

Walled Lake schools Bowling Program

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TEAM RULES

As a member of the Walled Lake Bowling team, the following rules must be followed as well as those listed in the Walled Lake Schools Student Athlete Handbook, the Student Code of Conduct and the Parent Code of Conduct. Bowling is a Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) sponsored sport. All MHSAA rules including those relating to eligibility, scholarships and limited team membership apply. Additionally, the rules set by: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Lakes Valley Conference will be adhered to.

1. Bowling is not part of the Pay to Participate program at the schools. We are a fully self-funded sport. All bowlers will pay a \$225.00 participation fee. In a typical season the program does require additional fundraising due to this year and COVID we are not going to do fundraising this season.
2. New bowlers will be required to also order a team jersey at an additional cost of \$40.00. Ordering will also be available for returning bowler at \$40.00 per jersey.
3. Communications regarding weekly schedules, tournament formats, schedule changes etc. will all be made via email. Please make sure we have a valid email on file that you check on a regular basis.
4. Under MHSAA & NCAA students must maintain amateur status. This means that they cannot participate or substitute on any type of activity where money or merchandise awards are offered on the basis of score, skill or position. This includes bowling as a regular, substitute or a pacer on any adult league. Additionally, scholarships for all sports must be based wholly or in part on academic performance.
5. The MHSAA Limited Team Membership Rule, Regulation I, Section 13 applies to bowling. During the High School bowling season, students may not participate in non-school competition. This includes outside tournaments and leagues. If they do it can make them ineligible to participate in HS conference, JV Championships, regionals, states for individual and team events. WLHS Bowling team members will not be permitted to participate in other non-school bowling tournaments/leagues during the bowling season.
6. For inclement weather we will follow the policy of the Walled Lake School District, if the school is closed or cancelled due to inclement weather practice is cancelled. Meets and Tournaments are at the discretion of the Home Team which could be a different school district. Announcements will be made via email as soon as we are notified of any decision. Please make sure we have a valid email on file that you check on a regular basis.
7. Student Athletes with six (6) classes must be passing a minimum of four (4) classes. Student Athletes with seven (7) classes must be passing a minimum of five (5) classes. Weekly progress reports are sent to the Head Coach to review eligibility. Students not maintaining a passing grade in minimum requirement of classes are ineligible to participate in that week's events and future weekly events until the minimum requirement of passing classes is met based on weekly report provided by school.
8. The Student must be in school the entire day in order to participate in practice/meet/tournament unless a note from your school athletic director is provided to the coach allowing the bowler to participate. Students must be in school on Friday (the entire day) to be eligible to participate in a weekend event.
9. All bowlers are expected to attend and participate in team practices unless absent from school or prior arrangements were made with the team coach. Bowlers are REQUIRED to be at practice on time and

prepared to bowl at the start time for practice. Disciplinary actions for unexcused tardy bowlers will be enforced by the coach; this may include the bowler not participating in that week's events.

10. All bowlers are expected to be at the lanes a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of a scheduled meet. Disciplinary actions for unexcused tardy bowlers will be enforced by the coach; this may include the bowler not participating in that week's events. This time may be earlier for tournaments based on the tournament registration process.
11. If the bowler has a conflict with a date on the schedule, they should make prior arrangements to be late or absent from that practice/event by submitting a written note to their coach. If prior arrangements were not made, it is the bowler responsibility to call their coach as soon as possible to notify them of the conflict, do not ask a friend/teammate to do this for you. If this is not done the absence/tardiness will be considered unexcused.
12. Unexcused absences or excessive absences may affect your ability to meet the requirements for a Varsity Letter or a Jr. Varsity Certificate.
14. School dress code will apply for practice. All bowlers are expected to be dressed appropriately for practice. If non-school dress-code apparel is worn the bowler will be asked to change clothing. Disciplinary actions for dress code concerns will be enforced by the coach; this may include the bowler not participating in that week's events. **FACE MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY THIS SEASON AND ARE TO BE WORN APPROPRIATELY (covering mouth and nose) AT ALL EVENTS AND PRACTICES, no exceptions will be made.**
15. Cell Phones or other electronic devices are not permitted during practice, meets or tournaments.
16. No sharing of equipment is allowed. Bowlers should have their own towel, hand sanitizer etc. No sharing of food/drink.
17. **Practices are closed to bowlers only.** No friends, siblings or parents. If a parent would like to speak with their bowlers' coach or the Head Coach, please request a meeting time that is agreeable to both parties outside of the practice time.
18. All bowlers are required to be in uniform at all meets. **The uniform consists of the following: Team Jersey tucked into Black Dress Pants** (no blue jeans, cargo, yoga or stretch pants, no sweatpants of any kind) Belts are to be plain leather with a simple buckle. No hats are permitted. No jewelry is permitted. **FACE MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY THIS SEASON AND ARE TO BE WORN APPROPRIATELY (covering mouth and nose) AT ALL EVENTS AND PRACTICES, no exceptions will be made.**
19. It is everyone's responsibility to clean their area of practice or competition at the end of each practice/meet or transition time at tournaments. Clean tables of bottles, cans, wrappers etc. No gum chewing, food or drink allowed in bowlers area at any time. At the end of a home meet all bowlers are required to assist with moving any chairs, tables etc. Anyone using rental shoes are required to return them to the front desk at the end of each event/practice.
20. Each bowler is responsible for transportation to and from practices, meets and tournaments.
21. If an injury should occur during a practice, meet or tournament it must be brought to the attention of your coach or head coach. If a bowler requires medical treatment for an injury occurring during or outside of bowling, it is necessary to obtain a doctor's note excusing the bowler and the doctor must give written permission for the bowler to return to practice, meet or tournament play.

- 22 At practices, meets and tournaments Bowlers are expected to show overall support, helpfulness and good sportsmanship to their teammates and their coaches. This same respect will be shown toward your opponent, their coach and all parents and spectators at a meet or tournament. If a bowler is argumentative, carries a negative attitude or displays poor sportsmanship of any kind towards teammate, coach and or parents, the team coach and/or head coach will address the concerns with the bowler to address the actions. If the behavior continues to happen or escalates it could result in the bowler being dismissed from the practice/meet, a request for meeting with parent/guardian to address concerns before allowing bowler to continue to participate up to dismissal from the program and removal from the team. Any disciplinary actions will be conducted with the input/assistance and support of the Walled lake Community School District.
- 23 High School Bowling is a competitive varsity sport. Every athlete is offered the same amount of practice time to improve their game. Every athlete will get playing time. The amount of playing time will be determined by the strength of the bowler, their academics, attendance and attitude. Starting line-ups and game day substitutions will be made by the coaching staff. During meets, the bowlers and coach attention needs to be focused on bowling. Disputes in line-ups or substitutions will not be discussed. If a parent has concern with how **their** bowler is progressing in bowling and/or being coached the parent may request a meeting with the team coach and/or head coach. The 24-hour rule approach should be utilized with all concerns.

25 Points are required for earning a Varsity Letter or JV Certificate

1 point will be earned for every game only, up to 20 points

Up to 10 points may be earned for positive attitude and good sportsmanship

Up to 5 points may be earned for punctuality and attendance

Up to 10 additional points may be earned at the discretion of the coaching staff

- 24 All parents and spectators are reminded that our student athletes are not to be coached from the audience. This is not only disruptive; it is confusing for the athlete. The team coaches, including the head coach, are all volunteer staff. They are well qualified and experienced; they deserve respect for the job they volunteered to do.
- 25 Parents and spectators are asked to follow the same code of conduct that is expected from the bowlers. This includes interacting in a positive manner with bowlers, coaches, head coach, board members and other spectators at any and all items/events associated with the Walled Lake Schools Bowling Program. Failure to act in such manner may result in not being allowed to attend meets and or tournaments or other activities with the Walled Lake Schools Bowling Program. Any disciplinary actions will be conducted with the input/assistance and support of the Walled lake Community School District.