



WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

**WIAA/GESA**

# **2022-23 Bound for State Regulations**



**February 1-4, 2023**

**Bowlero, Tukwila**

**Sanctioning:** This tournament will be conducted under the auspices of the WIAA and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). The tournament lanes must be certified by USBC.

**Practice Rounds:** Practice may be allowed at the bowling facility prior to the start of the tournament. Any expenses involved with practice will be paid by the school participating at the facility. One to two lanes may be available for limited warm up during the event.

**Entries/Allocations:** Team and individual allocations are made to each WIAA district using the allocation process.

**Team Definition:** A team roster shall consist of no more than seven (7) bowlers with five (5) bowling at any given time during any game.

**Individual Definition:** Individual qualifiers come from teams that do not qualify for the state tournament. Each WIAA District will be allocated individual qualifiers using the allocation process and the following numbers. 8 teams = 20 individuals, 12 teams = 30 individuals, 16 teams = 40 individuals.

#### **STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

The tournament will consist of two (2) days of competition. The first day of competition will consist of Individual and Team Competition. Individual awards will be given at the end of day one (1) with only team competition continuing to day two (2). All teams will qualify for the second day of competition.

All individual competitors and teams will bowl six regular games on the first day with total pin count used to determine the individual champion. Individuals must bowl all six games to be eligible for the individual title. The top individuals will be awarded medals.

**TIE:** In the event there is a tie for the individual state champion, a bowl-off will take place between the tied individuals. They will bowl the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames. If the tie remains, they will continue to bowl the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames until the tie is broken.

A round robin format will be utilized on the second day. Each team will bowl 14 Baker games. The total pin count from day one and two will be added to determine the top teams that will receive trophies.

**TIE:** Following the final round of competition if there is a tie for the final position, the teams that are tied will bowl a Baker game to break the tie. If the teams are still tied after the Baker tiebreak game, a second Baker tiebreak game will be played. This process will continue until the tie has been broken.

**Baker Format:** The Baker system format places emphasis on the team effort rather than individual accomplishment of team members. All team members follow each other in regular order to bowl a single game. For a 5-player team, Player #1 bowls frames 1 and 6; #2 bowls 2 and 7; #3 bowls 3 and 8; #4 bowls 4 and 9 and, #5 bowls the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames. The order of bowling is set by the coach and may be adjusted at the conclusion of any game. The combined effort of the team constitutes a game.

**Oil Patterns:** Upon request, the oil patterns being used for state bowling will be changed yearly using the following 3-year rotation:

2020-21:	Main Street	2023-24:	Main Street
2021-22:	Easy Street	2024-25:	Easy Street
2022-23:	Wall Street	2025-26:	Wall Street

**Scoring Procedure:** Scoring cards shall be given to the coach of each competing team (one card for each game).

- a. Coaches shall sign the score cards game-by-game to validate the score.
- b. The score cards must be submitted by the coach to the tournament manager after each game.

**Tournament Rules:**

1. Coaches: Each qualified team may have no more than two coaches behind the bowlers' settee seating area. Each qualified individual may have 1 coach behind the bowlers' settee area.
2. Practice: Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for practice balls – 7½ minutes on the starting lane and 7½ minutes on the opponent's lane. This practice shall take place prior to the beginning of a round. Teams are limited to 5 bowlers in the lane during warmups.
3. Order of Competition
  - a. The rotation order of teams will be determined by a draw conducted by the WIAA staff and/or the tournament manager.
  - b. Lane Assignments: Teams will be assigned using a USBC lane rotation schedule for the number of teams in the competition.
  - c. The order of competitors on each team will be determined by the coach.
4. Handling and altering of ball surface
  - a. The ball may not be removed from the establishment during the competition.
  - b. USBC playing rules will be followed for altering the surface.
5. Open substitutes: Open substitutions are allowed at any time during a regular game. If a substitute enters in the middle of a game, the substitute must assume the score of the competitor she is replacing. The score will not be assigned to anyone, and the original competitor can not re-enter the game. All substitutions shall be noted on the score card.
6. Uniform: **Athletes:** Athletes shall appear in appropriate matching tops and bottoms for their school's bowling uniform (Same color). Slacks, hemmed shorts, skirts and collared sport shirts with a commercially lettered school name and logo on the back are acceptable team apparel. Athletes may not compete in jeans or yoga pants. Individual names can appear on the front of the shirt or on the sleeve only. No hats shall be worn  
Coaches: Coaches shall appear in professional clothing (no jeans).
7. Conduct of Coaches and Players
  - a. A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not use tobacco or tobacco-like products within the confines of the facility.
  - b. The coach shall be the official representative of the team in all communications with the tournament officials.

- c. Two coaches and the five bowlers bowling in a round are the only persons authorized to be in the area immediately surrounding the scorers' table. No person except the bowlers who are bowling shall be permitted in the settee seating or lane playing area.

**Sportsmanship:**

Athletes, Coaches and all School Personnel are expected to uphold the culture of positive sportsmanship. Cheering in response to a successful result is expected as are cheers supporting your athletes attempts to perform at their best. Cheering that is disruptive to the venue and/or being done in a manner that negatively impacts other competitors will not be allowed. School personnel are expected to monitor and address their fans. The tournament manager will have the final say on cheering as it impacts the tournament.