



2023 BOWLING ADVISORY MEETING  
Thursday, May 4, 2023  
10:00 am In-person

**The following members were present for the meeting:**

Charlie Shempf (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Al Nordman (Oregon/Tournament Manager), Andy Dole (Homer Glen), Doug Wagoner (Hoopeston Area), Emilie Young (Lincoln Chester-East Lincoln), Jim McCabe (Utica Waltham), Kelly Nimtz (Loves Park/Machesney Park), Ryan Kabara (Troy). Not present: Maurice Thomas.

**The IESA Bowling Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June 8, 2023 meeting:**

**Recommendation #1**

**Proposed:** Remove wording from terms and conditions. Remove following language “The sectional host shall conduct a coaches' meeting before the awards ceremony begins - the host shall share the complete team and individual results with all coaches so that there is consensus on the advancers from each site”

**Current:** The sectional host shall conduct a coaches' meeting before the awards ceremony begins - the host shall share the complete team and individual results with all coaches so that there is consensus on the advancers from each site.

**Rationale:** Most sectionals run their tournament in two shifts. One shift in the morning and one shift in the afternoon. Coaches do not need to stay for the entire day to review results. Final results/advancers will be posted on the IESA website.

**T & C:** Section VIII, A

**Admin Vote:** 4-0 in favor

**Board Action:** **Approved**

**Recommendation #2**

**Proposed:** Adjust the day two schedule of the state tournament. Change the lunch break to 30 minutes. Round three warm-up will begin **30** minutes after completion of Round 2.

**Current:** Round three warm-up will begin 45 minutes after completion of Round 2.

**Rationale:** The 30-minute break will not start until the final bowler of round two is finished. Because of bowlers finishing at different times, they will have more than enough time to eat lunch and take a break. This will help keeping the tournament on time and prevent extra downtime on Saturday.

**T & C:** Section IV, G

**Admin Vote:** 4-0 in favor

**Board Action:** **Approved**

### **Recommendation #3**

**Proposed:** Rotate every other year which gender bowls the 1<sup>st</sup> shift day one of the tournament. Starting in 2024, boys will bowl first.

**Current:** Girls will bowl in the morning shift at the Friday state finals

**Rationale:** Many schools travel as a group, especially those further distances away. Both the boys and girls are present all day, causing the boys to sit around until the afternoon session. If a specific individual qualifies multiple years, the bowler would have to travel extremely early to sit and watch for 5-6 hours each year. This would also ease the burden of parents who must get up extremely early to see the girls session every year

**T & C:** Section IV, G

**Admin Vote:** 4-0 Opposed

**Board Action:** **No action**

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Season schedule (calendar)
- Four games at sectionals
- Adjusting roster deadline date/time
- Wristbands at state tournament
- Number of coaches on roster
- Use of glitter and smart watches
- Bowling ball specifications
- State venue seating and storage areas
- Thursday check in
- Remove all references on scoresheet and data entry system as to which bowler is entering a game as a substitute, as the score goes to the bowler who starts the game.
- Speeding up the score input / result posting process
- Comprehensive system testing prior to the event

### **Points of Emphasis:**

- Having correct number of coaches in pit area
- Stop bowling immediately if scoring issue arises

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date:** TBD

### **Bowling Administrator Responsibilities**

- Adjust Saturday assignments/block explanations The lanes assignments for day two will be modified to integrate individual bowlers with team bowlers in all 3 lane blocks.
- Remind coaches at the coaches meeting to stop bowling if there is any issue
- Remind coaches/admin to submit coaches before roster deadline closes