

BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes & Recommendations

April 28, 2015

10:00am, IESA Office, Bloomington IL

The following were present for the meeting: Al Nordman, Mt. Morris Rahn; Bob Stubler, Oglesby Holy Family; Greg Paul, Channahon Lanes; Tom Doud, Minooka JHS; Ron Ramza, Streator Northlawn; Jeff Bailey, Town and Country Lanes; Kirk Martin, Cahokia Wirth; John Kreeger, Freeport.

The IESA Bowling Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June, 2015 meeting:

To adopt the following changes to the tournament schedule:

1. Friday time schedule adjustment. APPROVED

Friday Schedule - First Round (Prelims)	
Coaches and Bowlers Report	7:45 a.m.
General Admission	8:00 a.m.
AM Shift Coaches Meeting	8:30 a.m.
AM Shift Opening Ceremony	8:50 a.m.
AM Shift Warm-Up	9:00 a.m.
AM Shift Prelims - 4 Games	9:15 a.m.
PM Shift Coaches Meeting	12:45 a.m.- for those who did not attend a.m. meeting
PM Shift Opening Ceremony	1:15 p.m.
PM Shift Warm-Up	1:25 p.m.
Pm Shift Prelims - 4 Games	1:40 p.m.

RATIONALE: The recommended change will better reflect the start time. Need to accommodate the oiling of the lanes.

To adopt the following changes to the Terms and Conditions:

- Field limit:** There will be a limit to the number of total bowlers that may enter the state tournament based on the size of the bowling center being used for the state tournament. The full field for the state tournament will be 320 bowlers. There will be an AM shift of 160 bowlers and a PM shift of 160 bowlers. Initial entries will be allotted to the first 160 boys to submit their entry and fees and the first 160 girls to submit their entry and fees. Any shift that has not filled its field will be opened to those entries on the waiting list. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: This change will allow additional spots to be made available if the maximum field of 320 has not been met. Spots will only be made available after the final entry deadline has passed.

- Deadlines: APPROVED**
Initial Entry Deadline: Wednesday Week 37.
Final Entry Deadline: Wednesday Week 38
Roster Deadline: Wednesday Week 39

RATIONALE: The change to the deadlines will give coaches a little more time to determine their number of entries and their bowlers.

- 3. Qualifiers:** The state tournament will be three rounds. The preliminary round will consist of four games. The finals will be comprised of two rounds and will be made up of three games each. All bowlers will bowl in the Friday preliminary round. The qualifying field for the Finals will be comprised of the tournament's top ten teams (maximum of four bowlers per team) and the top 32 individual bowlers not associated with a team entering Saturday. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: Qualifying 10 teams will make the rotation schedule less confusing and allow for a more traditional shift.

- 4. Alternates:** A school may enter up to four bowlers and one alternate to represent them as a team in each division, with the accumulative pinfall count of each individual bowler from both Friday and Saturday determining team placement. A school may substitute a roster position within a game provided the frame is complete. Once a school has replaced a roster position, no further substitutions may be made until the start of the next game. A replaced bowler may enter a subsequent game on the same day. The replaced bowler and the substitute are no longer eligible for individual awards. All bowlers- roster and alternate- will be allowed to participate in the warm-up prior to the start of competition each day. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: The change to the substitution rule will provide coaches with greater flexibility in using their personnel.

- 5. Bowling Practice and Warm-Ups:** None of the bowling lanes within the state final bowling center shall be used for practice on any day of the state tournament. A scheduled ten minute warm-up before each round will be allowed for practice balls during the tournament with five minutes on each lane. The penalty for bowling prior to the state tournament warm-up time is disqualification from the tournament. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: The reduced warm-up time better suits the number of competitors on each lane.

- 6. Lane Assignments and Conditions:** At the state tournament, lanes will be oiled before round one (1) or the AM shift and before round one (1) of the PM shift on Friday and round two (2) on Saturday. In round three (3) on Saturday lanes will not be oiled. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: Reworded to give more flexibility based on entries.

- 7. Lane Assignments- removed** **APPROVED**
- 8. Preliminary Round Lane Rotation:** All bowlers will be assigned to blocks of lanes and will rotate within the block. NOTE: Lane rotations subject to change each year based on participation. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: Reworded to give more flexibility to block and lane assignments.

- 9. Final Round Blocks:** Of the top 32 individuals not associated with a team that advance to Saturday, the bowlers with the top four (4) scores from Round 1 will be placed on a lane together. Then, every four (4) bowlers will be grouped together on a lane according to scoring from Round 1 until the field for the finals is completed. The top 40 individuals associated with an advancing team will remain together as a team throughout the duration of the tournament. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: Rewording to reflect additional teams taken to the finals.

- 10. Attire:** Team competitors shall appear in appropriate matching tops and bottoms for their schools bowling uniform. All players, team and individual, and coaches shall conform to the dress code and provisions. **APPROVED (A, B, and C)**
 - a. Acceptable Apparel:** slacks, shorts, turtlenecks, sports shirts with collars, T-shirts with a commercially lettered school name and logo, nice jeans and/or skirts are acceptable apparel.

- b. **Unacceptable Apparel (includes but is not limited to):** tank tops, cut-offs, T-shirts that advertise alcohol, drugs or explicit material, jeans with holes or patches, hats or headgear, boxer-type shorts, spandex and/or yoga pants.
- c. Bowlers not in compliance with the dress code will not be eligible for competition.

RATIONALE: The Committee reworded the rule to encourage individuals to dress in a school uniform that is in compliance with the requirements.

11. Tiebreakers APPROVED

- a. In the case of a tie for any place on that does not involve a qualifying position or 1st place, it will not be broken.

RATIONALE: The recommendation would allow for ties to occur outside of a qualifying position or for 1st place. All those involved in a tie going in to the awards presentation would receive an award.

Committee Discussion

- Increasing the number of games- Discussion w/ no recommendation
- Increasing the number of bowlers on a lane- Discussion with no recommendation
- Including a baker event- Discussion w/ no recommendation
- Increase the roster size- Discussion with no recommendation
- Discussion regarding the format for including sectional play
- Block rotations- Recommendations made pending Board approval of recommendations
- Food service- Recommendations made to host site
- Bag storage- Recommendation for instructions for participating schools

Points of Emphasis

1. Spectator viewing.
2. Substitution rule.
3. Signing the recap sheet.
4. Teams should not change lanes until everyone in the block has concluded play.
5. Sportsmanship.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday of Week 42 -

FOR IESA Administrator:

Activity Update

- **Alternate information**
- **Bag Storage**
- **Time schedule- morning and afternoon shift**
- **Dress Code.**
- **Leave etiquette.**

Rules on alternates:

- **Schools may make a substitution by replacing a roster position with their alternate.**
- **A substitution may be made in the middle of a game provided the frame is complete.**
- **All 5 students may participate in the warm-up.**
- **Once a bowler has been replaced, that individual and the substitute is no longer eligible for individual awards. This does not affect team standings.**
- **The form must be submitted with the recap sheet. Review the substitution form. The coach should note on the recap sheet the round/game/frame of when the substitution was made.**
- **If there is a substitute made during a game, the bowler who began the game will be credited with the score.**

Coaches Meeting

- **Alternate rules- change form, etc.**
- **Only need to attend one coach meeting**
- **Need to initial the recap sheet after each game**
- **Make sure that coaches are reminding their bowlers not to change lanes until everyone in the block has concluded play.**
- **Announce that we will start round 3 regardless of food service**

Technology

- **Open substitute**
- **Must be able to enter scores in for any bowler on the roster/alternate for any given game. All score related to a team must be counted toward the team score.**
- **Post the round 1, round 2, and round 3 lane assignments on the public site. We will probably have to enter these onsite.**