

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 25, 2015**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Bowling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Gary Ade, Athletic Director, Pana (H.S.); Joseph Hohrein, Jr, Boys and Girls Coach from Chicago (DePaul College Prep); Patty Lange, Girls Coach from Marengo; Derek Kinder, Principal from Romeoville; D'Wayne Bates, Athletic Director from LaSalle (L.-Peru); Jill Heick, Girls Coach from Decatur (MacArthur), and Sean Hay, Boys and Girls Coach from Collinsville. Also present at the meeting were Boys' Tournament Managers: Todd Moeller, Athletic Director from O'Fallon (H.S.) and Mike Imes, Boys Head Coach at O'Fallon (H.S.) and Girls' Tournament Managers: John Anderson from The Cherry Bowl. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert was also in attendance.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. Revise: VI. Tournament Schedule and Time Schedules-**

**Recommendation:** 8:15am- Doors open for teams and individual competitors and their coaches.

**Rationale:** This will give the bowlers additional time to get their equipment out of the storage room before the general crowds are allowed in.

Approved

**2. New: VIII. Tournament Rules E. The Game 3. Individual honors**

**Recommendation:** Individual bowlers will advance based on their total pin fall in complete game scores. Bowlers with the highest pin fall will earn individual honors and advance.

**Rationale:** This recommendation will clarify how individuals will advance even if they did not compete in all 6 games. Only complete game scores will count. \*\*If approved section E will be renumbered

Approved

**3. Remove: VIII. Tournament Rules E. The Game 2. Substitutions**

**Recommendation:** Remove the last sentence: "Individuals who have been substituted for are no longer eligible for individual honors in the regional, sectional, or state final competitions

**Rationale:** Necessary to remove this sentence if recommendation #2 is approved or the two statements will contradict each other.

Approved

**4. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules F. Lane Assignments and Conditions 3)**

**Recommendation:** If it is recommended that managers use a block system at sectionals, then odd lanes move a block left at the break and even lanes rotate a block right at the break.

**Rationale:** This recommendation will be implemented whenever it can be, but it is not required of host schools. If schools are able to implement the block system, it will help with rotation and crowd control as well as the pace of the tournament since kids will be rotating within their own block instead of throughout the house.

Approved

## 5. Revise: VIII. Tournament Rules B. Player Equipment and Uniform 4) Ball Certification

**Recommendation:** Bowling ball certification should be done prior to the state series competition. All bowling balls must meet USBC specifications. Any bowling ball that does not meet the specifications will be removed from the regional, sectional or state final competition until the ball meets the legal specifications. If it is shown that the bowler had prior knowledge of violating the specifications, the bowler shall be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Rationale:** Removes the need for the bowling certification form but still requires that all bowling balls used meet the USBC specifications.

Approved

## 6. Add: VIII. Tournament Rules C. The Competition Area 3) Bowling Balls

**Recommendation:** All bowling balls should be secured on ball holders (cups, wooden boards, foam rings, PVC rings, etc), and located on the floor.

**Rationale:** This recommendation is a safety issue. With balls stacked everywhere, and sitting just on thumb holes, with just a slight bump, 15 lb. bowling balls can come tumbling down and severely injure someone. Ball cups are inexpensive to buy and cheaper to make. There is no excuse not to have them and use them.

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### Administrative Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation:** Add a note in the Managers' Manual about combining individuals on lanes when necessary to get a full lane of bowlers. This should only happen at regionals when a team doesn't show up or individuals don't show up.

**Rationale:** Some managers didn't feel they had the authority to adjust lane assignments on the day of the event resulting in individuals bowling by themselves while another lane of individuals had only 3 bowlers. This would give managers the greenlight to make adjustments and put all 4 bowlers together giving all participants a better experience.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** Add a note to the Managers' Manual stating that spacer lanes are recommended if available but not required to be used.

**Rationale:** Some managers didn't feel they had the authority to use spacer lanes when they were available. This would give managers the greenlight to make adjustments and use spacer lanes when they have the opportunity giving bowlers, coaches, and fans a better experience.

Approved

### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the 2014 Minutes.
2. The committee discussed the boys and girls state finals.
  - a. They talked about rotating boys and girls state tournament sites.
  - b. They talked about opening the bidding for the state finals to see if any other sites were interested.
  - c. They talked about how host sites are determined and how schools are assigned to sites.
3. The committee discussed putting hosting information in the rules video. No further action was taken.
4. The committee discussed using pacers to help with individual lanes at the regionals. No action was taken.
5. The committee discussed the home team advantage in hosting. No action was taken.
6. The committee discussed allowing 3 coaches in the pit with a limit of up to 10 people. No action was taken.

7. The committee discussed having individuals bowling in their own blocks at the state series. No action was taken.
8. The committee discussed expanding the LOP's to 10. No action was taken.
9. The committee discussed advancing individual alternates through the state series. No action was taken.
10. The committee discussed putting a slide in the rules video referencing for all rules not covered here please visit [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com). Stacey will work to get on the USBC email list of rules changes and upcoming changes and post this information on the boys and girls bowling pages. No action was taken.
11. The committee discussed oil patterns through the entire state series. No further action was taken.
12. The committee discussed legal vs. illegal bowling balls with 2 handed bowlers and the idea of altering bowling balls. No further action was taken.
13. The committee discussed Stacey emailing the committee after the recommendations pass the board of directors.
14. The committee discussed asking the coaches opinion on adding alternatives to the state series in situations of injury or disqualification. Stacey will send out a survey to all participating schools.
15. The committee discussed limiting the number of bowling balls in the settee area. No further action was taken.
16. The committee discussed the start lane and how this affects your rotation with A,B,C or 1,2,3. The committee discussed how you just follow the arrows. No further action was taken.
17. The committee discussed the alcohol advertisements in bowling centers. No action was taken.
18. The committee discussed the possibility of the IHSA TV Network streaming the state finals.
19. The committee thanked Gary Ade and Sean Hay for their years of service.