

BOWLING STATE COMPETITION INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Town and Country Lanes - 2231 W. Jefferson Street - Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 725-1231 - www.joliettownandcountrylanes.com

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition schedule is posted online - https://www.iesa.org/activities/bo/IESA-BO Schedule.pdf

BUS/CAR PARKING

Buses and cars should drop competitors off at the participant entrance located off of Springfield Ave. Drivers can access Springfield Ave. from Jefferson Street (Route 52). The participant entrance is located to the right of the main entrance that faces Springfield Ave. Buses should park in the provena lot or across Springfield Street at the Moose Lodge so they are not taking up space in the main parking lot.

FREE parking is available to all IESA Bowling state finals patrons on Friday and Saturday in the Town and Country Lanes parking lot. All overflow parking should park in the Moose parking lot across the street West of Town and Country Lanes off of Springfield Ave. Privately owned parking lots surrounding the Town and Country Lanes are not preferred parking places and your vehicle may be towed if parked in a private lot.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE @ TOWN AND COUNTRY LANES

No outside coolers or outside food or beverages of any kind will be allowed into the facility - this includes coaches and players. Schools are asked to inform parents and fans that these items are not permitted in the bowling facility. As this is an IESA event, no items containing alcohol are permitted or will be available for purchase at the facility.

Schools may choose to order food in advance for Saturday only. Please see the following link and follow the directions if your school is interested in this option - https://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BO-FoodForm.pdf

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS AND EATING OPTIONS IN JOLIET

Schools are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. Visit the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors Bureau website for options of places to stay - www.heritagecorridorcvb.com

ENTRY INTO THE FACILITY AND GENERAL ADMISSION COSTS

Bowlers and coaches are permitted to enter the facility at 7:45 am on Friday and 8:15 am on Saturday through the marked school/participant entrance. Coaches are expected to check-in both days and validate the lineup once all bowlers are present/accounted for.

Ticket gates for spectators will open at 8:00 am on Friday and 8:30 am on Saturday. Spectators should enter the facility through either entrance located off of Springfield Avenue or Jefferson Street.

Students who bowled at sectionals but did not advance to the state finals as part of a team or as an individual are expected to pay. General admissions for all spectators (K-Adult) on both Friday and Saturday: GoFan \$8.00, Cash \$10.00. Your admission ticket will allow you re-entry to the facility for the length of the tournament that day.



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LANE ASSIGNMENTS

On Friday, girls will bowl in the morning shift. Lane assignments will be included in the school's check-in packet. Here is an explanation of the lane assignments and how the block rotations will work -

COACH/PARTICIPANT ADMISSION, CHECK-IN, WRISTBANDS AND PIT PASSES

Wristbands and pit passes will only be issued to coaches and bowlers for the division(s) in which a given school has advancers from the sectionals to the state finals. If a coach is not listed as the head coach or assistant coach of a division advancing to the state finals, he/she will not be issued a pit pass. Pit passes are not transferrable; individuals wearing a pit pass who are not authorized by the IESA to do so are subject to removal from the facility.

Coaches and competitors need to arrive so registration can be completed prior to the start of Round 1 on Friday. At check-in, the coach or school representative must check in, pick up the school packet, and validate the lineup for Round 1. Packets will include a roster of all contestants for your school, pit passes, wristbands for bowlers and coaches, and other tournament information - please note any withdrawals at the registration table.

COACHES' MEETING

A mandatory coaches' meeting will take place at 8:15 am (school check-in area) and 12:45 pm (tournament headquarters). You must attend one of these meetings prior to students from your school bowling; it is not necessary to attend both meetings.

APPAREL AND PHOTOS (BOTH AVAILABLE FRIDAY ONLY)

The Cubby Hole will have t-shirts and other apparel available for purchase at Town and Country Lanes on Friday of the competition. The Cubby Hole has put together information for how to pre-order items - https://cubbyholeonline.com/iesa/

Event Pro Photography will be on site for team and individual pictures. An order form is enclosed for participants who would like to purchase a photo on Friday. The order form should be brought to the photo station with payment on Friday - https://www.iesa.org/eventpro/2024-2025/IESA-EventPro_BO.pdf

BOWLING BALLS, SHOES AND BAGS

Bowling balls and shoes will be available $\underline{\text{free}}$ of charge to all of the participants in the competition who need them. During play, only one ball per participant will be allowed on the ball return. Please make sure that all participants' bags are tagged with a name before you arrive to the facility.

EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Equipment storage – New this year, bowling equipment will be stored on the carpeted area behind the lanes that bowlers will start on. (Saturday) qualifiers have the option of leaving their bowling equipment overnight at the bowling alley in a secure location, see **front desk** for details. All excess equipment should be removed from the pit area ASAP.