

2026 GIRLS STATE BOWLING MANUAL

Congratulations again on qualifying for the team and/or individual state championships next week.

LOCATIONS - Team & Individual Tournaments will be held at Cadillac XBC

The state championships will be held on February 10, 11, 12

Rotating three-day schedule (February 10-11-12 starting at 9:00 a.m. each day)

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1A Individual	2A Individual	3A Individual
2A Team	3A Team	1A Team

Start time each day is 9:00 a.m. with Individual, 3:00 p.m. start time for team competition.

Participants may arrive at 7:30 a.m. for Individual and 1:30 p.m. for Team competition.

Spectators will be allowed to enter one hour prior to competition at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively.

TICKETS

All tickets will be digital and sold through Bound Ticketing via the Bound website.

Bound Ticket Link: <https://www.gobound.com/ia/ighsau/gbo/2025-26/tickets>

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 9:00 .a.m.

Tickets are \$10 (plus processing fees) for each meet. There will be no cash sales at the state bowling venue.

***Reminder these are two separate tournaments. If your spectators would like to go to the team and individual tournament, they will need to purchase a ticket for each event.**

DAILY SCHEDULE RUNDOWN – Both team and individual

Arrive, check-in, assemble for a brief meeting at 8:30 am and 2:30 pm respectively in the bag storage area, parade, intro of bowlers, seed play, brief break, bracket play.

GENERAL FORMAT

Individual Tournament: All 32 qualifiers would bowl three individual games. The top eight finishers will then be bracketed (1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5) and bowl one game. The winners would advance to the semifinals and finals, where the champion and runner-up would be determined. In addition, all consolation matches will be bowled to determine third through eighth place.

State Team Tournament: The eight teams would bowl 15 baker games. The total pins after 15 games will determine bracketing (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3, 5 vs. 8, 6 vs. 7). There will be a Championship Bracket (1-4) and Consolation Bracket (5-8) Teams would then play a best three of five baker games to advance to the finals. If there is a tie for 4th or 5th place in the bracket the teams will have a roll off 6-10. If there is still a tie, we will take the team with the high game. If a tie exists after that we will continue to the second highest game and so forth. If there is a tie for any other bracket placement the tie breaker will be highest game. The champion and runner-up would be determined. In addition, all consolation matches will be bowled to determine third through eighth place.

BRACKET PLAY FORMAT & BREAKING OF TIES

Individuals – PBA format starting on left lane

Highest seed chooses who goes first and that person bowls one frame from left lane and then it is 2 frames each bowler alternating lanes with the bowler who started going last in the 10th frame. Individual ties are a 9th-10th frame tiebreaker just as was in place for SQM. Tiebreakers will only be used to determine who advances.

Team format is best 3 of 5 – a team must win 3 points to advance, so if ties occur each team receives a half point. If a tie still exists after the sixth game, then teams would bowl a half game utilizing frames 6-10. If a tie still exists after that, then a shootout would occur with one player and one ball from each team (5 bowlers).

Practice Times:

Maple Lanes – 2608 University Ave. Waterloo will be available on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 3pm-10pm. Monday is available during the day between 9am-5pm and again from 9pm-11pm and Tuesday is available 11am-11pm with very limited lanes between 5pm-9pm.

Maple Lanes offers a lane rental special (by reservation only): \$25/lane for one hour, or \$45 for two lanes for one hour. Shoes and sales tax included. To make a reservation please call 319-234-1414 and press option 1 for the front desk. Any questions can be directed to Ryan Wilson via email (ryan@maplelaneswaterloo.com) or by calling 319-234-1414 opt.6.

CADILLAC XBC WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR TEAMS TO PRACTICE

MEET DAY

Cadillac XBC: There will be a coaches and participants meeting in the south corner of the facility at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively. At this time, we will give instructions for the parade. At the conclusion of the meeting all participants need to report to the south corner of the facility to line up for the parade. Timeliness and cooperation are imperative in making the parade a success.

PASS GATE

Cadillac XBC: Participants will enter through the pass gate toward the south end of the building. Only those names on the previously submitted roster will be allowed free admittance. Reserves must be dressed in school attire and will not be allowed to sit in the bowling area with the active bowlers, but they will be able to sit with the coaching staff above their respective lanes.

NOTE: Now that the boys and girls state tournaments are separate events, any boy's bowler wishing to watch the girls tournament must purchase a ticket.

EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Team participants will have a designated (non-secured) area to place their equipment. The only equipment to be at the lanes is the equipment being used by the bowlers. Due to limited space all bags must be placed in the areas assigned to the participants.

COMPETITORS

Teams: Are allowed a maximum of seven (7) bowlers including reserve and two (2) coaches through the pass gate at Cadillac. Individual qualifiers are allowed one (1) coach at Cadillac.

Individual: Coaches with one bowler are allotted one coaches pass per gender. Teams with two or more bowlers per gender will receive two coaches passes per gender.

RULINGS

For process and procedures, such as Code of Conduct and tournament set-up, both Jason Eslinger will serve as tournament manager.

For any bowling rules clarifications, we have established a relationship with USBC-Iowa to assist with rulings. Both Seth Ketelsen and Jolene Ketelsen are representatives of the USBC at the state level.

State Tournament Warm-Ups: Allow 2 practice balls per lane prior to each playing format.

RESURFACING BALLS: Ball altering during IGHSAU postseason competition is allowed only in accordance with USBC rules. Specifically altering of the surface is allowed in IGHSAU events between elimination rounds and breaks in play (fresh oil, new round, between bracket rounds, when warm-ups are allowed in between extended breaks in play). Lane rotation is not considered an extended break in play, or the end of a round. No surface adjustments are allowed during lane rotation.

LANETALK APP: To follow along with live results download the “Lanetalk” App in your [Google Play](#) or [Apple App](#) store. You will create a free profile and then select Cadillac XBC to follow along with the competitions.

RESTAURANT/CONCESSION ITEMS

There will be a limited menu to expedite service times.

MERCHANDISE

Official State Bowling merchandise and programs will be available on-site. Tournament merchandise will be sold by Fine Designs at both sites. Merchandise may also be ordered online through the IGHSAU website.

SPECTATORS POLICY

All spectators at state-sponsored bowling tournaments shall wear shirts and shoes. Shirts shall extend to the waist-area. Costume or character masks are not permitted.

Use of “laser light” pens by a spectator shall result in immediate ejection from the facility. With the understanding that a tournament bowling match is held as part of the educational environment, the Board of Directors of the Iowa Girls’ High School Athletic Union have adopted the following policies:

- Disrespectful conduct, including profanity, obscene gestures or comments, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, or other actions that demean individuals or the event.
- Throwing articles onto the contest area.
- Entering the contest area in protest or celebration.
- Physical confrontation involving contest officials, coaches/directors, contestants, or spectators.
- Spectator interference with the event.
- Use of artificial noisemakers, signs, or banners.
- Chants or cheers directed at the opponent.

SPECTATORS VIOLATING THESE POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE VENUE

LADDERS & STEP LADDERS

For safety and security reason, the use of ladders, step ladders, stools or other similar items that allow for additional height above the floor are strictly prohibited.

BANNERS

The display or usage of balloons, banners, signs, hoops, placards or other paper debris is prohibited. Additionally, any object that could provide a safety concern (pom-poms on sticks, etc.) is prohibited, as is any artificial noisemakers (e.g. air horn, cowbells, keys, thunder sticks, etc.).

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY

No alcohol or tobacco is to be sold or consumed on the grounds of any state tournament venue leased or provided to the Athletic Union for the purpose of conducting a state championship. Section 123.46 of the Iowa Code states: A person shall not possess or consume alcoholic liquors, wine or beer on public school property or while attending a public or private school-related function. A person shall not be intoxicated or simulate intoxication in a public place. A person violating this subsection is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

PETS/ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No pets are permitted at events sanctioned by the IGHS AU OR IHSAA. Any person with a pet will be asked to leave. This policy shall comply with the provisions of Iowa Code 216c in that such a person with a disability or person training an assisted animal has the right to be accompanied by a service dog or an assisted animal under control. The person is liable for damage done to any premises or facility by a service dog or assisted animal.