

NMHSBA

Tournament Rules infractions and penalties

The following paragraphs outline the rules and penalties that will be enforced for all High School Bowling tournaments including the Senior and State tournaments. These guidelines are meant to establish sportsmanship and provide guidance towards a better bowling community. All rules will be adhered to with no deviations. Any infractions against a bowler can result in that bowler not being awarded a selection to the All-State team. Tournament Directors make the decision at an event and the Board has final ruling on any appeals. The Student Activities Director will be notified of second and subsequent offenses.

Team violations.

This area focuses on dress code and use of electronic devices. Refer to sections 3A and 3B of the Coaches Guidelines for details.

1. Team

- a. First Offense - Written team write up on rules violation form.
- b. Second Offense - Written write up, \$5 fine per violation or voluntarily withdraw ~~for~~ from the tournament
- c. Third Offense - Written team write up, Bowler and coach suspended from tournament for the week and for each subsequent violation. If there are no other coaches or sponsors the team will have to forfeit the tournament.
- d. Subsequent Offenses – Suspension from next tournament the team attends and board review with possible suspension from the State Tournament.

❖ For electronic devices the suspension will be for the following tournament that school attends.

Unsportsmanlike conduct.

This area includes but is not limited to profanity, misuse of equipment (to include the bowler's equipment or the house equipment), and harassment of other bowlers.

1. Bowlers/Coaches

- a. First Offense - Written team write up on rules violation form.
- b. Second Offense - Bowler or coach immediately removed from settee area and forfeiture of their remaining frames to be bowled unless there is an authorized substitute. Bowler or coach should be suspended for event noted in and next event.
- c. Subsequent Offenses – Bowler or coach suspended until board review and decision.

Late to bowl/holding up a lane (per discretion of board members present at that week's tournament)

1. Bowlers

- a. Any Offense - Written team write up, skip that person's frame and receive a zero for that frame.

Unauthorized individual in settee area (refer to section L of Coaches Guidelines for authorized individuals)

1. Team

- a. First Offense - Written team write up on rules violation form, with the violating individual added to the form.
- b. Second Offense - Written team write up, \$5 fine per violation, individual not allowed to attend any more tournaments until individual, head coach, and the board meet to determine future attendance by that individual.