

IHSAA Bowling Memo January 30, 2026

Bowling Coaches and Administrators,

We are excited to announce the IHSAA Bowling State Qualifying Meet (SQM) Assignments for the 2026 season! [Link to Bowling SQMs](#)

The IHSAA will create the SQMs in BOUND and add schools over the next couple of days.

State Qualifying Meet:

Team Qualifying Meets: Teams will bowl 15 baker games and the top total pins would advance to the State Meet. Class 3A and 2A state qualifying meets will compete at four sites with eight teams at each site, with the top two teams at each site qualifying for the State Team Tournament. Class 1A will compete at have eight sites with 6-8 teams at each site. The champion at each site qualifies for the state team meet.

Individual State Qualifying: Individuals at the state qualifying meet will bowl three games. The top eight scores from each Class 3A/2A site qualify for the State Individual Tournament for a total of 32 individual qualifiers. The top four scores from the eight 1A state qualifying meets would qualify for the state tournament for a total of 32 individual qualifiers.

Lane Rotation for Qualifying Tournaments and State Tournament: Move one pair to the right every 5 games for Baker, and after every game for the Individual tournament/meet.

STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS: General Schedule for Qualifying:

15 Baker Games to determine team qualifiers (2.5 hours estimated time needed)

30-minute break (minimum)

3 Individual Games (2.5 hours estimated time needed)

Serves as both an individual tournament and a team tournament.

ALL State Qualifying Tournament Tickets are through HomeTown:

Tickets for state qualifying bowling will be sold through HomeTown Ticketing via the IHSAA website.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Friday, February 13th at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$6, plus fees.

IHSAA Ticket Page: <https://www.iahsaa.org/tickets/>

Each team entering the state qualifying meet will be allowed to enter six (6) bowlers and one (1) reserve (only used in case of injury or illness prior to start of competition) for the meet.

Qualifying Team Entry Fee:

A lineage fee per team (\$100) MUST be paid by each school to the assigned host facility of each qualifying meet. Lineage fees must be paid prior to the start of the state qualifying meet.

As the regular season winds down, please remember the Bowling uniform requirements. Specifically, no hats are allowed for bowlers during competition.

Thanks,

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