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**BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP
PARTICIPANT MANUAL**



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CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Pre-/Post-Championship Teleconference

A teleconference will be held prior to the championship on Thursday, March 3, 2016 to give an overview on championship procedures, rules, and policies. A teleconference will be held after the championship on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 to review the championship operations. The MEAC Office shall provide the head coaches with the call information and time at least one week prior to the calls. Head coaches attendance on the teleconferences are mandatory.

Coaches Meeting

A coaches' administrative meeting will be held the day prior to the championship (Thursday, March 24, 2016) to review championship procedures, rules and policies. Packet pick-up shall take place prior to the start of the meeting. The MEAC Office shall provide the head coaches with the meeting location and time by the pre-championship teleconference date. Head coaches attendance at the meeting is mandatory.

Student-Athletes Meeting

A meeting with the bowling student-athletes and a MEAC Office representative will be held the day prior the championship (Thursday, March 24, 2016) to gather feedback from the student-athletes regarding their championship experience. Each head coach shall select two student-athletes from their men's and women's teams to participate in the meeting. The MEAC Office shall provide the head coaches with the meeting location and time by the pre-championship teleconference date. Representation by each team participating in the championship is mandatory.

Event Entry Forms

Championship event entry forms (i.e., MEAC Championship Entry Form and MEAC Academic/Senior Recognition Form) must be submitted to the MEAC Office by the institution's Athletics Compliance Office not later than Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Entries received after the designated deadline must be approved by the championship games committee. A late fine will be assessed. Any exceptions to the roster policy will only be considered in extraordinary circumstances and should be addressed in writing to the Assistant Commissioner for Championships at the MEAC Office. Each institution should print a copy of its entry forms to take to the championship site.

Squad Size and Travel Party

The squad size shall be a maximum of ten participants and a minimum of five participants. The travel party shall be limited to a maximum of thirteen individuals (coaches, student-athletes, etc.).

Practice

The MEAC Office shall be responsible for assigning practice times to take place on the day prior to the start of the championship (Thursday, March 24, 2016). Practice times will be assigned in one hour increments based on the distance from the championship site. Institutions closest to the championship site will have the earliest practice times and institutions farthest from the championship site will have the latest practice times.

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Competition Format

The MEAC Bowling Championship will be an eight-team double-elimination tournament. The following format will be used during the Championship:

Day 1: Qualifying Round – Five regular team games.

- Upon completion of the qualifying rounds, teams will be seeded based on their won-lost records from qualifying rounds.

Day 2: Bracket Play – Two Four-Team Double Elimination Brackets:

- Bracket 1 (Baker Best of – NCAA Format 3): teams that qualify first, eight, fourth and fifth.
- Bracket 2 (Baker Best of – NCAA Format 3): teams that qualify second, seventh, third and sixth.

Day 3: Bracket Play

- Championship Match (NCAA – Format 3)

Lane Assignments

The MEAC Office shall notify teams of their first lane assignments during the coaches administrative meeting on the day prior to the championship (Thursday, March 24, 2016). From that point on, lane assignments will be done in a rotation and will continue to rotate throughout all blocks.

Tie-Breaking Method

The baker game roll-off method will be used to resolve a tied match (e.g., 8th game to break 3 ½ to 3 ½ match tie).

Protest

All protests must be made to the Games Committee within ten minutes of the completion of the match. There shall be a \$50 protest fee for each protest. The head coach submitting the protest regarding an alleged incident or problem must cite the NCAA rulebook.

Games Committee

The games committee shall consist of the Assistant Commissioner for Championships, Head Official, Co-Chairs of the Bowling Championships, and President of the Bowling Coaches Association. The decision of the Games Committee is final.

Awards

Regular season awards shall include the following: Northern and Southern Divisional Champions, All-Conference First Team, Coach of the Year, and Bowler of the Year.

Championship awards shall include the following: Champion, Runner-up, Outstanding Bowler, Outstanding Coach, and All-Tournament Team.

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Awards Ceremony

The regular season awards ceremony shall be conducted prior to the start of the opening round on Friday, March 25, 2016.

The championship awards ceremony shall be conducted immediately following the conclusion of the final championship match. Coaches, student-athletes and team personnel shall be in proper attire (e.g., official team uniform or warm-up suit) for the presentation of awards.

No additional awards, unless otherwise approved by the MEAC Office, may be presented to the student-athletes and coaches of the participating teams.

Evaluation Forms

Each head coach shall complete and return the championship evaluation form to the MEAC Office prior to the post-championship teleconference date (Wednesday, April 6, 2016). The evaluation form may be accessed on the MEAC website (MEACSports.com) and submitted electronically.

Pre-Match Protocol

The following protocol will be used for the national anthem and player introductions at all rounds of competition.

- Teams return to their settee area for announcements.
- Teams stand at their settee area for the national anthem.
- Teams will be announced.
- Competition begins immediately.

Videotaping

Participating institutions may film/videotape matches in which they participate. However, the films/videotapes are for the exclusive noncommercial use of the institution.

Banners and Artificial Noisemakers

No banners may be displayed at the championship other than the MEAC and approved corporate partner banners. Artificial noisemakers, air horns and electronic amplifiers are not permitted and shall be removed upon discover.

Equipment

All bowling balls used during the championship must comply with Rule 2.1 in the NCAA Women's Bowling Rules Book.

Each student-athlete is limited to using six bowling balls during the championship that are registered to each specific student-athlete. Any equipment that does not meet official specifications can be altered by the head equipment official prior to the start of the first block of competition. All equipment must be approved by the head official and checked into the paddock prior to competition.

Uniforms

[Reference: Rules 4-3.1, 4-3.3, 4-3.4, 4-3.5, and 8-8 in the Rules Book and Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

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Uniform and logo rules contained in Rules 4-3.1., 4-3.3, 4-3.4, and 4-3.5 shall apply, in addition to the following.

In all events and award ceremonies, competitors must wear the proper uniform (warm-ups included) of the institution they represent in the championships.

Uniforms for all cross country team members must meet the following criteria:

- All cross country team members must wear uniforms clearly indicating, through color, logo and combination of all worn outer garments, that members are from the same team;
- Visible undergarments on top (e.g., t-shirts) worn by team members must be of an identical solid color. Visible undergarments on the bottom (e.g., tights of any length) must be of an identical solid color.

Logos

An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution/conference.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, which includes pre-race or post-race activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all MEAC Championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the MEAC Office.

The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply during MEAC Championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) for practices and competition or who participate in news conferences.

Russell Athletic. All teams must wear Russell Athletic apparel at all times when representing their institution and/or the MEAC to include but not limited to regular season competition, the conference championship and post-season competition. Breach of Contract with Russell can result in the following fines.

- 1st Infraction - \$500
- 2nd Infraction - \$1,000
- 3rd Infraction - Institution may be removed from contract.

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Cups, Coolers, Water Bottles and Hydration Products

Participating teams shall place any premix fluid replacement in the MEAC-issued coolers and water bottles when applicable. No other cups, cans, coolers or water bottles may be used during championships in which such equipment is provided by the MEAC.

Competitors of MEAC Corporate Partner Coca-Cola may not provide product (beverages, water, isotonics) for any MEAC championship, even if the competition offers product for free or at a reduced cost.

Participating teams may use other items. These items, however, must not display any commercial marks (e.g., logos and graphics of commercial products such as Gatorade), or such marks must be covered completely (this requirement applies on the sidelines and in competition areas, media areas or any other back-of-house areas).

Medical Procedures

An athletic training area will be available for student-athletes during the championships. A certified athletic trainer will be on site during the championship. The nearest hospital is:

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center
736 N. Battlefield Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 312-8121

MEDIA RELATIONS

Media Credentials

Credential applications will be available online via the conference website at www.MEACsports.com. To receive additional information regarding the application process, contact Brian Howard, Assistant Director of Media Relations, at 757-951-2055 or brian.howard@themeac.com. Approved credential requests will be available for pick up each day one (1) hour prior to competition at the bowling alley.

Results

Results will be updated on the conference website, www.MEACsports.com, immediately following each day's competition. Results will also be e-mailed to all MEAC SIDs, head coaches and media outlets at the conclusion of each day.

Post-Championship Interviews

Post championship interviews will take place in a designated media area immediately following the championship photos and all-tournament team announcements.

Press Release

On the day of the championship, the awards will be publicly recognized, the MEAC Media Relations staff will send out a standard press release to the sports information directors of the conference. This release will also be provided to national and local media by the MEAC Media Relations.

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SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

Sportsmanship

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) proposes to promote mutual trust and friendly relations among its members by controlling athletic competition and keeping such competition within the bounds of sound educational activity; by promoting clean sportsmanship; and by developing public appreciation for the educational values that accrue from participation in intercollegiate athletics.

The officers and administrators of the MEAC place a high premium on professionalism, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct. As such, there are significant penalties for any breach of conduct during the course of regular season competition and to an even greater extent during the conduct of MEAC Championships.

For the purposes of general definition, misconduct in a MEAC Championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law on the part of any recognized University representative, occurring incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.

Misconduct Incident to Competition

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition, and conduct the hearing after this action. Other acts of misconduct may be dealt with at the sports committee's convenience.

Penalty for Misconduct

The sports committee (or games committee authorized to act for it) may at its sole discretion impose any one (1) or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of any institution, guilty of misconduct occurring incident to, in route to, from, or at the locale of the competition or practice.

- 1) Public or private reprimand to the individual;
- 2) Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the Conference Championship (s) involved;
- 3) Banishment of the individual from participating in one (1) or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- 4) Withholding all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution;

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- 5) Banishment of the institution from participation in one (1) or more subsequent championships in which its team in the sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- 6) Financial Penalties shall be as follows:
 - i) First Offense - \$500 institutional fine and letter of reprimand
 - ii) Second Offense - \$1,000 institutional fine
 - iii) Third Offense - \$2,000 institutional fine and one (1) game suspension for the offending coach, institutional staff member and/or student-athletes.

Ban from Subsequent Championship

When a student-athlete or institutional representative is banned from participation in a subsequent championship, such penalty shall be applied to the next Conference Championship events in which the individual's team is involved and the individual otherwise is eligible to participate. In the case of an individual event, the penalty shall be applied to the next Conference Championship event(s), meet(s), or tournament(s) for which the individual qualifies and otherwise is eligible to participate.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 24

8:30AM – 4:30PM	Teams Practice (AMF Chesapeake Lanes)
5:00PM – 6:00PM	Coaches Meeting – Mandatory Attendance (AMF Chesapeake Lanes)

Friday, March 25

8:00AM – 8:30AM	Check-In/Registration
8:30AM – 8:45AM	Opening Ceremony
8:45AM – 9:15AM	Open Practice
9:15AM – 4:00PM	5 Traditional Team Games

Saturday, March 26

8:30AM – 9:00AM	Open Practice
9:00 AM	Matches 1-4
10:40 AM	Matches 5-8
12:20 PM	Matches 9-10
2:00 PM	Matches 11-12
3:40 PM	Matches 13 & 14 (if necessary)

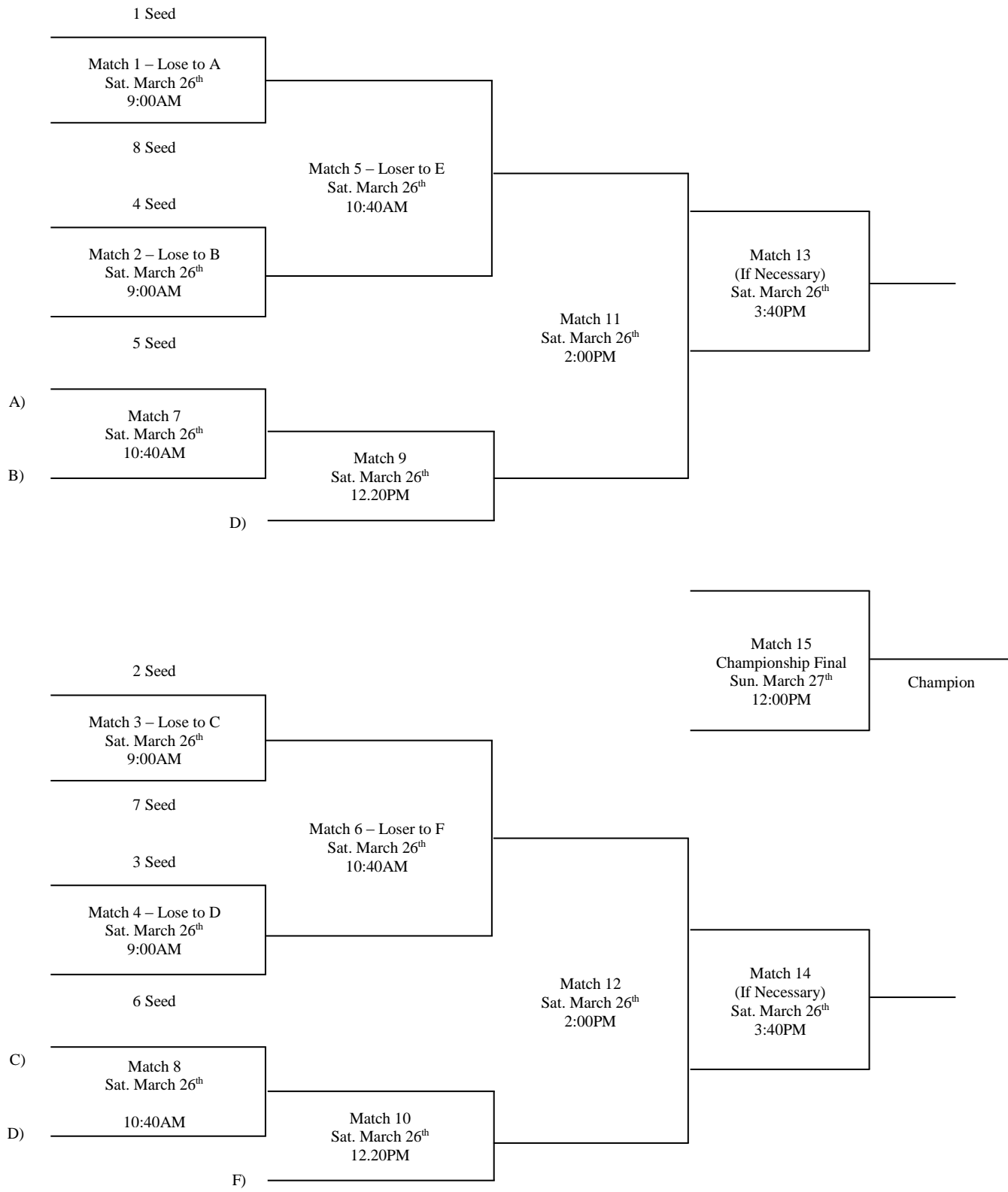
Sunday, March 27

10:30AM – 12:00PM	Open Practice
12:00PM	Match 15 (Championship Final)

The awards ceremony will immediately follow the championship round.

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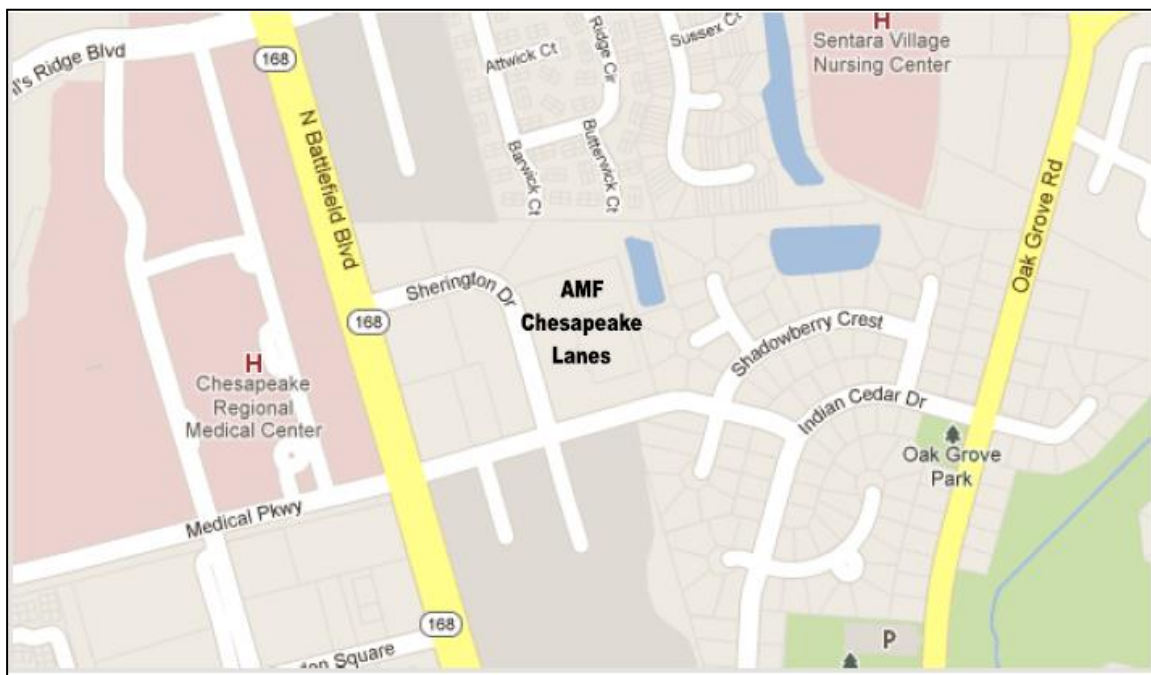
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET



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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

AMF Chesapeake Lanes
112 E Medical Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23320



From Washington, DC and points North:

Take I-395 S toward Richmond; Take exit 84A/I-295 S/Rock Mount NC/Richmond Int'l Airport to the left; Take exit #28A/I-64 E/Norfolk/VA Beach onto I-64 E; Take exit #290 A-B/VA 168/Battlefield Blvd onto Battlefield Blvd N toward VA-168-Business S/Great Bridge; Turn left onto Medical Pkwy E.

From North Carolina:

Take I-85 N toward Raleigh; Take exit 12A/US-58 E/Emporia/Norfolk; Take ramp onto Hampton Roads Belt (I-664 S) toward I-264 E/Portsmouth/I-64/Norfolk/US-13 N/VA Beach; Take exit #15B/I-64 S/Chesapeake/VA Beach onto Hampton Roads Belt (I-64 W); Take exit #290 A-B/VA 168/Battlefield Blvd onto Battlefield Blvd N toward VA-168-Business S/Great Bridge; Turn left onto Medical Pkwy E.

From South Carolina:

Take I-95 toward North Carolina; Continue toward Virginia; Take exit #11A/US-58/Emporia/Norfolk onto US-58 E toward Norfolk/VA Beach; Take ramp onto Hampton Roads Belt (I-664 S) toward I-264 E/Portsmouth/I-64/Norfolk/US-13/VA Beach; Take exit #15B/I-64 S/Chesapeake/VA Beach onto Hampton Roads Belt (I-64 W); Take exit #290 A-B/VA 168/Battlefield Blvd onto Battlefield Blvd N toward VA-168-Business S/Great Bridge; Turn left onto Medical Pkwy

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RESTAURANTS

Greenbrier Mall Food Court
1401 Greenbrier Pkwy S.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 424-7100

Friendly's
1625 Mall Ring Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 424-0216

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
1440 Greenbrier Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 366-0525

Panera Bread
1412 Greenbrier Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 424-2600

Ruby Tuesday of Greenbrier
1412 Greenbrier Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 366-0739

Buffalo Wild Wings
1308 Greenbrier Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 410-3975

Firehouse Subs
1412 Greenbrier Pkwy #145
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 222-9466

Subway
801 Volvo Pkwy #135
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 436-6736

Taco Bell
1401 Greenbrier Pkwy
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 420-7323

Lone Star Steakhouse
1570 Crossways Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 424-7100

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers
1024 Eden Way N.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 424-7288

Smokey Bones Fire Grill
1405 Greenbrier Pkwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 361-6843

Pop's Dinner Co.
1432 Greenbrier Pkwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23320
(757) 502-8220

Domino's Pizza
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Chipotle Mexican Grill
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