



2007-08 Girls and Boys Bowling Series Terms and Conditions



In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2007-2008 IHSA Boys and Girls Bowling State Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Boys and Girls Bowling Tournament Series will be held for all member schools without classification.

II. DATES AND SITES

A. Boys Sectionals: Boy's sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008, at twelve (12) sites.

B. Girls Sectionals: Girl's sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday February 2, 2008, at twelve (12) sites.

C. Sectional sites and school assignments will be announced at www.ihsa.org through each respective bowling web site.

D. Boys State Final: The Boy's State Final tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 25-26, 2008, at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon. O'Fallon High School will serve as the host school.

E. Girls State Final: The Girls State Final tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 8-9, 2008, in Rockford at Cherry Bowl Lanes. Plainfield South High School will serve as the host school.

III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2007-2008 Entry Policies and Procedures.

A. On-line Entries: All member schools must enter their school team into the state series competition through the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA Website at www.ihsa.org. The deadline for entry is November 1, 2007. All member schools should have received, in the mail in April of 2007, a 2007-08 Entry Policies and Procedures that outlines the on-line entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments.

The IHSA Board of Directors eliminated the entry fees for all sports and activities starting with the 2005-2006 school term.

B. Late Entries: Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrator officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

C. Breach of Contract By-Law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure): To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the *List of Participants* is due for the sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date/*List of Participants* due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

D. Eligibility: All member schools in good standing may enter one team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054.

E. Affirmative Action: Only girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy. Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

F. List of Participants: Each school must complete the *List of Participants* through their school center by the deadline date. If a school does not submit the *List of Participants* by the deadline, coaches and/or participants from the school are subject to sanctions which could include, but not be limited to, being ruled ineligible to coach or compete in the State Series. The Boys Bowling *List of Participants* is due online by January 15, 2008. The Girls Bowling *List of Participants* is due online by January 29, 2008. Managers will receive the LOPs via their school center after the LOPs are due.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Host School and Tournament Expenses: The host shall receive a guarantee of \$250.00 and must submit scores via the internet. Host shall retain 20% of the net income and submit the remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. Neither the IHSA nor the sectional tournament management will assume responsibility for any additional expenses.

B. Admission: Admission to the sectional tournament will be \$5.00. Daily admission to the State Finals will be \$10.00. Baby in arms is free for the sectional and state final tournaments.

C. Sectional and State Final Lane Fees: Schools participating in the sectional competition will be responsible to pay any lane fees or fees for rental of shoes which might be assessed by the host bowling establishments. Schools participating in the State Finals will not be responsible for lane fees. They will be paid by the IHSA. Shoe rental or lane fees for practice on Thursday will be the responsibility of the participating school.

D. Rights Fees for TV and Radio: See the IHSA web site (www.ihsa.org) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA for television and cable broadcasts and radio originations.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

A. Team Roster and Substitutions: Each school may enter the names of their 8 eligible bowlers participating at the sectional or the state finals. Substitutions are allowed to the team roster prior to the start of the sectional tournament or at the start of the state finals. The sectional manager should be notified of any substitutions to the sectional roster. The IHSA should be notified of any changes to the state final roster from the winner report, immediately after the sectional.

B. Sectional Tournament Structure:
1) Assignment of schools to the sectional tournaments will be made primarily on the basis of the distances the competing teams must travel to host sites.
2) Each school entering a team shall be assigned to one of twelve (12) sectional tournaments.

3) The sectional manager shall determine starting times for the sectional tournament.

4) Sectional tournaments will consist of two (2) rounds of competition. All teams entered in the sectionals will bowl both rounds. A round shall consist of a three (3) game series.

5) All bowling balls used in the series must adhere to Interscholastic High School Bowling Rules.

C. State Final Tournament Structure:

1) The state final tournament will consist of four (4) rounds of competition. A round shall be a three game series.

2) The state series tournaments will recognize team honors and individual honors.

3) Teams and individuals will qualify to advance from Friday's rounds to Saturday's rounds.

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

The State Final Tournament time schedule for boys and girls is as follows:

Friday

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| 7:30 a.m. | Doors open for teams and individual competitors and their coaches. |
| 8:15 a.m. | Doors open to the general public |
| 8:30 a.m. | Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Opening Ceremonies |
| 9:15 a.m. | Warm up for Round 1 |
| 9:30 a.m. | First Round (24 teams and 30 individuals) |
| 12:00-1:00 approx. | 60 minute lunch period |
| 1:00-1:15 approx. | Warm up for Round 2 |
| 1:15 approx. | Second Round begins (24 teams and 30 individuals) |

Saturday

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| 7:30 a.m. | Doors open for 2nd day qualifying teams, individuals and their coaches. |
| 8:15 a.m. | Doors open to the general public |
| 8:20 a.m. | Introductions |
| 8:30-8:45 a.m. | Warm up for Round 3 |
| 8:45 a.m. | Third Round (12 teams and 30 individuals) |
| 11:30-12:30 approx. | 60 minute lunch period |
| 12:30-12:45 approx. | Warm up for Round 4 |
| 12:45 approx. | Fourth Round (12 teams and 30 individuals) |
| 2:45 approx. | Awards ceremony (immediately following round 4) |

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A. Teams: At each sectional competition, the two (2) teams with the highest pin count for both rounds (round one score added to round two score) shall be the winners and advance to the state final tournament.

B. Team Ties at the Sectional: In case of a team tie for the last qualifying spot advancing from the sectional competition, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Teams will be allowed in the first tiebreaker, one practice ball per lane with no re-racks. Teams will begin their 9th frame tiebreaker on the same lane they competed on in their last game. The open substitution rule will apply to all tiebreakers. The best score shall advance.

C. Individuals: At each sectional competition, the top two (2) individuals who are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance to the state meet.

D. Individual Ties at the Sectional: In the case of a tie for the last individual qualifying spot, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. The individuals involved in the tie breaker will begin their roll-off on the lane the player finished. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Individuals in the first tiebreaker will be allowed one (1) practice ball per lane.

E. Individual At-large Qualifiers: Six (6) at-large qualifiers will be selected by the IHSA. The IHSA shall survey all the sectionals and determine the 6 bowlers who are the least pins behind the last qualifying spot in the sectional. In the case of a tie, the tie breaker will be broken by the bowler with the highest series. If the tie still is not broken then the bowler with the best 6th game shall advance.

F. At-Large Notification: At-large qualifiers will be posted on the Monday following the sectionals via the IHSA website.

G. State Final Team Advancement to Saturday: All teams at the State Final shall bowl round one (1) and round two (2), six (6) games, on the first day of competition. The twelve (12) teams with the highest total pin count for two (2) rounds (round 1 score added to round 2 score) shall advance to the third (3rd) round and fourth (4th) rounds. Ties for the last qualifying team spot will use the same tie breaker used in the sectionals.

H. State Final Individual Advancement to Saturday: All individuals competing in the state tournament shall be eligible for individual honors. All individual qualifiers will bowl round one (1) and round two (2) on the first day of competition. The thirty (30) individuals that are not a part of a team with the highest total pin count for two (2) rounds (round 1 score added to round 2 score) shall advance to the third (3rd) round and fourth (4th) round. Ties for the last qualifying spot shall be broken using the sectional tiebreaker system.

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Team Entry: Any member school in good standing with the IHSA is eligible to enter one (1) team in the sectional tournaments provided they have competed in six (6) interscholastic contests prior to the start of sectionals. A team shall consist of five bowlers. Pacer teams are not allowed in the state series.

B. Team Roster: In each of the sectional tournament and the state final tournament, a school shall have no more than eight (8) eligible participants entered. The *List of Participants* entry at the sectional will be considered the entry for the state tournament unless the IHSA is notified by the school of a change. It is recommended that schools notify the IHSA Office with changes to the roster by the Monday following the sectional meet. The Teams roster shall be submitted using the *List of Participants*. Coaches or an official school representative shall, at the beginning of the coaches meeting, indicate to the tournament manager any substitution or changes to their roster.

C. Rules of Play: Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IHSA printed instructions, the USA Interscholastic High School Bowling Rules and the IHSA Terms and Conditions shall govern equipment and competition in all rounds.

D. Sectional and State Final Lane Conditions: It is recommended that at the sectionals, the lanes be oiled with a house league/house shot condition. At the state finals, lanes will be oiled for round one (1) on Friday and Round three (3) on Saturday and at no other time.

E. Uniforms: Team competitors shall appear in appropriate matching tops and bottoms for their schools bowling uniform. All players and coaches shall conform to the dress code provisions. Slacks, shorts, turtlenecks, sports shirts with collars, T-shirts with a commercially lettered school name and logo, nice jeans and/or skirts are acceptable team apparel. Unacceptable team apparel includes but is not limited to tank tops, cut offs, T-shirts that advertised alcohol, drugs or explicit material,

jeans with holes or patches, hats or headgear and/or boxer type shorts.

F. Conduct of Coaches and Players: No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in-house or in the playing area while the tournament or practice rounds are in progress. The State Final Bowling Tournament and any practice rounds will be designated as a smoke free environment. The captain and the coach shall be the official representatives of their team in all communications with the scorers and the tournament officials. The coach, the five bowlers bowling in a round and the official scorer (if used) are the only persons authorized to be in the area immediately surrounding the scorers' table. No person except the bowlers who are bowling shall be permitted in the lane playing area. Unsportsmanlike conduct of bowlers, scorekeepers, coaches or fans shall be in violation of By-laws 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012.

G. Coaches in Competition Area: In each of the games, a participating school, which has a team competing, may have no more than two (2) coaches in the competition area. Two (2) coaches' passes will be provided to schools that have a team competing. In each of the games, a participating school that has only individuals competing may have no more than one (1) coach in the competition area. One (1) coaches' pass will be provided to schools that have individual(s) competing. Coaches who are coaching shall remain in or behind the competitors seating area during the competition.

H. Penalty: The tournament management will assess penalties when violations occur. Penalties will accumulate for the tournament. Penalties for violation of coaches in competition area are: first offense - 10 pin team deduction, second offense - 50 pin team deductions, third team offense - 100 pin team deductions, and fourth team offense - team disqualification.

I. Players in Competition Area: Six (6) players from a team will be allowed in the competition area. The penalty for players exceeding the six (6) player participants rule will be for the first offense - 10 pin team deductions, the second offense - 50 pin team deductions, the third offense - 100 pin team deductions and the fourth offense is team disqualification. No warning shall be made prior to the assessment of the penalty.

J. Bowling Practice and Warm-ups: None of the bowling lanes within the bowling establishment shall be used for practice on the day of the sectionals or the state finals. This includes any individual or team members (starters or non-starters) on the day(s) of tour-

namment play. A scheduled fifteen minutes will be allowed for practice balls during the tournament with seven and a half minutes on each lane. The penalty for bowling prior to this schedule is disqualification of the team or individual from the tournament.

K. Time Between Rounds: There shall be a minimum of thirty (30) minutes between rounds of tournament competition.

L. Ball Certification: Bowling ball certification should be done prior to the state series competition. All bowling balls must meet USBC specifications. A bowling certification form can be found in this manual. The ball name, series number, weight and governing standard will be measured for certified. Coaches should carry the IHSA Certification Form to the sectional and state finals in case of a questionable ball. Any bowling ball that does not meet the specifications will be removed from the 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. Note: A charge of \$4.00 per bowling ball will be assessed bowlers at the state final to certify a bowling ball.

M. Bowling Ball Alteration: In accordance with USA Interscholastic Bowling Rules, bowlers are allowed to alter the surface of the ball during warm-ups and between rounds by using abrasives such as sandpaper, scotch brights, liquid abrasive, and polishing machines. During play, bowlers will be limited to applying approved USBC cleaning agents such as rubbing alcohol although abrasives and polishing machines are prohibited.

N. Electronic Devices: Competitors and coaches are prohibited from playing music with or without headphones, using cell phones, electronic devices or any unusual equipment that might be distracting or assist a bowler in receiving outside coaching or instruction at anytime including during warm ups.

O. Official Score: Coaches shall sign the score sheet to accept the score of teams and/or individuals as official. Addition errors or errors that can be verified may be corrected without penalty.

P. Substitutions: Substitutions between games may be made. A substitute must assume the score of the competitor that is replaced. In the event of injury or illness that occurs during a game, a substitution can be made, but the player may not compete for the remainder of the day. The tournament manager must be notified of all substitutions.

Q. Sectional Seeding Information: At the sectionals teams will not be seeded. Teams will be placed in their lanes based on the luck of the draw.

R. Sectional Lane Rotation: All bowlers will rotate one pair of lanes after each game. The bowlers starting on the even numbered lanes will rotate one pair of lanes to the right. The bowlers starting on the odd lanes will rotate one pair of lanes to the left.

S. Open Lane at Sectionals: In the event of uneven teams assigned to a sectional, a lane will be open. Once bowling begins, the team competing on an open lane will have its lead off bowler wait until the last bowler on the team has completed his/her frame to begin bowling. Pacer teams are not allowed.

T. State Final Block and Lane assignments:

1. Round 1 and Round 2 blocks: 6 lanes make up a block. 24 teams will be assigned to one of 5 blocks. 30 individual qualifiers will also be assigned to one of the 5 blocks. When two "Individual Teams" are placed in a block, they shall be assigned to the same pair of lanes. Round 1 and Round 2 assignments are based on the luck of the draw. **Note:** Individual qualifiers from the same school will stay together.

2. Round 1 and 2 Rotation: Teams will rotate within their block after each game. Bowlers initially starting on the even numbered lane will rotate one pair of lanes to the right within the block. The bowlers starting on the odd numbered lane will rotate one pair of lanes to the left within the block. Following Round 1 teams initially assigned to an even lane will rotate two blocks to their right to start Round 2. Teams that were initially assigned to odd lanes will rotate two blocks to their left to start Round 2.

3. Round 3 and Round 4 Blocks: The top 4 teams and top 10 individuals will be placed in one block. The next 4 teams and next 10 individuals will be placed in a new block followed by the remaining 4 teams and remaining 10 individuals placed in the final block using the same format. The seeds will be placed in the block of lanes so that the best seeds will be next to each other for the final game of the round. After Round 3 and for Round 4 the seeded blocks will rotate so that the seeded positions are rotated to new blocks.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. State Final Passes: A maximum of eight passes will be allotted to competitors on schools teams that are listed on the sectional winner report. In addition, a maximum of two passes will be issued to coaches with team qualifiers. All coaches should be listed on the sectional winner report. One pass per individ-

ual qualifier will be issued. In addition, one pit pass will be provided to schools with an individual qualifier, which will also allow access to the competitor area. School Administrators shall pick up their passes at the state final. They will not be issued in advance.

B. Artificial Noisemakers: Horns, whistles and artificial noisemakers that are disruptive to the tournament management are prohibited during competition.

C. Signs, Banners, and Placards: The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at the IHSA state series events is permitted, provided they are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use; they reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community; they are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner, which interferes with play; they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators and they are not hazardous.

D. Damage to Property or Equipment: If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

E. Media Requirements:

1) Provide Space: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they are from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

2) Radio and TV Originators: It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payment (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play origination's, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a) Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b) Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except State Final). Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c) Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to

the start of competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

F. Cameras, Video Equipment: No cameras with flashes can be used during the competition. Only hand held video cameras will be permitted.

G. Photographer Access: During the sectional or state final warm up period, photographers will be allowed to take pictures from the lanes. A flash camera can be used. Once the competition begins, no flash cameras can be used and in addition, no photographers will be allowed in the competition area. During the final session of the state tournament, if blinds are set up, photographers who have been issued an IHSA media pass will be allowed access to the blinds for the purpose of photographing or televising competitors. The blinds located on the outside of the lanes will not have any restrictions to when they are used. The blinds set up in the middle of the competition lanes will have limited access. Once the competition begins, photographers using the middle blind must either leave the blind or remain in the blind until the round is completed.

H. Tobacco Products: No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

I. Use of Inhalers: A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self administration in the Illinois school code.

J. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school

will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

X. AWARDS

A. Sectional

1) **Individual Awards:** The top 4 placing individuals will be awarded a medal when round one score is added to round two score.

2) **Team Awards:** A plaque will be presented to the winning school in each sectional.

3) Duplicate individual awards shall be given at the sectional and state final tournaments for the last eligible spot.

B. State Final

1) **Individual Awards:** A medallion will be awarded to the twelve bowlers in the state final individual competition who score the highest total pin fall count (round one score added to round two score added to round three score added to round four score).

2) **Team Awards:** A trophy will be presented to the first, second and third place school winners. Medallions will be presented to the first, second and third place team members. In addition, a Principals medallion and an Athletic Directors medallion will be presented to the first, second and third place teams.

3) Duplicate school awards for the state final will be presented in case of a tie for the last spot.

C. Administrative Awards: Medallions will be awarded to the superintendent, principal, and athletic director of the first through third place teams at the state final.

XI. OFFICIALS

A. Scorekeeper: Each participating school team shall furnish its own scorekeeper at the sectional tournament if the house does not have automatic scoring. The official scorekeepers will be a head or assistant coach, a bowling team member or a designated faculty representative.

B. Games Committee: A games committee at the Sectional will be composed of one coach from each participating school. The state final manager, an IHSA representative, the bowling proprietor, an IHSA rule interpreter and other designee shall make up the games committee for the State Final Tournament.