

Goffstown Co-ed Varsity/JV Bowler Ranking System

The Bowler Ranking System (BRS) will be used solely to determine the bowler's rank within the team and will be used to assign spots on the Varsity and JV squads. A bowler's rank will be based on the bowler's average, consisting of all "in competition" games and one game from each practice (as stipulated by the coach in advance). It's important to remember that this average is different than the NHIAA bowler average (used to determine a bowler's qualification in the individual championship tournaments), which is made up of only "in competition" games.

The top eight bowlers with the highest BRS will make up the Varsity Squad for the next immediate competition. The top five bowlers will be the starting five during seeding (when two individual games are bowled by each athlete). The remaining three will be used as varsity substitutes during the Baker competition.

The second group of eight bowlers according to BRS will make up the Junior Varsity Squad, the top five as starters with the remaining three as substitutes.

All Bowlers with a BRS not in the top 16 will continue to bowl as individuals at all events, or can make up a JV2 squad if enough bowlers are available... or may compete on an opposing teams JV+ squad to acquire baker experience.

The BRS will be updated "week to week", encouraging bowlers to improve their scores, as a way to move up in the standings and subsequently compete on higher level squads throughout the season.

If a bowler can not compete in an event, due to an illness or prior commitment, the next bowler with the highest BRS will move up to take the spot, as well as each successor down the line. For example: If Varsity bowler #7 is "out", bowler #8 will move up to #7, and JV bowler #1 will move up to Varsity #8... and so on and so on until all slots (in the top 16) have been filled.

BRS will not be applied during Senior Week, when all seniors will bowl together on the Varsity squad during the last home event of the season. However, BRS will be used to rank seniors within the squad and be applied to any non-senior bowler to fill any remaining slots.

The BRS only determines who will compete that week as Varsity or JV. It does not determine the order a bowler will bowl in Baker competition. The Baker order will be assigned by the Coach on Varsity, and the JV Captain on JV.

The Coach reserves the right to make any necessary changes/substitutions to the BRS standings.

“Challenges”

“Challenges” will occur periodically throughout the season, and will affect a limited number of bowlers on both Varsity and JV. Challenges will present JV bowlers who are bowling well with an opportunity to bowl at the Varsity level, pending the outcome of a head-to-head roll off against a Varsity player. If a JV bowler wins the game, they will be awarded the Varsity players spot, the varsity player will then move into the vacated spot of the JV challenger. If the Varsity bowler wins, there is no switch and the both bowlers will remain in their respective slots.

The top five starting Varsity players are “safe”, meaning they cannot be challenged.

Challenges: Challenges will be played during the in-practice BRS game and must be declared before the commencement of the game. Only the coach can choose when challenge weeks will happen, and the results are only applied to the next immediate event. Example: If a JV bowler challenges a Varsity player and wins, the JV bowler will only take the slot of the Varsity player for the upcoming event, and will return to their respective slot the following week based on their BRS average.

Challengers: any of the top three JV bowlers based on that week’s BRS.

Defenders: only the bottom three Varsity bowlers can be challenged, and must “defend” their slot against the challenger. The Defender can only be challenged once by any individual bowler, regardless of the outcome.

Order of Challenges: When a challenge week is announced, JV players may request to challenge one of the three bottom Varsity bowlers in the following order:
JV#1 chooses first (#6, #7 or #8 varsity).
JV#2 can choose any one of the two remaining bottom three.
JV#3 can challenge whichever varsity player is left.

Example: If JV#1 challenges Varsity #8... then JV#2 can challenge either #6 or #7... JV#3 can challenge whichever bowler JV#2 does not.

Any of the top three JV bowlers, if they don’t want to, can choose NOT to challenge a varsity player. Any of the bottom three Varsity players must accept all challenges, if issued. NO Challenges, no changes.

There will be **NO challenges prior to:** The Kick-off Classic, Senior Week and the NHIAA Team Championships. The Individual State Championships are a completely different competition, based off averages from “in competition” games; and are exempt from any and all challenges.

