWIHSB Baker Tournament

- 1 Teams will bowl twelve (12) Baker games during qualifying. The top 8 boys and top 8 girls teams will advance to baker match-play competition.
- 2 Teams are allowed up to seven bowlers on their roster.
Teams will move one lane right each game.
- 3 State Rule: Lineups may be changed at the start of any new game. A bowler may be used just once during any game.
During the Baker games, substitutions at any time but bowler can't reenter game till start of next game.
- 4 There will be a five minute practice session prior to the first round baker matches. 2 ball's on their starting lanes in round 2 & 3.
- 5 Baker Match-play will be 2 games total pins.
Winner will advance to the next round. Higher seed team will get to pick their starting lane.
- 6 Any ties for position within the stepladder will be broken by using the highest game for the tournament
Ties are 9th-10th Frame roll off with the same bowlers that finish the tie game.
- 7 Please turn scores in following each game during qualifying and after each baker match.
- 8 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches. Team trophies for champions, individual medals for team 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
- 9 This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
- 10 All USBC and IHSB rules, including Varsity eligibility rules do apply. **No 7th & 8th Grades or Mixed Schools**
Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director and are final.
- 11 **All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform**
- 12 Cost \$60.00 per team for lineage and walk-in per team \$70.00 if there is lane availability.
- 13 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.
- 14 *Schools will be allowed one boys and one girls team on a first come basis until the entry deadline date.
After deadline date, multiple entries from the same school will be accepted.
Schools wishing to enter more than one boys or one girls team should notify tournament director at time of original entry submission.*

Junior Varsity Tournament Rules

- 1 Must be a member of one of the Northwest Indiana High School Bowling Conference and a USBC member.
- 2 To be eligible, Bowler must not have Bowled greater than 25% of varsity competition or less than 50% of JV competition during conference play.
- 3 Bowler will bowl (3) three regular games during qualifying. **Lane movement in blocks for each game.**
The top 6 boys and top 6 girls bowlers will advance to stair step competition.
- 4 Please turn scores in **following each Qualifying game.**
- 5 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches. Individual trophies for champions, individual medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Projected payout for 32 boys / 32 girls entries
(1st \$100 / 2nd \$70 / 3rd \$35 / 4th \$35)
- 6 This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
- 7 All USBC and IHSB rules do apply.
Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director and are final.
- 8 All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform
- 9 Cost \$20.00 per Bowler (\$7.50 lineage, \$10.00 Scholarship, \$2.50 awards)
- 10 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.

Futures Tournament Rules

- 1 Must be a member of one of the Northwest Indiana High School Bowling Conference and a USBC member.
- 2 **To be eligible, Bowler must be a Freshman or a Sophomore**
- 3 Bowler will bowl (4) four regular games during qualifying. The top 8 boys and top 8 girls bowlers will advance to the Championship Bracket.
All ties will be best ball format. Coin flip for choice of starting lane or bowling order. If coin flip winner chooses lane, the other competitor chooses order or visa versa.
- 4 Please turn scores in following each Qualifying game.
- 5 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches. Individual trophies for champions, individual medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Smart Scholarships for top four.
Projected payout for 32 boys / 32 girls entries
(1st \$100 / 2nd \$70 / 3rd \$35 / 4th \$35)
- 6 This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
- 7 All USBC and IHSB rules do apply. Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director and are final.
- 8 Cost \$20.00 per bowler \$10.00 for lineage and \$10.00 for awards
- 9 All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform
- 10 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.

Appreciation Tourney Rules

- 1 Participants must have been a member of a high school team in either Lakeshore, Quad County or Greater Lake County Conference during the Current Season or a current member of the NWIMSB middle school program.
- 2 Entries limited to the first 80 bowlers. There are two divisions: Boys Scratch, Girls Scratch. Bowlers will bowl a 5-game qualifying block across 10 lanes. The top 8 totals per division will advance to an eliminator final. Bowlers will be seeded in the brackets based on qualifying position. The top 2 bowlers per division will receive 2 byes, 3rd & 4th place bowlers will receive one bye. The remaining 4 will bowl one game with the lowest 2 scores being eliminated. The final 2 players will bowl a 1 game match to determine the champion.
- 3 **Please turn scores in following each Qualifying game.**
- 4 Awards will be presented immediately following championship matches. Individual medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Smart Scholarships for top eight. Projected payout for 40 boys / 40 girls entries (1st \$200 / 2nd \$140 / 3rd & 4th \$90 / 5th & 6th \$70 / 7th & 8th \$50 per division) \$50 scholarship award given to the top Middle School bowler in each division based on qualifying scores.
- 5 This tournament is not an officially recognized event by IHSB.
- 6 All USBC and IHSB rules do apply. Any special circumstance will be decided by the tournament director.
- 7 Cost \$35.00 per bowler \$15.00 for lineage and \$20.00 for awards
- 8 **All Bowlers must be wearing their Team Uniform**
- 9 This Tournament is an USBC Certified event.