



**2018 BOWLING ADVISORY MEETING
Minutes and Recommendations - April 23, 2018**

The following members were present for this meeting:

Leslie Alappattu - IESA Bowling Administrator
Jeff Bailey - State Finals Host, Town and Country Lanes
Andy Dole - Coach, Homer Glen Homer
Jim McCabe - Coach, Utica Waltham North
Kelly Nimtz - Coach, Loves Park Harlem
Al Nordman - Sectional Host, State Finals Tournament Manager and Coach, Mt. Morris Rahn
Bob Stubler - State Finals Tournament Manager, LaSalle-Peru

Not present:

Julie Brandolino - Coach, Shorewood Troy
Kirk Martin - Coach, Cahokia Wirth

The IESA Bowling Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June 15, 2018, meeting:

RECOMMENDATION 1

Current None
Proposed Girls will bowl in the morning shift at the Friday state finals.
Rationale Provides clarity about the schedule; when we only had the state finals, the gender that bowled in the morning varied from year to year based on the total number of bowlers for each gender/division.
BO T&C Add to IV.G
IESA By-Law None
Board Action **Approved**

RECOMMENDATION 2

Current Wristbands and pit passes are distributed to the coaches listed on the school's online roster; this worked when we only had state finals but we didn't take this into consideration when adding sectionals that a coach listed only for a given division may not have any advancers.
Proposed Wristbands and pit passes will only be issued to coaches and bowlers for the division(s) in which a given school has advancers from the sectionals to the state finals. If a coach is not listed as the head coach or assistant coach of a division advancing to the state finals, he/she will not be issued a pit pass. Individuals in the pit area without a coach pit pass and coach wristband are subject to removal from the competition facility as they are not permitted in the competition area without the proper credentials.
Rationale Limiting wristbands to those coaches who have student bowling eliminates extra congestion in the pit area; schools are given multiple reminders to review their online roster in advance of the deadline.
BO T&C VI.C
IESA By-Law None
Board Action **Approved**

RECOMMENDATION 3

Current	None
Proposed	If a sectional site needs to bowl in two shifts, a minimum of 8 lanes will be used in the first shift.
Rationale	When only one school is assigned to a shift because the number of bowlers/lanes available allows everyone else to bowl together in the second shift, the school bowling solo is bowling on fresh lanes and with no other teams that may serve as a distraction; this may be interpreted as an advantage for that one team. Also, bowling without any other schools can also be a disadvantage because the environment is not the same for the bowlers.
BO T&C	IV.F
IESA By-Law	None
Board Action	Approved

RECOMMENDATION 4

Current	None
Proposed	Bowlers are not permitted to leave the pit area to receive coaching instruction from spectators. Also, there can be NO communication between the bowlers and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 10 frames each game. If a bowler is found in violation, the penalty is a 50-pin deduction for the first offense. For the second offense, the bowler will be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.
Rationale	Each school has designated their certified coach(es); bowlers are expected to defer to the certified coach(es) for instruction during the contest and remain in the competition area.
BO T&C	Add as VI.H.5
IESA By-Law	None
Board Action	Denied

The Board of Directors approved the following administrative recommendation:

Bowlers are not permitted to leave the pit area to receive coaching instruction from spectators. If a bowler needs to leave the pit area for a personal reason (use the restroom, exchange equipment), there can be no communication between the bowlers and spectators that could be deemed coaching advice of any nature for the duration of the 10 frames each game. If a bowler is found in violation by a tournament manager, the penalties are as follows:

1st offense - verbal warning

2nd offense - 50-pin deduction for the individual in the game in which the violation occurred

3rd offense - disqualification from the remainder of the tournament

RECOMMENDATION 5

Current	None
Proposed	The tournament managers will certify the IESA Bowling Sectionals and State Finals competitions through the USBC.
Rationale	Allows youth bowlers to be recognized in the USBC Hall of Fame for Bowling if they achieve any national honor scores (i.e. 300 score for a game); for the United States Olympics Committee, the USBC is the national governing body for bowling, there is not a cost to do this.
BO T&C	Add to VI.H
IESA By-Law	None
Board Action	Denied

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Lane etiquette for bowlers and coaches - https://www.bowl.com/Welcome/Welcome_Home/Bowling_Etiquette/
2. Equipment storage at the state finals

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Add Saturday coaches' meeting to schedule - will address Saturday lane rotations and lunch orders in Friday's coaches' meeting.
2. Assignment of schools to sectionals - the current process is outlined in IV.F.1 of the IESA Bowling Terms & Conditions; the process will remain the same until multiple years' worth of sectional data can be collected to determine how to address not having the minimum number of advancing teams assigned to a sectional based on the number of sectional sites and the number of schools assigned to each sectional.
3. Equipment storage - when a division is competing on Friday, items can be stored in the locker room area. When not competing, equipment can be stored in the school check-in area AFTER the morning coaches' meeting near the participant entrance. On Saturday, everyone will store excess equipment in the locker room and the school check-in area can be used as an overflow area. Neither location will be secured unless equipment is locked in a locker.
4. Lane etiquette and expectations - added as a point of emphasis for 2019 and to coaches' meeting agenda
5. Coaches sitting at tables in the pit area - committee feels that tables are for bowlers and coaches.
6. Saturday lunch pre-order options - IESA administrator will work with state finals host to expedite this process with simplified menu options.
7. Awards format - discussed suggestion to announce the top 10 teams in each division on Saturday; format will remain the same.
8. Sectional host schools - the current format and preparation without designating a host school worked fine, hosts can reach out to a school if they need assistance.

RECOGNITION

The IESA would like to thank Kirk Martin, coach at Cahokia Wirth, for his continued years of service to the IESA Bowling advisory committee.

NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday - April 29, 2019

IESA BOWLING ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Update schedule in Terms and Conditions with Saturday check-in time - IV.G
2. Work with state finals host re: Saturday lunch pre-order options - simplify to be more efficient
3. Create large signs for Friday and Saturday lane rotations
4. Friday afternoon coaches meeting - move to tournament headquarters
5. Jeff Bailey - color coordinate the screens at the lanes to reflect the lane blocks/rotation for the following game at the state finals
6. Create announcement for spectator coaching to include at beginning of each round
7. Additional sectional host possibilities to look into if needed - Don Carter in Rockford (42 lanes), Stardust in Addison (84), Strike and Spare in Lockport (34)
8. Add a spot for including the total score for the team/individuals(s) on the scoresheet and an extra page to the scoresheets so coach can keep one copy (future years, currently have scoresheets printed for 2019)