

NYSPHSAA SECTION IV



BOWLING 2026-2027 HANDBOOK

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FOREWORD

This handbook is intended for the use by all Athletic Directors & Coaches. We have tried to include all of the necessary forms and information for the Sectional and State Tournaments. Section IV Basketball will comply with the regulations set forth by National Federation of High School Sports, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section IV of the NYSPHSAA. The current rulebook issued by the NCAA will be the standard unless noted otherwise within this handbook.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025-2026 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

BOYS

CLASS A – ELMIRA
CLASS B – OWEGO
CLASS C - SIDNEY/UNATEGO
CLASS D – BAINBRIDGE GUILFORD

GIRLS

CLASS A – ELMIRA
CLASS B – MAINE ENDWELL
CLASS C – WINSBOR
CLASS D – UNADILLA VALLEY

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IMPORTANT DATES

Section IV 2026-2027 Rules Interpretation Meetings:

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE
SECTIONALS
STATE QUALIFIER
STATES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
FEBRUARY 19TH & 20TH @ MIDWAY LANES
FEBRUARY 26TH & 27TH @ VALLEY BOWLING CENTER
MARCH 12, 13, 14 @ AMF SYRACUSE LANES

2027 SECTION IV BOWLING CLASS TOURNAMENT

Dates: Friday, February 19, 2027 – Class A-D (GIRLS) 3:00 pm – 6:00pm
Saturday, February 20, 2027 – Class A-D (BOYS) 9:00am – 12:00pm
Place: Midway Lanes – 213 North Jensen Rd. – Vestal, New York 13850
Cost: \$15.00 per Bowler, per 3-game block, throughout this Post season action Payable:
Payment will be made by the Section IV office and schools will be billed.

- All Divisions will bowl simultaneously.
- State Tournament Oil Pattern – “TBA” pattern will be used throughout Post-season play.
- Class Tournament scores carry over to State Qualifier Tournament

It is necessary for a school to have a team entered in league competition to compete in the Section IV Tournament or have met the requirements to compete to participate according to the NYS handbook. It is necessary that each student competing on any school team conform to the eligibility rules of NYSPHSAA, and for bowling in particular, conform to USBC Rule 400. We will compete in Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D for team and individual awards.

Team qualifying for both Sectional tournament and State Qualifier is 5 bowlers per team (8 maximum) with substitutions permitted only after each game of qualifying. Warm-up lanes for subs will be turned on after teams have started their 5th frame of each game.

Note: Sectionals will be bowled on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, alternating boys and girls every year. Averages will be figured to the tenth with no rounding (for example: if the cut off is 201.2 then all averages with 201.20 – 201.29 will be included in the Top Thirty scores.)

If a player does not participate in enough games to qualify for post season play because of injury or illness, he/she may be granted a waiver when satisfactory documentation is received and approved by the Section IV Executive Director, Jeff Ferrara. This request can be mailed to: Section IV Athletics, 276 State Hwy 7, Sidney, NY 13838.

Rules to be aware of:

1. The jewelry rule will not be enforced but athletes are encouraged to remove all loose articles.
2. According to NYSPHSAA championship rules, no head gear is to be worn during competition. (This includes baseball caps, bandanas, scarves, etc.)
3. USBC rules regarding two handed deliveries - the NYSPHSAA Handbook, Section 5 Bowling states that the USBC Playing Rules are in force, especially Chapters 2 & 8.
4. Good sportsmanship is expected!
5. The protest committee will consist of the League Coordinators (3), two Section IV Coordinators (one of the coordinators is also a League Coordinator) and one other coach (TBD) Total of 5.

Note: Pricing in effect for competition this year.

One bowler	\$15.00
Five bowlers	\$75.00
Eight bowlers	\$120.00

2026-2027
Section IV Boys & Girls
Bowling Classifications

Class A (801 & Up)

Elmira	1185
Corning	1160
Binghamton	918
Horseheads	852
Union Endicott	828

Class B (401 - 800)

Vestal	768
Maine-Endwell	567
Johnson City	528
Owego	428

Class C (215-400)

Waverly	387
Susquehanna Valley	341
Windsor	308
Chenango Forks	287
Norwich	387
Lansing	266
Elmira Heights (TAE)	245
Sidney	257
Newark Valley	242
Chenango Valley	375

Class D (214 & Below)

Watkins Glen	207
Tioga	201
Greene	198
Unatego	185
Unadilla Valley	170
Bainbridge-Gilford	183
Gorton	167
Oxford	167
Candor	143
Odessa-Montour	141
Harpursville	135
Seton	152
Deposit	122
Afton	86
Hancock	81
GMU	60

Division One (600 & Up)

Elmira
Corning
Binghamton
Horseheads
Union Endicott
Vestal

Division Two (599 & Below)

Maine-Endwell
Johnson City
Norwich
Owego
Chenango Valley
Windsor
Waverly
Chenango Forks
Sidney
Unatego
Susquehanna Valley
Lansing
Greene
Oxford
Elmira Heights
Watkins Glen
Tioga
Seton
Unadilla Valley
GMU
Afton
Harpursville
Bainbridge - Gilford
Groton
Candor
Odessa-Montour
Deposit
Hancock

2026 SECTION IV CLASS TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

The following school wishes to enter the Section IV Bowling Tournament on February 19 & 20, 2027 at Midway Lanes.

We have met sectional eligibility for sectional participation. _____ (yes or no)

School Name: _____

Boys Team - # of bowlers _____ (times \$15.00 each) _____

Girls Team - # of bowlers _____ (times \$15.00 each) _____

Coach's Name: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Coaches must make their intentions known as to whether or not they plan to participate in Sectionals No later than **Friday, February 3rd, 2027.**

Schools must send their entry blanks for Sectionals to coordinators no later than **Friday, February 5, 2027.**

Please return completed form to:

KATHY POND, IAC COORDINATOR, 1052 ELLIS CREEK RD, WAVERLY, NEW YORK 14892

Or by email to kpond@tiogacentral.org

Please notify Bowling Coordinators ASAP if you are NOT participating in the Sectional Tournament. This information would be most helpful in setting up the scoring database before the tournament.

State Qualifier Tournament

Valley Bowling Center – Waverly, NY

Dates: Friday, February 26th, 2027 – Class A-D (Boys) 9:00am start
Saturday, February 27th, 2027 – Class A-D (Girls) 9:00am start
Place: Valley Bowling Center – 13 N. Chemung St. Waverly NY 14892
Cost: \$30.00 per person (Two – 3-game blocks at \$15.00 per block)
Payable: Payment will be made by Section IV office and schools will be billed

- State Tournament Oil Pattern – “TBA” pattern will be used throughout post season play. (Afternoon 3-game block to start one hour after the last ball is thrown from the morning block)

The Intersectional Qualifier will be held at least one week prior to the State Championships. To be eligible in both Boys and Girls divisions, a team must advance according to the league rules in STAC, MAC and IAC or finished first or second in the “A”, “B”, “C” or “D” divisions at the Sectional Tournament. These squads will bowl three games in the morning and three games in the afternoon, for a total of six games. These games will be added to the previous week’s 3-game team series to determine the Boys and Girls teams that will advance to the State Championships. If a tie should happen, a one game roll-off will be bowled. If a tie still exists, then a three-frame roll-off (8-9-10) will continue until the tie is broken. Section IV will be sending two school teams in both Boys and Girls for a total of four (one school team from Division 1 (BEDS 600 and up) and one school team from Division 2 (BEDS 599 and below).

The selection process for the All-Section teams will be derived from the Top 30 Boys and Girls averages in Section IV (based on participation in a minimum of 75% of league games the team has bowled) and the top ten (10) series (Boys and Girls) from the Sectional Tournament. These bowlers (plus ties) will then be invited to bowl in the State Qualifier and bowl two (2) three-game blocks. This 6-game series will be added to the previous week’s 3-game series. The top six Boys and Girls with the highest total pin fall from the nine games will advance to the State Championship Tournament. If a tie for sixth place should occur, a one game roll-off will be bowled. If a tie still exists, then a three frame roll-off (8-9- 10) will continue until the tie is broken.

Note: The Top 30 averages for Boys and Girls have guaranteed spots for each league. STAC is guaranteed 10 spots. IAC and MAC are both guaranteed 5 spots in the “Top 30”.

Those teams and individuals that advance will represent Section IV at the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships on Friday March 12th – Sunday March 14th, 2027. The 2027 championships will be hosted by Section 3 at AMF Syracuse Lanes in Syracuse, NY.

2026 Section IV State Qualifier Entry Form

The following school wishes to enter the Section IV State Qualifier Tournament on
February 26 & 27, 2027 at Valley Bowling Center.

The pricing will be in effect for competition this year.

One bowler \$ 30.00
Five bowlers \$ 150.00
Eight bowlers \$240.00

We have met sectional eligibility for sectional participation. _____ (yes or no)

School Name: _____

Girls Team - # of bowlers _____ (times \$30.00 each) _____

Boys Team - # of bowlers _____ (times \$30.00 each) _____

Coach's Name: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please return completed form to:

KATHY POND, IAC COORDINATOR 1052 ELLIS CREEK RD WAVERLY, NY 14892 OR BY EMAIL TO
KPOND@TIOGACENTRAL.ORG

2026 NYSPHSAA Championships
AMF SYRACUSE LANES, Syracuse



Saturday, March 13

10:30 AM	Doors Open
11:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies
12:00-3:00 PM	Division 2 - First 3 Games
4:00-7:00 PM	Division 2 - Second 3 Games

Sunday, March 14

7:00 AM	Doors Open
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bowling-Composite (Boys)
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Bowling-Composite (Girls)