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Members of Chase County's high school bowling teams will be headed to districts on Saturday, but the boys' and girls' teams will be headed to different Class C sites.

Chase County's girls' team will be competing in St. Paul, while the boys' team is headed to Norfolk.

Competition at both sites Saturday starts at 10 a.m. CT

Other girls' teams in the districts at St. Paul include North Bend and Wayne. At Norfolk, Chase County's boys will compete against North Bend, GI Central Catholic and Ogallala.

Teams will be vying for state qualification Feb. 8-9 in Lincoln.

The top two teams at each district site will qualify based on total pin count. The top 10 individual bowlers at each district, figured from the first three regular games bowled there, will also qualify.

No wild card teams will be considered for state qualification this year, Chase County Coach Denise Smith noted.

Four regular games and five "Baker's Format" games will be rolled at districts to determine winners.

Coach Smith said she doesn't totally understand how the district format and sites came together this year. Officials with the Nebraska High School Bowling Federation indicated it was based on regular season performances by individual teams.

Early this week, Smith and fellow coach Alex Marshall were still determining which Chase County bowlers will compete at districts. They can roster a total of seven on each team.

This is the sixth season for high school bowling here.