



Section V Athletics
Bowling
Handbook
2025-26

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Important Dates

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

- November 17, 2025– Winter Season Begins
- November 28, 2025 Deadline for new combined teams and de-mergers
- December 1, 2025 Classifications Finalized
- February 13, 2026– Bowling – Last Date for Regular Season Matches
- February 14, 2026– Bowling – Qualifying Teams and Invitees Notified by Sectional Coordinator

Sectional Dates

Class	Date & Time	Location
Girls Class C	Feb. 24; 9:00 AM	Roseland Bowl
Girls Class D	Feb. 24; 9:00 AM	Roseland Bowl
Girls Class A	Feb. 25; 9:00 AM	ABC Gates Bowl
Girls Class B	Feb. 25; 9:00 AM	ABC Gates Bowl
Boys Class C	Feb 26; 9:00 AM	Roseland Bowl
Boys Class D	Feb 26; 9:00 AM	Roseland Bowl
Boys Class A	Feb. 27; 9:00 AM	ABC Gates Bowl
Boys Class B	Feb. 27; 9:00 AM	ABC Gates Bowl
State Championships	March 13-15	AMF Syracuse Lanes

March 3 & 5, 2026– Bowling - Make up C & D Sectional Date (if necessary)

March 4 & 6 2026– Bowling - Make up A & B Sectional Date (if necessary)

Boys & Girls Classifications

[Boys Bowling](#)

[Girls Bowling](#)

Bowling Contact Information

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Publicity Standards

Schedules

The official website for Section V Athletics - www.sectionv.org - will always have the latest and most up to date schedules. Each athletic administration office will update their schedules within the rSchoolToday platform and that schedule automatically synchronizes to the Section V website. The home team school is typically responsible for any changes to their schedule. Please contact your athletic director's office with any questions about schedules.

Sectional dates will be input by the Section V Office once the top 8 schools are determined.

Rosters

All roster submissions can be handled within the rSchoolToday platform. Athletic directors and coaches will have access and can update their school rosters. If your team is a merger of another or many schools not within your own school district, then each school athletic director can update and input their student roster submission from their specific school to form a complete roster. All changes and updates should be taken up with your coach and/or athletic department. What is reflected on the Section V website is from the data they have inputted and can control.

Please note that vendor rSchoolToday Activity Scheduler follows Ed Law 2d and FERPA laws regarding student data. Only data that schools should be inputting online for rosters:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Grade Level

Anything additional would be specific for a sport or school decision on things like height or weight. Please consult with your athletic director and sport coordinator.

Results

All match results should be reported immediately to Mark Foeder (foeder@victorschools.org) and Brian Usselman (busselman@rhnet.org) following the match by the home team.

Social Media

Please follow the [Social Media Policy](#) and all of the official [Section V Social Media Accounts](#) that should be utilized to highlight things going on in your specific sport. Another resource is the [School-Run Social Media Accounts](#) directory, which is updated as schools provide details.

Section V Tournament Guidelines for Boys and Girls

Bowling Tournament

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

1. Individual Qualifications: A bowler must not bowl in a league where money is awarded (whether the bowler received it or not). A bowler may not bowl in an adult league. He/she may bowl in an "Adult-Junior" league where the prizes awarded are certificates, trophies, or plaques. He/she may bowl in a USBC youth sanctioned league. The state has placed a penalty of one-year suspension if rule 400 regarding amateur status is not followed. Each bowler must have COMPETED in a minimum of 6 contests. **Competed** is defined as completing at least one [1] delivery in a contest. **A contest is a single day event (ex. 3-game match against another school team), not 6 total games.**

2. TEAM QUALIFICATION: This is a closed championship event. The top 8 teams, calculated from regular season games, from each class (A, B, C, and D) will qualify to participate in the Section V Bowling Championship. Team average, calculated from the team's highest 5 qualifying bowlers, from regular season matches, will be used for selection. Those 8 teams will compete in a 6-game format.

Note: If a team has fewer than 6 qualifying bowlers, then their team average will be calculated from their qualifying bowlers.

Section V Championship Format

- Round 1: 3 games
- Round 2: 3 games
- Six bowlers from each team will compete across four lanes (ie 3v3). The lowest score will be dropped from each game.
- Team seeding for Round 2 will be determined by the team's total 3-game pinfall within their classification from Round 1.

A. Total pinfall from Round 1 and Round 2 determines the winner of each classification. All scores are scratch. In the case of a tie, at the conclusion of 6 games, the teams will bowl 1 Baker game until the tie is broken on a neutral pair of lanes. Each team will bowl the entire 5-person Baker game on the same lane. Every team must begin the tournament with 5 eligible bowlers.

B. Alternate lanes after each frame; begin the next game on the lane where the team finished their last game. After the break, teams will be assigned lanes according to their position after Round 1. (1 vs.2, 3vs.4, 5vs.6, and 7 vs.8).

C. Substitutes may be used to begin any frame, in any game, with the exceptions of

- the 10th frame; a substitute bowler may be used for the "fill ball".
- an injury to a bowler.

Bowlers who leave a game may not re-enter in the same game.

D. Coaches will email their roster to Mark Foeder (foederm@victorschools.org) and Brian Usselman (busselman@rhnet.org) by February 13, 2026

E.. On the day of the event, all coaches must sign in and receive lane assignments upon entering the bowling center. NO CHANGES TO BOWLER DATA WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF TOURNAMENT.

F. No team will be allowed to practice in the bowling center, before the tournament begins, on any of the lanes on the day of the tournament.

G. No team will be allowed to bowl if they do not have a coach or supervisor present.

H. The top 6 individual averages, from the schools that did not qualify for the Section V tournament, from each division, will be invited to compete for individual awards. These bowlers are referred to as "invitees".

3. NYS Individual Bowling Championship Qualification

From each division, six bowlers will qualify for the NYS Individual Bowling Championship. The six bowlers will comprise the following.

- The Section V Individual Division Champion
 - *If there is a tie for the individual division champion, then a 2-frame (9th and 10th) roll-off will be used to break the tie. The winner of the tie-breaker will be the individual division champion.
- The top 5 average bowlers from regular season games.
 - If the individual division champion is also among the top 5 averages, in their division, from regular season games, then the sixth highest average from regular season games will be a qualifier.
 - Tie-breakers:

A. If a tie exists for the 5th (or 6th) highest average for NYS Individual Bowling Championship consideration, then their 6-game score from the Section V Championship will be used to break that tie. (Note: Regular season averages will **not** be rounded.)

B. If tied after using part A, then the bowlers will complete a 2-frame (9th and 10th) roll-off to break the tie.

- Record at least 80% of the team's regular season games (Ex. 48 regular season team games requires 39 games bowled by an individual)

4. Section V School Team Representative: Section V will send four school teams to the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship. The school team with the highest 6-game total pinfall from the groups below will represent Section V in their respective NYSPHSAA Championship.

- Division 1 Girls (Classes A & B)
- Division 2 Girls (Classes C & D)

- Division 1 Boys (Classes A & B)
- Division 2 Boys (Classes C & D)
- Note: Division 1 student enrollment greater than or equal to 600, Division 2 student enrollment is less than 600 students

5. AWARDS: The following categories will receive awards from each classification:

Individual: 1st high single game will receive a blue patch, medal, T-Shirt, and Individual Sign

Individual: 1st high 6-game series will receive blue patch, medal, T-Shirt, and Individual Sign

In the case of a tie with an individual award, both bowlers will receive the award. An individual bowler may win more than one individual award.

Team: Each class winning team will receive the Section V "Brick" Trophy and Team Sign

Members of the winning team will receive a white patch, gold medal, and T-Shirt.

Members of the runner up team will receive a silver medal.

All-Tournament Team: The top 5 bowlers based on their 6-game scores from each classification will receive a plaque.

Note: Any additional awards, not provided at the sectional tournament, must be ordered by the school's Athletic Office. Link to order:

https://sectionv.org/sports/2022/9/12/extra_awards_request_form.aspx

6. Tournament Procedures:

- Only coaches and their bowlers will be allowed in the settee area or other areas designated for coaches and bowlers.
- There will be a designated area for spectators.
- Coaches must check-in and receive their score cards from the tournament office
- There will be a mandatory coach meeting 30 minutes before the beginning of the tournament.
- No one will be allowed to bring food into the bowling center.
- Each school team is responsible for providing security personnel on the day of the competition.

7. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Procedure: Section V is emphasizing the need for sportsmanlike conduct by all its athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators. Here are the steps for all involved:

- 1st occurrence: Coach to coach discussion: acknowledge the behavior and make the adjustments to it.
- 2nd occurrence: Coach to coordinator: coordinator will observe, address, and suspend the match until the behavior is corrected.
- 3rd occurrence: Coordinator will suspend the match indefinitely and possibly remove the individuals involved.

8. FORFEITURE/CANCELLATIONS

If the tournament is to be canceled, postponed, or rescheduled due to a weather issue or any reason, the sectional committee will notify each league representative the night before or within a 2-hour window prior to the start of the tournament.

It is the responsibility of each team to notify the sectional coordinators within a timely manner that they are canceling or not participating. The latest possible delayed start time is 10:00 am due to venue restrictions.

If any participating team/individual is not able to attend due to a school closure, the tournament for those classes impacted will be rescheduled to the designated reschedule date.

9. Wild Card

- In the year Section V is awarded the "wild card" school team, the second highest scoring school team from that division's sectional tournament will compete in the NYS Bowling Championships.