

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association
1161 Route 130, PO Box 487 Robbinsville, NJ 08691

2017 NJSIAA/BOLLINGER GIRLS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

To qualify: Member schools must have competed on a varsity interscholastic basis to be eligible for the team championships. Individuals from member schools who did not compete on an interscholastic basis or whose team has not entered the state sectional tournament may compete for individual awards provided they meet entry qualifications.

Girls bowling on a boys/co-ed bowling team will be eligible for the boys' state championship as team members. Girls may also compete in the Girls Individual Championship if they qualify as an individual. Girls may not compete as individuals or be eligible for awards in the boys' championship, nor may they compete on a boys' team if they have competed as a member of a girls' team, at any time during the season. Procedures for Boys/Girls Competition are found on page 75 of the Constitution.

Sectional Championships - Saturday, February 4, 2017

North - All schools in Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren, Bergen, Union, Essex, & Hudson Counties.

Sectional Director: Mr. Howie Conklin (hconklin@bergenfield.org)
Bergenfield High School
80 So. Prospect Ave, Bergenfield, NJ 07621
Fax: (201) 439-0978
School phone: (201) 385-8600
Home phone: (201) 262-2756

9:00 AM at Bowler City, Hackensack, NJ (201) 343-3545

Central - All schools in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, and Somerset Counties.

Sectional Director: Mr. Mike Mitchell (michael_mitchell@nbpsnj.net)
New Brunswick High School
1000 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Fax number: (732) 214-1320
School phone: (732) 745-5300 Ext. 3103

9:30 AM at Brunswick Zone/Carolier Lanes, North Brunswick, NJ
(732) 846-2424

South - All schools in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties.

Sectional Director: Mr. Mark Klimek (mklimek@pennsauken.net)

Pennsauken High School

800 Hylton Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Fax: (856) 910-2620

School phone: (856) 662-8500

9:00 AM at Laurel Lanes, Maple Shade, NJ (856) 778-7467

Busses, after drop-off shall park at Moorestown Mall or Lowes lot.

Entry Guidelines -

Team Entries: One (1) team from each school, consisting of five (5) bowlers. Each competitor will bowl three (3) traditional games in the sectional tournament; winner determined by total pins. This is a "scratch" tournament (no handicaps). No school may enter both a team and individuals. No school may have more than 5 bowlers in the settee area at any one time during competition. However, schools may practice up to 6 bowlers prior to the start of competition during the designated practice time. Public and non-public schools will compete in a common bracket.

For the state sectional tournament, schools will be assigned to a group by the sectional tournament director based solely on enrollment. The classifications for bowling will be determined by the actual number of teams entered in the sectional tournament, with the top 25% and any fraction assigned to Group 4. The next 25% and any fraction will be assigned to Group 3, the next 25% and any fraction will be assigned by Group 2 and the last 25% assigned to Group 1. The enrollment figures used here will be taken from the 2015-2016 NJSIAA Group Classifications. (Note that schools are still assigned to sections based on the county that the school is located in.)

Individual Entries: All entrants qualify if they have an average of 170 in a minimum of twelve (12) league games bowled up to and including January 13, 2017. This includes all games bowled in match play, both varsity and JV. This average must be documented by the league secretary and forwarded with the entry form. No school may enter more than 4 individuals.

Entries close on Friday, January 13, 2017 and must be postmarked no later than Saturday, January 14, 2017. No team or individual will be admitted after the groupings are published on NJSIAA's website. Such posting will occur on or about Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

FORWARD THE ENTRY FORM AND ENTRY FEE TO THE SECTIONAL DIRECTOR FOR YOUR SECTION.

Entry fees -

Team: \$80, check payable to NJSIAA (do not send cash)

Individual: \$14 per bowler, check payable to NJSIAA (do not send cash)

Tournament Rules -

1. Coaches must have a copy of these instructions available at each level of the tournament.
2. United States Bowling Congress Youth Playing Rules will govern all tournament play.
3. Open substitution rule will be in effect, including Baker team games.
4. Any student accepting a cash or merchandise award from a league or tournament (or has anyone accept cash or merchandise on her behalf) will be considered ineligible. Please consult Article V of the NJSIAA Constitution, By Laws, Rules, and Regulations.
5. All scores are final once submitted and signed by the coach. However, the tournament director has the authority to certify the official score.
6. Blind scores are not permitted. NOTE: If a team supplies a pacer(s) on the day of the tournament, it is understood that the pacer(s) is not eligible to compete in that tournament.
7. Schools will draw for lanes in the sectional tournament. Lanes will be assigned for the Tournament of Champions (state finals).
8. The NJSIAA will pay all bowling fees for the sectional and Tournament of Champion games.
9. Bowler's names must appear on the entry form in order to bowl. Any changes from those players/coaches names that appear on the entry form must be submitted in writing to the tournament director prior to the start of the tournament. This written notice must be signed by the principal, athletic director, and coach, and must state the reason(s) for the change. Such change is effective for the entire tournament.
10. Each team or individual must have a coach or certified faculty member present. Failure to comply will result in the contestant or team not being permitted to bowl.
11. Proper attire must be worn by all bowlers, i.e. a school-issued shirt. No hats. Players will be disqualified if not dressed in a school-issued shirt. Coaches will be responsible for informing their bowlers of this regulation and for following the dress attire rules.
12. The NJSIAA and bowling establishment will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
13. Teams may practice before the start of the sectional tournament and the Tournament of Champions if lanes are available. In the TOC, teams/bowlers may not practice on the lanes designated for the championships. The NJSIAA will not pay for practice games or for shoe rental. Note that it is possible that the bowling alley will not have rental shoes in all sizes. Schools should come prepared and plan accordingly.
14. In case of inclement weather or any other reason that causes the tournament to be postponed, the tournament director will inform the management of the lanes of the postponement. Coaches are urged to call the bowling alley for information relative to the postponement and the site, time, and date of the rescheduled event.
15. The tournament director will rule on any disputes.
16. Schools are asked to refrain from bringing into the bowling alley any outside food or beverage products, other than homemade items.
17. No electronic devices are allowed down on the lanes or in the settee area until the completion of the tournament.

Schools not willing or able to comply with these regulations should not enter the tournament. Any member school and/or student-athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport will be disqualified from all remaining

NJSIAA tournaments in that sport in that season and be barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year, unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present. (Section 17, Rule 2, NJSIAA handbook). The tournament director may replace a team/individual that withdraws with the next finisher in the sectional tournament.

Tournament Dates -

- * State sectional tournament: Sat., Feb. 4, 2017 (snow date TBD)
- * Girls Tournament of Champions: Fri., Feb. 10, 2017 (snow date Feb. 13)
- * Individual Championships: Wed., Feb. 15, 2017 (snow date Feb. 16)

To qualify for the Tournament of Champions (TOC) - The champion and runner-up team in each group in each section will advance to the Tournament of Champions. If two or more schools tie for a Sectional Group Championship or the runner-up spot, one Baker team game will be bowled to break the tie. If the tie is for the group championship, both teams (and only those two teams in that group) will advance to the TOC; the winner of the Baker game roll-off will be considered the champion from that section for seeding purposes in the TOC. Only two schools from each group will be allowed to advance to the Tournament of Champions. The top twelve (12) individuals in each section with the highest 3 game series (total pins) will advance to the Individual TOC. Sections having more than 30 schools will advance 15 individuals; sections having more than 40 schools will advance 18 individuals and sections having more than 50 schools will advance the top 21 individuals.

Awards (Sectional Championships): Trophy and up to 15 certificates for the 1st place team in each group in each section. Trophy to the individual with the highest single game in each section; a silver medal to the bowler with 2nd high game and a bronze medal to the bowler with 3rd high game. Trophy to the individual with the highest 3 game series in each section; a silver medal to the bowler with the 2nd highest series and a bronze medal to the bowler with 3rd high series. No individual will receive more than one single game award. An individual winning both the high game and the high series within a section will get both awards. Duplicate awards will be given in the case of ties.

Tournament of Champions Site: Brunswick Zone/Carolier Lanes, North Brunswick, NJ
US Highway 1 at Route 130
Phone: (732) 846-2424 Fax: (732) 846-2916

Both the Team TOC and the Individual TOC begin at 9:30 AM. Check in no later than 9:00 AM.

Team TOC Director: Mr. Newlin Schoener (nsschoener46@gmail.com)
Five Dunham Loop
Berlin, NJ 08009-9023 Home #: (856) 768-3274; Cell #: (856) 906-0841

Individual TOC Director: Ms. Tara Burniston (taralyn.burniston@sbschools.org)
South Brunswick High School
750 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852
School phone: (732) 329-4044 Ext. 7121
Fax: (732) 438-3146

Tournament of Champions Format:

1. The girls who qualify for the Individual TOC will bowl 3 games. All individual bowlers will move to the next assigned pair to the right after each game in this round within a block of 6 lanes.
2. At the conclusion of the third game, the top 18 bowlers in the individual championship will advance to an additional round of 3 games. The top 18 bowlers will be based entirely on the first 3 games bowled in the TOC, with no carryover from the sectional tournament. Bowlers will move to the right after each game in this round. Ties for the 18th position will be broken by a two frame roll-off (9th and 10th frame). If a tie still exists after the two frame roll-off, a one frame roll-off will be conducted until the tie is broken.
3. At the conclusion of the third game of this set, the top 5 bowlers will begin a step-ladder final based on the six game total bowled earlier in the day. All ties for the top five seeded positions will be broken by a complete game roll-off. However, if the 4th and 5th seeded positions are tied, the seed will be awarded to the bowler with the higher series in the first three games bowled in the TOC earlier that day.
4. The team group championships will be determined by bowling 3 traditional games. The winner in each group will compete in a TOC matchup. Teams will rotate with a different school within a cluster of six lanes within their respective group in the state group competition. If two or more schools tie for a state group championship, co-championships will be awarded. However, one Baker game will be bowled and the team with the highest pin total will advance to the TOC.
5. The overall State Champion will be determined by a Baker game competition between the state group champions. The group champions will be seeded by pin total. If there is a tie, a single game roll-off will determine the team that advances to the Baker game finals. Seeds for group champions that have the same pin total for three games will be broken by the pin total for the 3rd game, then the 2nd game. The Group Champion with the highest pin total will be seeded first. The Group Champion with the next highest pin total will be seeded second, the next highest will be seeded third, and the next highest seeded team fourth. The teams involved in the Baker game finals will consist of 5 bowlers with Seed #1 vs. Seed #4 and Seed #2 vs. Seed #3 competing in the best 3 out of 5 games. The winners will then compete in a best 3 out of 5 Baker game format to determine the overall state champion.

Awards

Tournament of Champions: Trophy and up to 15 certificates for the 1st place team in each group. Trophy and up to 15 certificates for the overall State Champion. Trophy to the girl with the highest single game; a silver medal to the girl with the 2nd highest game and a bronze medal to the girl with 3rd high game. No girl will receive more than one single game award.

These awards are based on the three games bowled in the team TOC. Trophy to the individual champion; a silver medal to the 2nd place finisher in the step-ladder final and bronze medals to the 3rd thru 5th place finishers in the step-ladder final. A high game trophy will be given to the girl with the highest game in the first set of games bowled in the TOC. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the bowlers with 2nd and 3rd high games in this set. No girl will receive more than one single game award.

Bowling - General Guidelines:

1. The United States Bowling Congress Youth Rules, as adopted by the NJSIAA, shall govern all NJSIAA games.
2. Start of practice: November 15, 2016
3. Start of regular season: December 1, 2016

The NJSIAA 2016-17 General Tournament Regulations apply to all sponsored Tournaments, posted under Important Documents at www.njsiaa.org.

General Guidelines for all athletic directors, principals, & coaches:

1. Rule 2, Section 18 of the NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws states that all team entry forms must reflect competition of no less than 70% with New Jersey schools by the entry deadline date. If a team does not meet this criterion, it will forfeit its entry into the NJSIAA tournament.
2. To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student-athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport, including but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contests permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.
3. All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to the final championship in their respective sports. Exceptions: winter track - Feb. 28; golf - up to and including the Friday before the NJSIAA championships in softball and baseball. Individual competition shall terminate with the end of said competition. (Rule 2, Section 10)
4. Transfers on or after January 8, 2017 are not eligible for post-season play. (See Article IV, Section 4.K.(2) d. - page 65.
5. All varsity schedules must be entered by the start of the season and scores reported throughout the season to www.njschoolsports.com ASAP after each contest. If you do not know your school code to do this or if you encounter any problems in doing so, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.
6. Teams that have more than 3 varsity player/coach disqualifications before the entry deadline date are ineligible to participate.
7. In order to participate in an NJSIAA tournament, your school must be a member in good standing. This means that the NJSIAA has received your 2016-2017 membership dues, your school's 2016-2017 resolution card is on file with the NJSIAA, your 2016-2017 coaches and principal's affidavits are on file with the NJSIAA, and your school has no invoices outstanding that are 90 or more days overdue.

8. Schools entering individuals not presently competing on an interscholastic basis are advised to read carefully the procedures covered in - "Coaches Appointed to Accompany Teams or Individuals to NJSIAA Championships" in the NJSIAA handbook. Tournament directors will disqualify any contestant who is accompanied by someone in a coaching capacity who is not properly certified and appointed by the Board of Education. A properly appointed coach will thereafter be subject to the Rules and Regulations covered in Rule 2, Section 11 - Out of season Practice. If a substitute coach is used, written authority from the school's principal must be presented.

9. Protests based upon an official's or tournament director's judgment or misinterpretation or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Article VII, Sec. 1.

10. Participation by an ineligible player in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible player and the final results are adjusted accordingly. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said school will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place, if applicable and feasible; schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.

11. The sectional and state directors have the authority to disqualify a coach or a player for conduct unbecoming a student-athlete/coach, but not limited to, the use of profanity, disorderly conduct, and/or flagrant physical or verbal misconduct. The disqualified player will not be replaced during that game. The normal NJSIAA rules will apply to the disqualification. Schools are responsible for the conduct of their student-athletes and their spectators. Schools are subject to disqualification by the tournament director and/or NJSIAA officials in attendance for displays of unsportsmanlike conduct.

12. Each school participating in the tournament will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. The athletic emergency procedure of the participating schools will be in effect during the tournament which will include the establishment of a line of communication for emergency situations.

13. All member schools must provide all coaches with the contents of the NJSIAA Infectious Disease Policy. The Infectious Disease Policy provides that if an individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water. If any blood gets on an opponent's uniform during competition or a teammate's uniform during practice, it is not necessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete has an open cut or unskinned area or believes that the blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.

14. Players and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during, or after the game at the game site or on school property, including chartered buses, shall be suspended from NJSIAA tournament play for one year and be denied any championship rights. This action was taken in support of the fact that such actions concerning alcoholic

beverages and illegal substances are in violation of New Jersey State statutes and will be strictly enforced.

15. Smoking will not be permitted during tournament play by any player or coach.

16. Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold, through the NJSIAA approved vendor, at NJSIAA sponsored events. Solicitations, sale of publications/products or similar activities are not permitted without prior authorization from the NJSIAA.

17. The NJSIAA is the sponsoring association for all levels of state tournaments and championships and the sale or distribution of any items and any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale or distribution of clothing, souvenirs, or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission from the NJSIAA.

18. The NJSIAA has granted *MSG Varsity & the NFHS Network* the exclusive rights to create, distribute, and license programming in connection with NJSIAA tournaments (and NJSIAA sporting events to the extent that the NJSIAA controls or otherwise has authority to grant such rights with regard to NJSIAA sporting events) in all media, broadcast, pay-per-view television, radio, webcasting, podcasting, distribution over wireless telephone networks, optical media, including DVD, and print publications. The foregoing shall not be interpreted to restrict NJSIAA member schools from producing print publications (i.e. programs or similar) for distribution on school property during the regular season NJSIAA sports events, or to restrict the NJSIAA from producing print publications (i.e. programs or similar) for distribution during post-season NJSIAA tournaments.

19. All coaches are reminded of their responsibility as to "Janet's Law."

REMINDER TO ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Please check with the state sectional tournament bowling alleys to ascertain if the venue has an AED on site. If not, please inform NJSIAA.

PLEASE ENTER YOUR ROSTERS, SCHEDULES, AND TEAM INFORMATION BY THE START OF EACH SEASON TO www.njschoolsports.com. IF YOU ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONTACT support@njschoolsports.com OR THE NJSIAA.

2017 NJSIAA Girls Sectional Bowling Tournament Entry Form

Saturday, February 4, 2017

School _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Section (Circle one): North - Central - South County _____
 (see page 1 to determine your section)

Name of Bowler	Grade	Name of Bowler	Grade
1. _____		9. _____	
2. _____		10. _____	
3. _____		11. _____	
4. _____		12. _____	
5. _____		13. _____	
6. _____		14. _____	
7. _____		15. _____	
8. _____			

(Maximum is 15 bowlers)

_____ () _____ () _____
 Print Name of Coach/Certified Faculty Member School Phone Cell Phone

_____ () _____ () _____
 Print Name of Asst. Coach/Certified Faculty Member School Phone Cell Phone

E-mail address of Coach: _____

School E-mail address of Coach: _____

Only coaches whose names are listed on this entry form are allowed in the settee area.

STAMPED SIGNATURES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. SIGNATURES CERTIFY THE AMATEUR STATUS OF THE BOWLERS.

_____ _____ _____
 Signature of Coach Signature of Athletic Director Signature of Principal

REMINDERS: Team entry fee: \$80; Individual entry fee: \$14 per bowler; Make checks payable to NJSIAA and forward with this entry form to your sectional director. Submit online interactive roster to the NJSIAA by the deadline date. If a purchase order is sent, a self-addressed stamped envelope must be enclosed. Check NJSIAA website for group listings approximately one week prior to the tournament.

Only bowlers bowling in the current game and coaches listed on this entry form are permitted in the settee area. If a bowler requires the assistance of a paraprofessional, then the school principal shall submit, in writing, a request to have the properly board appointed paraprofessional be permitted to assist the coach in the settee area. Such request must be sent to the Sectional Tournament Director with a copy also forwarded to NJSIAA. Reference is made to page 78 of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations.