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(OSUSBC)  
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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING MANUAL

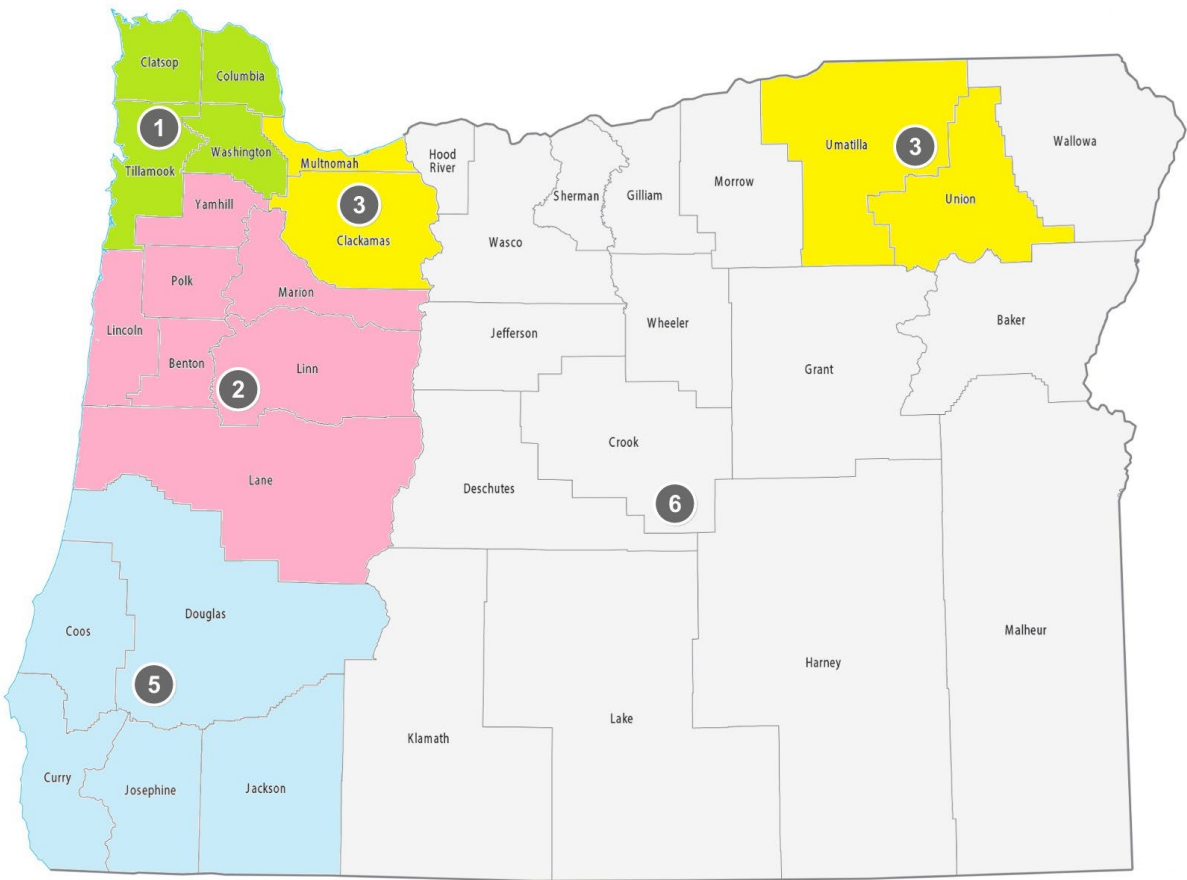
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# District Map



## District Tournament Dates and Sites

	Date	Location
District #1	JANUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	SUPERPLAY, BEAVERTON
District #2	JANUARY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	AMF FIREBIRD LANES, SALEM
District #3	JANUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	MT. HOOD LANES, GRESHAM
District #4	MERGED WITH DISTRICT	2 AND 5 THIS YEAR
District #5	JANUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	ROXY ANN LANES, MEDFORD
District #6	JANUARY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	LAVA LANES, BEND

## Advancement to State Finals

Number of teams advancing by District is determined by the 2023-24 District Tournament team participation with a minimum of 2 teams per division per district. Other spots will be decided as of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 based on each districts participation, to reach 16 teams on each division.

	Advancing Girls Teams	Advancing Co-ed Teams
District #1	2	2
District #2	2	2
District #3	2	2
District #4	0	0
District #5	2	2
District #6	2	2

## State Finals Tournament Information

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: Firebird Lanes  
4303 Center St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Check-In Begins: 8:00am Team's assigned check-in time will be based on when State Final Entry is received. Early entries get later team check in times.

## DISTRICT AND STATE FINALS COMPETITION RULES

- 1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be enrolled in grades 9 - 12 from the same High School (Unless a Co-op application has been approved). All participants (Coaches, Scorekeepers must complete Safesport Training to be able to participate.

**Exceptions:**

1. In the case of a High School having grades 10 - 12 only, a player in grade 9 in a middle school may bowl on the team from the school where they will attend grade 10.
2. In the event a player attends home school or a private school that does not have its own bowling team, they may bowl for the public school within who's attendance boundaries they reside. In a school district that does not have specific attendance boundaries, the player must bowl for the high school closest in proximity to their primary residence.

Entry is open to all players that qualify for a spot on the school team. If the bowler is USBC sanctioned in the youth division, they are eligible for USBC awards they earn. Their own local USBC association must apply for the award. Players who hold adult division USBC cards are not eligible to participate. Kids who don't have a team at their school can bowl at the closest team to their address they live in. If that school has enough players and the coach declines to have them on that team the student will go to the next closest school. Any final decision over boundaries issues lies with the High School Manager for final approval, based on the numbers of those respected schools. If a team has enough players to form a girls' team, they can't bowl on the open team, as we are trying to maintain and build on our numbers. Mix teams are allowed if you can't fill enough for a 5-person girls team. Co-ed is an option to allow kids to bowl one way or another but must try to obtain enough players for each division before looking at co-ed, also investigate a possible co-op with another girls' team.

- 2. TEAM ROSTER:** Teams shall have a playing strength of five (5) with a maximum of eight (8) players on the roster. Boys and girls will bowl in separate divisions. Co-ed teams allowed and will bowl in Open division (Boy's). Legal lineup is one (1). If a team is short one or more players, it may still compete, though the coach must declare before competition, which frames will be bowled by the players for the duration of the tournament. Absentee players will receive zero for all frames. All rules applicable to full teams also apply to teams with less than five (5) players.

- 3. TEAM MEMBER SELECTION:** A fair and impartial method will be used to select team players. No one may be excluded from the team except for the following reason(s):

**1. Bowling ability**

**2. Sportsmanship**

**3. Academic deficiency** Player participation is based on the following guidelines:

Athletes must be eligible to participate in school activities/clubs/sports based on the athlete's school's criteria. Bowlers must be enrolled at their school to participate, and 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors are not eligible for competition. Players attending an

alternative school recognized by the high school he/she would otherwise attend must be seeking their high school diploma. No other criteria may be used.

Where outside sponsorship is obtained, sponsorship cannot affect team membership. For example, if a bowling center sponsors a team, the team cannot be limited to bowlers from the sponsor center.

Multiple teams from a school may enter the District Tournament but only one (1) OPEN team and one (1) GIRLS team from the same high school will be allowed at the State Finals. When multiple teams from the same high school compete in the District Tournament and the high school earns a berth at the State Finals it is the coach's discretion (following the guidelines above) on how he/she selects the team to compete at state.

Cross choosing teams: In the event your girls team does not qualify for state from the district tournament and you have room to add to the Open Division, you are able to do so. As they competed in the Girls Division to make a team of 8 from your respected District rosters.

#### 4. LINEUP & TOURNAMENT PACE:

**LINEUP:** A block is baker-style bowling made up of two (2) matches. A match is made up of two (2) Baker Games. After a match has started, no lineup changes except for substitutions are allowed.

**PACE:** Team must keep pace with opposing team player by player; player 1 may not start his/her frame until player 1 of the opposing team is up to bowl; player 2 may not start his/her frame until player 2 of the opposing team is up

#### 5. SUBSTITUTIONS:

A team may substitute a player at any time (including mid-frame) during the competition, but the player removed may not return to the lineup until the next Baker block. Scores bowled through the efforts of more than one player shall not qualify for USBC awards or tournament individual records.

#### 6. HANDICAP:

All scores will be scratch; no handicap will be used.

#### 7. DISTRICT TOURNAMENT COMPETITION FORMAT:

This is a team tournament only - all baker style.

**Qualifying:** Twenty (20) Baker games with total pin fall determining position standings. The top six (6) open and the top six (6) girls' teams will advance to the semi-finals. No more than three (3) open / girls teams from a school may advance to the semi-finals. There is no pin fall carryover to the semi-finals.

**Semi-finals:** One practice ball per player on each lane of your starting pair will be allowed. Ten (10) games of baker. The top three (3) Open and Girls teams will advance to the finals. Teams will be assigned starting lanes from their position standing after the qualifying round.

**Finals:** One practice ball on each lane. Finals are to be bowled on the same pair of lanes. Stepladder style using Baker game format, two (2) games per match. See the Advancement to State Finals Section to see how many High Schools will advance to the State Finals. A total of 32 teams to compete at state.

**Ties:** All ties will be decided by a one game Baker roll-off. If a tie still exists, a 9th & 10th frame roll-off with Coach deciding who will be their two players.

#### 7a. STATE TOURNAMENT COMPETITION FORMAT:

This is a team tournament only - all baker style.

**Practice:** 10 minutes practice prior to the first baker block each day, one ball on each lane of your starting pair before resuming competition after scheduled breaks. One practice ball on each lane allowed prior to each team's first match during Double Elimination finals. Teams waiting on the conclusion of the consolation bracket finals will be allowed to warm-up on a separate pair of lanes once the second game of the current match has begun.

**Saturday Qualifying:** 24 Baker games. All teams advance to Sunday qualifying and double elimination finals.

**Sunday Qualifying & Double Elimination:** Six (6) games of qualifying then 2 out of 3 – match play baker double elimination finals. Total pinfall after 30 baker games of qualifying will determine seeding and lane assignments for match play baker elimination. First place vs. 16th, Second place vs. 15th, Third place vs. 14th, etc.

**Ties:** Games 1-2 will be decided with a 9th & 10th frame roll-off with Coach deciding who will be their two players. If still tied a 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off and then best ball if still tied.

8. **COACHES & SCOREKEEPERS: ALL COACHES MUST SHOW PROOF OF BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH USBC REGISTERED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OR BY THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR WHICH THEY COACH** All participants (Coaches, Scorekeepers must complete Safesport Training to be able to participate. Each team may have their immediate 5 players and one coach in the settee area with them, subs and one assistant coach allowed if area permits. Scorekeepers will have a designated chair on the concourse and may be allowed in the settee area at the tournament manager's discretion. Scorekeepers may not intimidate players.

9. **ENTRY FEES:** \$200.00 per team (\$170 expense, \$30 scholarship). Checks to OSUSBC High School Program. No Cash

#### 10. AWARDS:

**DISTRICT COMPETITION:** Team awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in boys' and girls' divisions. Individual medals and certificates for all finalists.

**DISTRICT ALL STAR TEAM MEMBERS, MVP:** The top five (5) boys and five (5) girls, based upon All Star point total through the qualifying games (**MUST BOWL MINIMUM OF 32 FRAMES**) at the District tournament will earn first right to participate in the State All Star Tournament. The top boy and girl in each district will be named the most valuable player and earn a \$75 scholarship; runner-up in each division will receive a \$50 Scholarship. Each district's All Star Teams will receive District All Star Team Certificates at the tournament and be given their All Star Tournament entries.

**STATE FINALS COMPETITION:** Participating certificates to all team members. Team awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Individual Scholarships and medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. First Place Champions and All-Star members will receive sweatshirts. **Scholarships will be managed by SMART, OSUSBC High School Bowling Account #9453.**

**STATE FINALS ALL STAR TEAM SELECTION:** The top five (5) boys and girls with the All Star point average (**MUST BOWL MINIMUM OF 48 FRAMES**) will be named to the 2018 State All Star team based on the following point system: Strikes - 3 points, Spares - 2 points. Eleventh and twelfth frames will not count. The boy and girl with the highest point average will be named Most Valuable Players and earn \$100 scholarships. Players must bowl at least 40 frames to be eligible; All Star points will be accumulated through the 30 Baker Games of Qualifying.

11. **ATTIRE:** Players must wear a clean and pressed shirt / blouse with collar. Non-collared shirts are not permitted. Girls are to wear slacks, leggings (solid black or tan color and not made of a see-through material), skirts or shorts provided the inner seam length of the shorts are at least six (6) inches. Boys are to wear slacks or dress shorts (no cargo shorts). No undergarments showing. Absolutely no holes, patches or frayed hems will be allowed. HATS, OVERALLS and JEANS OF ANY TYPE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED! Tournament committee reserves the right to determine appropriate attire. DRESS CODE ALSO APPLIES TO COACHES AND SCOREKEEPERS. **SHIRT LETTERING:** The name of the school is to be on the back of the shirt / blouse. Co-opt schools can have the name of each student's own school on it if so desired. Sponsor identification is limited to the upper sleeve or over the pocket. Student's are allowed to have the mascot/logo of school on shirt. The logo of the company creating the shirts such as IAMBOWLING is acceptable on the back.



**SHIRT LETTERING;** The name of the school is to be on the back of the shirt / blouse. Sponsor identification is limited to the upper sleeve or over the pocket. Bowlers name may be placed on the back at shoulder level to allow for dual use.

12. **TARDY PLAYERS:** Tardy players will take a ZERO for missed frames. Players absent when it is their turn to bowl will receive ZERO for missed frames, unless they have received permission from a tournament official.

13. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be filed with a tournament official prior to the next step of competition.

14. **TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT:** Tournament committee and tournament manager will make decisions on matters not covered by USBC or tournament rules and policies.

15. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Foul language (verbal or written), inappropriate gestures, intentional fouls, and abusive behavior toward equipment or people will not be allowed by any participating player, coach or scorekeeper for the duration of the tournament. This will be announced at the start of competition. No other warnings will be given. Violators will be subject to penalties as defined in Rule 6 Oregon High School Bowling Rules and will not be eligible for any awards. In addition, teams must not move into the playing area of other teams until those teams have finished their match. Cheering is strongly encouraged provided it is not done with the intent to distract others while they are up to bowl. No artificial noisemakers allowed. Only the player currently up to bowl will be allowed on the approach. Players are not required to sit down while competing.

High School Bowling Competition begins at team check-in and ends after the award ceremony. Any violation of the rules during the time frame regardless if the player is competing or not could result in loss of any awards or invitations received during competition.