

2025-2026 CONSTITUTION OF THE STARK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CONFERENCE

Article One

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Stark County High School Bowling Conference using the abbreviation, SCHSBC.



The logo of the organization shall be:

Article Two

Membership

Schools located in Stark County, Ohio and surrounding counties may seek membership in the SCHSBC. Schools will be accepted into membership in the SCHSBC by majority vote of member head coaches. Petitions to join the SCHSBC must be received by the end of the previous school year (May 15th) so that the schedule may be set to aid the member schools in planning for the next season.

The SCHSBC membership for the 2024-25 season will include the following 19 schools:

Alliance (AL), Canton South (CS), Carrollton (CR), Central Catholic (CC), GlenOak (GO), Green (GR), Jackson (JK), Lake (LK), Lake Center Christian (LC), Louisville (LV), Massillon (MS), Marlinton (MR), McKinley (MK), Minerva (MN), North Canton (NC), Perry (PR), Salem(SL), Triway (TR) and United (UN).

Article Three

Mission

The mission of the SCHSBC shall be to provide high school students with an environment to learn the game of bowling and to experience the spirit of team competition while playing for the honor of their school, for the recognition of their community, and for their personal satisfaction and distinction.

The SCHSBC shall administer competition in keeping with all rules and regulations defined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). No conference rules shall be in conflict with those of the OHSAA.

The SCHSBC shall coordinate the competition on behalf of the participating schools. The athletic directors of those schools are responsible for proper application of the OHSAA rules, for selecting coaches and players, and for setting participation standards such as the awarding of letters.

Article Four

Officers & Advisory Committee

The SCHSBC shall elect Officers to conduct conference business. Those officers shall include a President, Vice-President, Awards, Affairs and Functions and Commissioner.

The President (Gary Rebillot) shall perform and be responsible for the following:

- Overseeing all conference activities including conducting the organizational and other meetings as necessary
- Overseeing conference financial reports on a yearly basis at a minimum
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The Vice-President (Bill Snier) shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:

- Overseeing all committees
- Administering competition and application of OHSAA and conference rules
- Helping run the All-Star Match at season's end.
- The President and Vice-President will be unpaid positions, and cannot be current coaches.

The Commissioner (JC Heighway) shall be responsible for the following:

- Developing the conference schedule
- Organizing the coaches' contact information and maintaining communication vehicles such as the conference e-mail address and website
- Collecting and compiling rosters for the various varsity, boys and girls squads.
- Collecting, compiling and publishing match results and standings including those necessary to determine conference awards
- Administering the conference finances
- Overseeing the matches and competition interfacing with the designated OHSAA Rules Interpreter as necessary
- Managing the conference finances.
 - Collecting all required conference fees
 - Setting general direction for the SCHSBC
 - Collecting and maintaining PAP of each coach in the conference.
 - Developing a financial plan for the conference
- Setting up and running conference fund-raising tournaments (Alumni Tournament)(Early bird tournament)(Golf Outing)
 - Organizing the conference awards banquet
 - Organizing the conference awards with the assistance of the Awards, Affairs & Functions Officer.

The Commissioner's position will be paid at a rate of \$100 per member school.

The Awards, Affairs & Functions Officer (Jim Heighway) shall be responsible for the following:

- Aiding in any issues that may arise throughout the season.
- Assist in rules interpretation for coaches, administration.
- Secure awards for SCHSBC post season banquet

Assist in the running of events and end of season banquet.
Voting on any topics that arise.
Assisting in filling positions as needed.

Specific agreements between a school and its host center for access and sponsorship and contracts between the member schools and their coaches will be the responsibility of the school without involvement of the SCHSBC.

The Officers and Advisory Members will be elected annually by vote of the head coaches. Nominations will be made through Nominating at the post season coaches meeting. All votes including elections will be by majority vote of head coaches provided a quorum (with at least half of member schools) is present.

Article Five

Special Committees

The SCHSBC may form Special Committees to perform specific functions. The Officers shall be ex officio members of the Special Committees which include but are not limited to the following:

- Awards, Affairs & Functions – responsible for organization of special events including the SCHSBC banquet
- Nominating – responsible for collecting nominations and searching for candidates as required
- Hall of Fame Voting - Composed of the board members.

Article Six

Organization

An organizational meeting of the SCHSBC will be held prior to the start of the season. Attempts will be made to schedule this meeting after the local Rules Interpretation meeting organized by OHSA and before the approved first day for coaching, tryouts and instruction. The purpose of the SCHSBC meeting will be to introduce coaches and SCHSBC officers, review the OHSA rules and the SCHSBC Constitution, review the calendar and schedule, and address any other pertinent issues.

The SCHSBC may choose to organize divisions for competition. In such an alignment, the schools will be grouped by their location within the conference with respect to their outside conferences to which they are already a part of. If there are an odd number of SCHSBC member schools, the division containing the schools with larger enrollment will have the 'extra' school with the longest travel time also as a determining factor. The SCHSBC may also consider school enrollment or other factors. For 2023-2024 season, the divisions will be as follows:

Federal (League) Division: GO, GR, JK, LK, MK, NC, PR
National Division (West): MS, CC, CS, LC, LV, TR
American Division (East): AL, CR, MR, MN, SL, UN

The conference will develop a balanced SCHSBC Schedule while not exceeding twenty (20) contests against the OHSA limit of twenty-four (24). The schedule will be developed based on center availability within the prescribed competition dates specified by the OHSA. Attempts will be made to have each school have one or two matches scheduled per week. The preferences of the coaches will be considered as much as possible. Additional, non-conference matches may be scheduled with any school or club (including SCHSBC members) at the discretion of the school's administration or head coach. Each conference will play a home and away schedule with 4 additional outside matches, using 2 schools from each of the other divisions.

The published schedule will be for both boys' and girls' varsity matches only. Junior varsity matches will be held at the same time and site unless special arrangements are made by the teams involved. **The home team will be responsible for notifying the SCHSBC of any schedule changes. All added matches and any changes must be conveyed to the commissioner before the contest is held. Failure to do so will result in the home team taking a loss, however the averages will still count towards end of season awards.** The conference will be sanctioned as of November 15, 2025. Unless, no schools decide to sanction any bowlers. Bowlers will have until November 14, 2025 or their first match, to get their sanction cards into Stark County USBC. Any sanctions postmarked or delivered after this date will not be accepted and will be considered not sanctioned. No exceptions. Per USBC Rules with our conference, no bowler will be allowed to sanction after this date and no awards will be granted after this date.

Article Seven

Competition

The OHSA specifies that a match will consist of two, five-bowler individual games and four Baker-style composite games. In the event of time limitations or other circumstances, the individual games and at least two Baker games as required by the OHSA must be completed for a match to be considered official. Lane assignments must be made before the match is to begin, assignment of the individual games and baker games are final unless there is a machine breakdown. Before the bakers begin, the home team has the choice of their starting lane. The final baker game cannot be started after an agreed time of 5:25 p.m. **Proprietors and Home teams must relay to the visiting team the set ending time *before the match begins*. Matches shall not be ended short of the agreed upon time of 5:20 p.m. unless it is agreed upon *BEFORE the match begins*. Pre-Match sheet must be filled out and signed before a match is to begin as to the time a final baker may begin.**

Motion to pass at the post season meeting from 2024-25 season. New rule for the 2025-26 season, all coaches voted on and passed that all matches must have 2 games and 3 bakers. Lanes assignments must be signed off on at the beginning of the match by both head coaches. Once signed off on coaches may not make changes unless there is a breakdown and both coaches agree to the move. A move lane shall be determined before the match starts in case of a break down. Cut off times were still agreed on to be 5:20PM which with 3 baker games should not be a problem. Should a match start after the agreed upon time, it is the responsibility of both coaches to follow the time signed off on, on the Pre-match sheet. Should a game be started and completed after the agreed upon time frame, it will be considered an accepted game by both schools and count towards total pinfall for the match.

The standard match day timeline is as follows. Announcements should be made by 3:45 p.m. from the home schools. Following the announcements should be the national anthem to be played from 3:48-3:50 p.m. Following the National Anthem shall then be warm ups from 3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Finally, match play should be started no later than 4:00 p.m. Special arrangements should be communicated **prior to match day** by both head coaches for any team traveling 30 minutes or more for a match.

Any match involving a school which has canceled classes due to weather, it is up to each school's Athletic Director as to how they want to handle the match. That match may be contested as scheduled upon agreement of the administration of the two schools with notice being given to the SCHSBC. If the match is to be rescheduled, the rescheduling of a postponed match will be the responsibility of the administrations of the schools involved. The home school will be responsible for notifying the SCHSBC. Inter Division matches must be made up. Outside conference matches are at the discretion of the school.

Any match that is not started for any reason will be considered a no contest. Such a match may be rescheduled in the same way as a weather cancellation.

It is up to each team to determine what their timeframe is for matches to be canceled. In 2024-25 several teams were en route when matches were decided to be cancelled. Coaches must indicate on their Google Drive their cut off time to cancel a match so all schools can determine their best course of action with weather or other factors causing a canceled match.

USBC Rule 18: Bowling Ball - Altering Surface : effective August 1, 2019. Bowlers no longer can use liquids or add anything, including but not limited to rosin or powder, to the surface of the bowling ball.

While bowling in USBC/OHSAA/SCHSBC competition, a bowling ball cannot;

- a. Have the surface altered by the use of an abrasive.
- b. Be cleaned with any liquid substance or cleaning agent.
- c. Have any foreign material on it including, but not limited to, powder, rosin, marker or paint.

All bowling balls so altered or cleaned must be removed from the competition.

Note: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from a league or tournament official (the two head coaches). Per SCHSBC discussion you must converse with the opposing coach before any changes are allowed. Failure to converse with the opposing coach will result in the ball being removed from competition.

Match Uniforms, for SCHSBC matches, must conform to the OHSAA standards starting January 1, 2026. Coaches have until said date to use non matching uniforms as long as bottoms are black and tops are sleeved shirts of matching color and likeness of the schools approved color scheme. This season the school names **MUST** appear on the back of the uniforms per OHSAA new rules matching their requirement of at least 1".

Article Eight

Coaches

The selection and qualification of the coaching staff will be the responsibility of each school. The names of all individuals designated as coaches must be presented at the beginning of the season to the SCHSBC. The head coach is responsible for communicating complete and accurate bowler roster information to the conference, updating the Google Drive document. All coaches or any adult that is in the bowling circle working with students must have a pupil activity permit **on file with the SCHSBC**. Any person(s) in the bowling circle without the necessary P.A.P. on file with the conference commissioner will be removed by the home team coach. If the coach is not on the coaches list (on the coaches google drive sheet) by the commissioner, then they are not allowed in the bowling circle.

It is the role of the coaches to ensure matches are contested according to OHSAA and SCHSBC rules. The home-standing head coach is designated as the match referee for regular season matches.

Interaction between the spectators and bowlers is **not permitted** by OHSAA rules once the match starts. By SCHSBC rule, a spectator may speak to a coach during a match, ***but only in between games***.

Both head coaches are responsible for reviewing, verifying and posting the match results online and sending them to the appropriate entities. Only those individuals designated as coaches (or the head coach) are permitted to sign the match summary sheets. The home-standing head coach is responsible for transmitting the match results in the specified form within **one hour** of completion. Once a match is signed by both coaches, **the match is considered final and no changes may be made**. Submitted recaps are final and may not be altered after submission, unless both coaches put in writing and sign off on the change/correction.

Article Nine

Banquet

The SCHSBC may hold a banquet to recognize team and individual award winners. The banquet will be scheduled after the conclusion of the OHSAA tournaments and state finals.

The location, invitation list and guest ticket price will be determined by the banquet committee. Award winners and members of division winning teams and up school board approved head coaches will be invited to attend at no cost, as long as they are in attendance. Should a coach or bowler be a no show on the day of the banquet, then the school of said coach or bowler must pay for the meal at a rate of \$14.00 per meal. The committee may extend invitations to the proprietors and league sponsors at no cost. All other attendees will be asked to purchase a ticket at a suggested limit of two (2) per bowler, space permitting you may purchase more. Coaches may not give away their allotted tickets. Head coaches tickets are non transferable.

Article Ten

Awards

The SCHSBC will present team and individual awards. Only member schools and their individual bowlers will be eligible for awards from the SCHSBC. A bowler must be on the school's roster and eligible to compete at the end of the SCHSBC Schedule in order to receive awards. For award determination purposes, 'competed' as used in the criteria below shall mean bowled individual format games as defined by the OHSA. Participation in composite or Baker format games does not count toward meeting the criteria. Honorable mention qualifiers do not attend the conference banquet.

For the 2024-2025 season, ALL matches included on the SCHSBC schedule and outside schedules matches by the individual schools will be used for computing team and individual statistics. Coaches are required to inform, update the website and report to the commissioner if any matches are added for scoring purposes. **Failure to inform the commissioner, will result in a forfeit of the match for the home team. However, the scores will still be used towards a bowler's season average.** The entire average determined by using the decimal portion, will be used to rank bowlers for award purposes. All individual award tie breakers in regards to conference awards shall be determined by decimal point to determine award recipients for 1st, 2nd and honorable mention awards given at the SCHSBC conference banquet. Awards will be based on the number of schools in the division. Awarding one less award than the number of schools in said division. The Federal Division has 7 schools and will receive 6 total 1st team awards, 6 total 2nd team awards and 6 total Honorable Mention. The American and National Division have 6 total teams awarding 5 total 1st team awards, 5 total 2nd team awards and 5 total honorable mention awards.

Division winners are based on the division wins and losses in each of the three respective divisions. All team championship tie breakers shall be determined based on the head to head match records of all tied teams. If the two qualifying teams head to head match record results in a tie, the conference will use **overall head to head total pin-fall of the four individual games** of the two qualifying teams in their regular season match-ups to determine a team champion. In a case of three (3) or more teams tying the following will be used as a tie break between said teams.

Team A v B
Team A v C
Team B v C

We will use the first two regular games as determined by the % of pins obtained by each team during the match. At the end, whoever has the most percentage of the pins wins the tiebreaker. The winners of the tie breakers will be the team that is invited to the banquet and receives the championship trophy and plaques. The other two teams that tie but do not win the tie break will still be represented in the history books as co-champions.

Here is a scenario:

Team A v B (1800 to 1917) Team A = 48.426% Team B = 51.573%
Team B v C (1778 to 1819) Team B = 49.430% Team C = 50.570%
Team C v A (1897 to 2010) Team C = 48.553 % Team A = 51.446 %

Ranked in order:

Team B = 101.003

Team A = 99.872

Team C = 99.123

Team B would be the winner of the tie breaker. With our head to head layout there would be more numbers due to playing each team 2 times, but this is just a sample for understanding the tie breaker.

The team awards will include a traveling champions trophy for the best record (percentage of contested matches won) in all designated divisions. The SCHSBC may provide champion awards to teams for members who have competed in 25% of the individual games **in SCHSBC Schedule matches** which were contested. **Extra added matches do not count towards the 25%.**

The SCHSBC will present All-Conference awards to bowlers based on their individual average in all regular season matches. Bowlers must have competed in 66% or 2/3rd of the individual games contested for their schools matches to be eligible for individual awards. At the end of the season, averages will be adjusted based on pulls throughout the season. Averages will be adjusted by taking 1.5 pins off of the bowler's final average per pull. (In the case of an injury both coaches must agree to the injury and the board {President, Vice-president and Awards, Affairs and Functions Officers} of the SCHSBC will determine the proper action for the injury.

The individual awards will include the following:

- Bowler of the Year – The SCHSBC will present bowler of the year awards in each division for both boys and girls. The candidates will be the bowlers who made all conference first team. The awards winner will be selected by a secret ballot with each division schools head coach voting once for boys and only once for the girls. The school's vote in each category will be communicated to the SCHSBC commissioner who will administer the voting. **Ties will be determined based on the amount of pulls by each bowler.** The winners will be announced at the SCHSBC conference banquet.

- All-Conference – boys & girls with top six (6) averages (3 boys and 3 girls) and ties in each Division
- High Game – boy & girl in each Division with the highest single game
- High Series – boy & girl in each Division with the highest two game series

In addition, the SCHSBC may award the following awards:

- 2nd Team – boys & girls with next (6, 5 or 4 respectively) averages and ties in each Division

Duplicate awards will be given for ties for High Game or High Series.

Individual awards will be made by gender. If a girl competes on a boy's team because her school does not have a girl's team, she will be eligible for girl's awards. Per the OHSA, if a coach decides to have a girl compete as boy and not on the school's girl's team, that girl will compete with the boys for individual awards. The SCHSBC will present Coach-of-the-Year awards in each division for both boys and girls. The candidates will be the head boy and head girl's coach designated by school. The award winner will be selected by a secret ballot with each school voting once for each of the four six awards. The school's vote

in each category will be communicated to the SCHSBC commissioner who will administer the voting. Ties will be broken by the conference officers.

Article Eleven

Finances

The expenses of the SCHSBC, namely the salary and administrative expenses of the Commissioner and the banquet and award expenses, will be funded by ticket sales for guests attending the banquet and by contributions from the proprietors of the host centers and through sponsoring donations from bowling associations, leagues, businesses and individuals. As well as the Alumni tournament and SCHSBC high school tournament.

Article Twelve

All-Star Match

The SCHSBC may conduct an All-Star match following the OHSAA state tournament. The site for the match will rotate among the participating centers. For the 2024-2025 season, the schools will be organized as follows:

East: Alliance, Carrollton, GlenOak, Lake, Louisville, North Canton, Marlington, Minerva, Salem, United

West: Canton South, Central, Green, Jackson, Lake Center Christian, Massillon, McKinley, Perry, Triway

Boys and girls teams will be coached by an All-Star coach from the school having the best record (as determined by overall **division winning percentage** with a tie breaker being the overall school winning percentage) among the schools in the respective groups. An assistant coach may be selected by the All-Star coach.

The head coach of each school shall nominate a boy and girl to bowl in the match. The All-Star coach will select roster rotations.

The match will consist of two (2) **five-bowler** individual games and six (6) Baker-style composite games. No Substitutions may be made during individual games, but may be made at any time during bakers.

The winning team will be the one scoring the most total pins. Awards will be presented to the members of the winning team and may be presented to the runners-up.

Article Thirteen

Bowler of the Week

Nominations can only come from the head coaches as designated by the school. Nominations must be in by Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. of said week in order to be considered. Bowlers are selected on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. based on their scores or most pins over average.

-Score Guidelines:

Boys = two game series of 470+ or 100 pins over their current average.

Girls = two game series of 400+ or 50 pins over their current average.

-Nominations must include a picture of the bowler at 300 dpi or greater. If this is not clear or too dark the nomination will not be considered. Nominations must also include their name, grade, scores and date of score.

-A single bowler can only win ONCE per school year. A single school may win multiple times if no other school nominates a bowler of the week in said week.

-If no schools submit a bowler there will be no bowler of the week that week.

-Bowlers can make honorable mention more than once if nominated. Bowlers shall be chosen by the Board of the SCHSBC.

