

FAST FACTS

Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau



High School Girls Bowling State Tournament Returns to Region for 19th Consecutive Year *Jefferson and Harlem Athletes to Compete*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 9, 2011

What: The Illinois High School Association will hold its 39th Annual Girls Bowling State Championships in the Rockford Region February 11-12. Twenty-four high school teams and 30 individual bowlers, who are not part of a qualifying team, will compete for the title of IHSA State Champs.

Local

Athletes: Local high school athletes competing in the tournament include teams from Jefferson and Harlem High Schools. Individual bowlers, who are not part of a qualifying team, include Marissa Talley from Auburn High School and Nicole Lape from Rockford Christian.

When: Friday, Feb. 11: Doors open to the general public at 8:45 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12: Doors open to the general public at 9:30 a.m.
See attachment for complete schedule.
Log on to www.ihsa.org to view a full list of qualifying teams.

Where: The Cherry Bowl, 7171 Cherryvale Blvd., Rockford, IL

Cost: \$10 per day for spectators

Why: This is the 19th consecutive year the Rockford Region has hosted the state tournament. This year's tournament is projected to draw approximately 1,300 competitors, coaches and spectators, bringing in nearly \$100,000 for area hotels, businesses and restaurants.

Contact: Carol Koszola, Media Advisor: 309.663.6377 prior to the event or 815.332.9595 (Cherry Bowl) during the event.

PLEASE NOTE: All media must check in with the IHSA tournament's media advisor in the media room upon arrival.

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IHSA Girls State Bowling Tournament Schedule

Friday, February 11, 2011

8:30 a.m.: Doors open for teams and individual competitors and their coaches

8:45 a.m.: Doors open to the general public

9 a.m.: Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only)

9:15 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies

9:30 a.m.: Warm up for Round 1

9:45 a.m.: First Round (24 teams and 30 individuals)

12:15-1:15 p.m. approx.: 60 minute lunch period

1:15-1:30 p.m.: Warm up for Round 2

1:30 p.m. (approx.): Second Round begins (24 teams and 30 individuals)

3:30 p.m.: Second Round completed

Saturday, February 13

9 a.m.: Doors open for second day qualifying teams, individuals and their coaches

9:30 a.m.: Doors open to the general public

9:35 a.m.: Introductions

9:45-10 a.m.: Warm up for Round 3

10 a.m.: Third Round (12 teams and 30 individuals)

12:45-1:45 p.m.: 60 minute lunch period

1:45-2 p.m.: Warm up for Round 4

2 p.m. (approx.): Fourth Round (12 teams and 30 individuals)

4 p.m. (approx.): Awards ceremony (immediately following round 4)

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