



LOSSA

Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics

LOSSA BOWLING PLAYING REGULATIONS 2025-2026

(revised 2021)

Classification: League teams must have four or five members. Four member teams will have a vacancy score of 160 applied to substitute for the missing player. Each school may field any number of teams providing the league fee is paid for each team 3 weeks prior to the first day of bowling.

Official Rules:

1. Lineage (lane fees) is paid by the bowling convenor from bowling entry fee. These fees are due to the convenor at least 3 weeks prior to the first day of bowling.
2. A running handicap created from a base score of 160 will be calculated throughout the season.
3. A game is won, lost or tied based on total pin fall plus handicap. The team with the highest total will win 2 points in each game. In the event of a tie game, each team earns 1 point. The team with the highest total for the match (Game 1 + Game 2) will receive an additional point. This means the maximum number of points earned by a team each week will be 5. When playing a dummy team (if there is an odd number of teams in the league), a team's actual score must be over 1000 to get 2 points and at 1000 will equal a tie. Under 1000 points will equal 0 points.
***Note: At least 3 players must be present for a team to receive points.
4. A match consists of two games.
5. Bowlers alternate lanes each frame on the assigned pair of lanes. Only one frame is bowled at a time.
6. A late bowler may be allowed to catch up only if he/she begins before the third frame is finished.
7. If it is necessary for a bowler to be absent, he/she may bowl-off ahead of time, provided that:
 - a) an employee of the bowling centre or designate keeps score
 - b) the games are paid for
 - c) the scores are left with the person at the counter and designated only for the high school league
 - d) the games are bowled at North End Bowl.
8. Only students in full-time attendance in a school may be on the eligibility list.
9. A minimum of 10 games 5 weeks of attendance or bowl-offs) must be bowled in order to be eligible for the Championship Tournament.
10. North End Bowl will keep track of the individual bowling averages for all team members.
11. All coaches must declare their 4 or 5 member team by 4:00 p.m. each week, which is the start of the competition. No substitutions are allowed after this time. Any team using "bowl-off" scores must declare them at this time as well.
12. If a dispute arises regarding Team Standings, High Single or High Double, please inform the convenor immediately.

Tournament Rules:

1. Tournament position is based on league standing. Teams will be divided into two Tiers (top half + 1 team in tier one and bottom half in tier 2).
2. Each team will consist of 4 or 5 members.
3. Team members must have played 10 regular league games (5 weeks of attendance) to be eligible for tournament play.
4. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in Tier 1. Tier 2 champions will also be awarded a trophy and pennant. Top Bowler, High single and High double will also be awarded to 3 different bowlers.
5. No bowl-offs will be allowed for tournament play.
6. Each team that has paid League fees may play in the tournament.
7. Should a school field two or more teams, these teams must declare their members at least 3 weeks prior to the tournament. The team lists must be submitted to the Convenor.

Tournament Format:

1. Teams will play 4 games over the course of the full day tournament (9:30 AM - 2:30 PM).
2. Each team will play 3 games to determine tournament ranking. Each team bowls a game. A points system is used. Team with the highest game with handicap gets the greatest amount of points. Team with lowest score with handicap gets 1 point. (E.g. If there are 6 teams in Tier one, top score based on total pinfall plus handicap earns 6 points and lowest pinfall plus handicap in tier one earns 1 point). In the event of a tie where teams have the exact same total pinfall plus handicap, both teams will earn the point value for the higher ranking (e.g. if two teams in tier one tie for fourth place, both teams earn 3 points and no team will earn 2 points for that match-up. In this example, the 6th place team would earn 1 point).
3. Repeat for each game until 3 have been played. Any teams with identical point scores after the 3 games will have the tie broken based on total pinfall plus handicap of all 3 games played combined.
4. Standings based on these point earnings will determine which two teams play each other in the gold medal LOSSA champion game. Third and fourth place teams will play in the bronze medal game. Top 2 teams in tier two will play for the Tier 2 champion title. All other teams will play exhibition games while these match-ups occur. In the event of a tie for a gold medal or bronze medal game, the tie will be broken based on total pinfall plus handicap of all 4 games played during the tournament combined.