

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB
DISTRICT 1**

2014-15 Season

(revised 11/2014)

Any situation arising which is not covered by these bylaws or the WIHS Bowling Club Guidelines, shall be covered by the USBC Youth High School Division Rule Book , the WIHS Bowling Club Advisory Committee, and/or the WIAA Official Handbook.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Wisconsin High School (WIHS) Bowling Club will be to provide high school students an opportunity to experience the spirit of the team competition and community pride while participating in a sport they can enjoy for the rest of their lives, and to allow any bowler, without regard to race, sex, or physical challenge, an opportunity to participate within a team environment. It will provide sanctioned high school bowling competition as defined by the USBC and will provide an opportunity for student bowlers to meet bowlers from other schools and travel to other bowling club facilities. It is strongly recommended that each coach certifies their team on the USBC High School section of the Bowl.com website. Registration for each team must be completed annually.

MISSION

To increase High School membership and broaden the sport of bowling in Wisconsin.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be:

“Wisconsin High School Bowling Club – District 1”.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

From year to year the membership may change based on the ability for the schools to compete. The 2014/15 season will have the following high schools and center membership:

Franklin – Classic-Oak Creek
Germantown -- Classic Menomonee Falls
Greendale -- Country Lanes
Greenfield -- Classic Greenfield
Marquette High School - Bluemound Bowl
Menomonee Falls – Village Bowl
Mukwonago – Jays Lanes
Muskego – Alpine Lanes
New Berlin Eisenhower – New Berlin
Oak Creek – Classic Lanes Oak Creek

Pewaukee-
Pulaski-
St. Francis -- Motion Plus
St. Thomas More – ClassicGreenfield
Sussex Hamilton -- Sussex Bowl
Waukesha North – Fox Run Lanes
Waukesha South – Fox Run Lanes
Waukesha West -- Sunset Bowl
West Allis Central – Burnham Bowl
West Allis Hale – AMF West Allis
Whitnall – Lucky Lanes

All current and any new schools must commit by May 1 prior to the season. Any new school which has not committed by May 1 may not have matches at their bowling center. If a team commits by the year end meeting and doesn't drop by May 1st, but then drops out after May 1st, they will be charged a \$100.00 fee. The team will not be allowed to rejoin for a period of one year and the \$100.00 fee is paid. If another school can fill the vacant spot, then the fee will be waived.

ARTICLE III **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin (BCAW) High School Task Force.

ARTICLE V **DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**

Roger Dalkin

The Commissioner of the WHS Bowling Club shall be elected by the Advisory Committee annually. The Commissioner's responsibilities include but are not limited to: Coordination of personnel; management policies and procedures; maintenance of the program; and assistance in settlement of problems and disputes which may arise. He/she also will be responsible for the coordination and communication with the School Boards and Associations which will be involved in WHS Bowling Club activities. These responsibilities shall also be those of the Advisory Committee from which the commissioner receives his/her authority.

ARTICLE IV **District Bylaws**

Section 1 – District Meetings

The District will conduct a minimum of two meetings yearly to vote on the rules in this section of the bylaws. A quorum for all meetings is representation from 66% of the high schools in District 1. Each school and the commissioner will get 1 vote.

Prior to the season, a change in the bylaws requires a majority vote of the schools in attendance. After the season begins, in order to change a bylaw 100% of the schools in District 1 must agree to the change.

Section 2 – Officers

Officers can be an active or past coach at any level. They will be elected annually by a majority vote of the schools attending a District 1 meeting.

2013/2014 Season Officers

President: Wally Wright - Menomonee Falls

Varsity Boys Vice President: Joe Sonnemann - Germantown

Sergeant of Arms: Steve Spott - Franklin

Varsity Girls Vice President: Scott Ahrens- Menomonee Falls

Sergeant of Arms: Craig Wroblewski- Oak Creek

JV Vice President: None elected

Sergeant of Arms: Tom Drobka- Menomonee Falls

Executive Director: Roger Dalkin- Greendale
Secretary/Treasurer: Don Rask- Oak Creek

Other offices needed to operate the club include the following. These individuals do not need to be an active or past coach of District 1.

Publicist: Craig Wroblewski, Oak Creek
Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Section 3 – Executive Board

The Executive Board Members will consist of the president, three vice presidents, secretary/treasurer, executive director and commissioner and will be responsible for making decisions during the season that need to be resolved in a timely manner.

Section 4 - Finances

There is a team participation and lineage fee required to participate in Wisconsin High School Bowling. The fees for 2013/2014 season are as follows:

Participation Fee: \$20.00 per roster person

Lineage Fees: \$ 40.00 per team per match

The fees are payable to WHSBC – District 1 as soon as possible but no later than 12/31/14. An invoice will be distributed at the first match of the season. Failure to pay may cause forfeiture of future matches and individual fill counts. The Commissioner, President, Executive Director and Treasurer must approval all variances to this date, in advance.

Two signatures are required for withdrawal. Those authorized to co-sign are the president, three vice-presidents and treasurer. Two individuals from the same school can not co-sign.

Section 5 – District Structure

- a. District 1 will have three divisions; Varsity, Varsity Girls and JV.
- b. Each school will be allowed one team in the Varsity and Varsity Girls division and an unlimited amount of teams in the JV division.
- c. District competition will follow the dates of **December 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015**
- d. To bowl on a Varsity team, all students must be in the 9-12th grade. No more than three 7th or 8th graders are allowed on JV to make team(s) of 6. Students are eligible for 4 years of high school bowling at the Varsity level. **JV high school bowlers are eligible to participate in the singles event at state as long as they meet all eligibility requirements.**

Section 6 – Team Structure

- a. A full team consists of five bowlers with a maximum of 10 bowlers on the roster. A new bowler may be added all year/season as long as the proper paperwork and the participant fee are submitted prior to bowling in an event and you don't exceed the maximum of 10 bowlers on the roster.
- b. Girls will be allowed to bowl on the boys team only if their school does not have a Varsity Girls team.
- c. JV teams can consist of boys and girls. JV players can play up on Varsity. Varsity **can not** play down to JV. If your school has two JV teams you **can not** cross members.
- d. If a student or team is ineligible to bowl on a varsity team, said team or student cannot compete at the varsity level of the district or state competition.
- e. **Team Rosters** - All team rosters must be BCAW compliant. If teams are not in BCAW compliance they will be unable to bowl in District 1.

Section 6a – Co-operative Team Rules

- a. Teams from up to 5 different high schools can apply for a co-op team. No team applying for a co-op can have students from their school on any other team or co-op. All students from the same school must bowl on the same co-op. Co-op students are eligible for state tournament team and singles events.
- b. Co-op applications MUST be turned in to the District Commissioner by November 11, 2013. Applications then must be turned into the BCAW's office 2 weeks prior to the start of your districts competition.
- c. The agreement for a co-op team is for one bowling season. No team will be grandfathered from year to year.
- d. A co-op's division at State is determined by the adding of all the schools student populations together.
- e. Co-op applications must include all Varsity and JV team rosters from the schools involved in the application request.
- f. **Co-op team rules apply to both Varsity and JV teams.**
- g. Two separate teams with a maximum of 6 players each from the same district may combine and apply for co-ops for the sole purpose to form a separate girls and boys team.
 1. **Varsity Teams**
 - a. If a school has 7 eligible students from the same school you are **not eligible to apply for a Varsity team co-op.**
 - b. To bowl on a Varsity team, all students must be in 9-12th grade.
 2. **JV Teams**
 - a. Students from other schools will only be allowed on JV, although not eligible for state **team** tournament.
 - b. 7th or 8th graders are only allowed on JV to make teams of 6. No more than three (3) 7th or 8th graders used to form a team of 6.
 - c. JV teams with students from other schools must submit a co-op application.

Section 7 – Coaching

Coaches can not have contact with his/her players during the off-season with the exception of the following:

1. Coaches may run youth leagues as long as the league is not restricted to just those from the school they are affiliated with.
2. Coaches may run a camp up to five days during the off season for those involved in the high school program.

Section 8 – Try-outs

Try-outs can be conducted anytime between September 1 and November 1 but can last no longer than 5 days..

Section 9 – Practice

- a. **Required Practice Sessions** – It is the responsibility of each head coach to conduct at least one formal practice session each week during the District 1 season. These sessions should be at no cost to the school or student. **For the 2014-15 season, the first day of practice cannot be earlier than November 3, 2014.**

- b. **In center on day of competition** – None of the bowling lanes within the bowling establishment may be used for practice by any team member or substitute on the day of any match or tournament except for certified USBC Youth scheduled matches. A bowler that violates this provision will not be eligible to compete in the given event that day.
- c. **Before competition begins:** Bowlers will receive 10 minutes practice on their scheduled starting lane only before competition. Exception is when a team is late. Every effort will be made to give a team which only bowls the second match of a double match 10 minutes of practice on one lane that is not its starting pair.
- d. **On practice lanes during competition:** Only those individuals not bowling in the present game can practice on the practice lane. Once the bowler has been removed from the game, he/she may go to the practice lane. Any individual practicing on the practice lane while bowling in a game will subject their frame(s) to forfeiture.
- e. **Between matches on days with two matches:** Once your team’s match is complete, the practice lanes are closed for your team. Any individual from a team that has completed their match found practicing will be disciplined in accordance with Section 14, item e.

Section 10 – Uniforms

- a. **Shirts** – Each team is required to have a team shirt by the first match in January. Everyone on the team must be wearing the same shirt, including coaches. All shirts must have a collar. In addition:
 - 1) The District 1 HS logo must be on the right sleeve. All teams will be grandfathered so that the current shirts can be worn. Any new shirts being purchased must have District 1 logo on right sleeve. The High Schools name must be on the back of the shirt with student name optional. The inclusion of the student’s name or school logo is optional on the front the shirt.
 - 2) Sponsors name can be put on the left sleeve only, approximately 3 ½ inch in diameter, keeping printing tactful and small. Sponsors must exclude bars, taverns, ale houses, tobacco products and cocktails.
- b. **Pants** – All team members must wear the same color pants. No blue jeans, shorts, yoga or knit pants, leggings or athletic pants.

Bowlers not in the team uniform will be ineligible to bowl. You will have to use other students from your team in the line up or, if a student is not available, you would use a zero in the frame of your choice. **Also coaches not in complete uniform, will not be allowed in the settee area.**

Section 11 – Host School Responsibilities

Prior to matches starting, Host/Home school is to:

- Get a paddock area assigned for equipment (trying to have a secure area)
- Set-up lane assignments at least 30 minutes prior to the start of competition
- Set out no alcohol signs in spectator area
- Make any announcements
- Lead “Pledge of Allegiance” or play bowling video
- The two coaches from that days match should determine the High Individual performer to include with the scores to the paper

Section 12 – Transportation

It will be the responsibility of each participant in the WHS Bowling Club to arrange for his/her own transportation to and from practices, matches and tournaments. It will be required that all participants sign waivers of liability, stating that they are assuming full responsibility for their transportation and will hold the school districts, coaches and bowling centers harmless for any

actions arising as a result of travel in connection with WHS Bowling Club activities. This policy will not supersede any school district travel policy.

Transportation will be provided in accordance with the school district's policy.

Section 13 – Playing Rules

Rule 1 – Playing Format: The Baker system format will be used. Teams will bowl in open play format alternating lanes every other game.

Rule 2 – Legal Lineup: A legal lineup consists of three bowlers.

Rule 3 – Point System: One point per game, best of 9 games wins match. Teams that tie a game each team receive ½ (one-half) point. To win a match a team must win more than 50% of the points. Ties after 9 games will be decided by bowling a 10th game.

Each match will consist of a minimum of 7 games.

Rule 4 – Absentee: If less than a full lineup and no subs are available, that team shall select the line up order where they will receive a zero (0) for their score.

Rule 5 – Forfeits: A team which forfeits will lose all points for that match. When a match is declared forfeited, the team that is present must bowl as if the match was actually contested, and all scores will count toward team and individual averages.

Rule 6 – Substitutions: You must notify the coach of the opposing lane or pair when substituting mid-frame or game. If notification is not made, a zero will be entered for that frame. The original bowler will go back in for the 2nd frame of that game for that position if the substitution was not properly done.

A substitution in the middle of a frame, the original bowler gets credit for the open or fill.

Rule 7 – Strike and fill percentages: Established the first session that a bowler participates. The 10th frame bowler only counts frame 10 (11 & 12 do not count).

Rule 8 – Scorekeeping: Scorekeeping will be performed by the players or coach if the center does not have automatic scoring. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to verify that scores are complete and accurate. It will also be the team captain's responsibility to make sure his/her team contributions are fair share of time to the score keeping function.

Rule 9 – Lane Breakdown: In the event of lane breakage, the bowling center will make all effort to fix the lanes in a timely fashion. Should the lane not be repairable and other lanes are available, the teams will be moved to complete that game and finish the match.

Should lanes not be available, the team on the working lane shall finish their game and the team from the non-working lane shall finish on the working lane. Rescheduling the remainder of the match is permissible.

Section 14 – Conduct of Coaches and Players (Players must abide by his/her School District Athletic code)

- a. No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use any tobacco products during competition on bowling center property.
- b. No consumption of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products by anyone in the settee or concourse area during practice or match play. Note – In a large center a 4 lane buffer area on each side will be appropriate.
- c. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including deliberate fouling, unusually loud or vulgar language or abuse of equipment and facilities is prohibited. Coaches or center officials will have the authority to remove anyone from competition for any of the above reasons from their teams.
- d. All Electronic Devices such as cell phones, MP3 players, CD players, pagers, etc., will not be allowed in the settee area during competition. These items need to be turned off and remain off during any high school match
- e. Conduct and Rule Enforcement Policy: Any violation of the above rules or any other rule which uses the following as a penalty is to be reported to an officer for enforcement. The vice presidents will keep a list of individuals who have been assessed a penalty.

Violation 1: Verbal warning.

Violation 2: Removal from that day's competition (including the second match of a double match).

Violation 3: Removal from District 1 competition for the remainder of the season. The athlete may appeal this in writing to the Executive Board.

Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.

- f. All bowlers will remain in the immediate bowling area while competition is in progress unless excused by coach.
- g. Bowlers will be expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the lane to their right is clear.
- h. The coach(s), league officials and the players bowling in a match are the only persons authorized to be in the bowlers' area during the match. Substitutes or any other interested parties must remain behind the area defined as the bowlers' area. A maximum of 8 people, including coaches, will be allowed in the settee area, during the match. If other lanes are available "on the side of the pair of lanes still in competition" additional students from the school can go and sit there as long as they do not interrupt the other team during competition. Any issues should be discussed amongst the coaches.

Section 15 – Team Sectionals (Varsity Boys & Girls) All varsity teams will bowl in District 1's Team Sectional Tournament. Junior Varsity will not compete in this sectional tournament. There is a JV tournament for all JV teams.

- a. **Qualifying Round** – The qualifying round will consist of 15 games of Baker, moving odd lanes to the right and even lanes to the left. Highest total pin fall will determine match play qualifiers.
- b. **Match Play Round** – Top 8 boys and top 4 girls teams will be seeded into bracket format play (1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, etc). Each match will consist of 2 games of baker. Winner is decided by highest total pin fall. Winners advance to play winners of other brackets. After second round of match play winners bowl 2 games of baker to determine 1st and 2nd place, loser bowl 2 games of baker to determine 3rd and 4th place. Sample bracket included.

- c. **Tie Breaker** – For any ties of teams qualifying for state, either through the season standings or sectional tournament the following rules will apply:
1. Two teams tied there will be a best out of five game baker match.
 2. Three or four teams tied the teams will bowl four games over four lanes with highest total pin count advancing.
 3. Should more teams tie, two additional games over two additional lanes will be bowled.

Section 16 – Team State Qualification

Each year the Advisory Council will advise District 1 how many (“X” number) Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls teams are eligible to advance to State Competition. For the **2014-15** season District 1 will have “X” Varsity Boys and “X” Varsity Girls team eligible for state competition.

For the **Varsity Boys Division** the winner of each division will earn a state bid (2 teams) the remaining bids will come from the Conference tournament. For the **Varsity Girls Division** the winner of each division will earn a state bid (2 teams) the remaining bids will come from the Conference tournament.

For teams and individuals that qualify for state, all complete rosters, and monies must be in the BCAW office by February 18, 2013. If turned in after February 18th you will be ineligible for state competition.

Section 17 – Individual State Qualification

Each year the Advisory Council will advise District 1 how many individual (“Y”) Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls will eligible to advance to State Competition. For the **2014-15** season, District 1 will have “Y” Varsity Boys and “Y” Varsity Girls individuals eligible for state competition.

For both boys and girls: 70% of the state individual bids will come from season fill percentage. The remaining 30% will come from the Singles Sectional. The number of students invited to the Singles Sectional will be a 1 to 4 ratio. If there is an odd number, it will go to season standings. **Should a bowler turn down the invitation to the sectional qualifier the position will not be refilled.**

Qualifying for state singles and sectionals, a bowler (including girls bowling on a co-ed team) must have participated in at least **66% of frames available** to bowl in their team’s matches, **based on 7 game matches (14 frames per bowler per match)** to be eligible to qualify for a State singles bid.

Example: Team A has 16 matches X 7 games X 2 frames = 224 frames. 66% of 224=149 frames to be eligible for State/Sectionals.

Section 18 – Sectional Qualifier format

The Sectional Qualifier for singles will consist of 4 games league style across 8 lanes, moving 1 pair of lanes to the right after each game. Highest total pin counts will advance to fill the remaining eligible state tournament positions.

State qualifying position ties, will be broken by a 1 game roll off.

Section 19 – Double Scholarship Tournament - State

Entries will be open to any District 1 participant.

Section 20 – Additional Local Additions

- a. District 1 Singles Scholarship Tournament – Before State Tournament - target time is the 3rd weekend in February.
- b. Athletic Code of Conduct, WIAA Parental Guide to Sportsmanship, USBC Rule 400 and Travel Authorization Form.

The Athletic Code of Conduct has been provided by Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin (BCAW), for all statewide schools use (attachment A). The Parental Guide to Sportsmanship is provided by the WIAA (attachment B). Final attachments are the USBC Rule 400 (attachment C), the Travel Authorization Form (attachment D) and signature form (attachment E).

Due to past instances, these documents have required more detailed attention by District 1. District 1 has agreed that each student must sign this signature form (attachment E) and have them returned to the executive director before they are allowed to bowl. If their school has higher standards as far as Code of Conduct they will be required to meet those standards.

- c. Match Security - The Wisconsin High School Bowling Club District 1, associated high school and Bowling Centers are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- d. JV Tournament is run at the end of the JV season. It is intended for all teams.
Qualifying Round – The qualifying round will consist of 10 games of Baker, moving odd lanes to the right & even lanes to the left. Highest total pin fall will determine match play qualifiers.
Match Play Round – Top 4 teams will be seeded into bracket format play (1 vs. 4, 2 vs.3). Each match will consist of 2 games of baker. Winners are decided by highest total pin fall. Winners will bowl in 2 games of Baker to determine 1st and 2nd place. Loser will bowl 2 games of Baker to determine 3rd and 4th place. Depending on the number of teams in the JV division we may choose to have two divisions within the JV Year-End Tournament.

ATTACHMENT A

District 1

Athletic code of conduct

Introduction

- The members of the WIHSBC board of control shall establish procedures and approve rules governing the eligibility conduct for students in High School bowling.
- Complaints regarding the interpretation or application of these policies shall be referred to the HSBC commissioner for each district.
- Participation in the HSBC is a privilege; therefore every participant must be willing to abide by the rules set forth by the HSBC board of control.
- The success of the HSBC determined by the participants. The welfare of this activity depends upon the collective efforts and self-sacrifice made by its individual members. The participants will follow the rules set down by the WIHSBC and USBC Youth as a minimum if an athletic code of conduct is not in force for you because of the classification of your team.

Rules of eligibility

- Academic eligibility is determined on grading schedule (period). An athlete is required to maintain their school's athletic eligibility requirements regardless if you're considered a sport or club. Once ineligible the athlete may become reinstated as determined by their schools waiting period or after 1 match and proof of proper grades.

- If student is caught in or outside the bowling center or suspended from school for smoking, chewing tobacco, drugs or alcohol, 1st offense, he/she will be suspended from competition for 1/3 of the total matches he/she participates in. Upon 2nd offense student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year. Upon 3rd offense student will be ineligible for remainder of High School career.
- All other suspensions, student will be suspended from competition while suspended from school, but may practice with the team.

Assumption of risk of athletics

- Students and parents must understand that no matter what precautions are taken; injuries in sports cannot be completely avoided. All students must compete under the assumption of risk, and they control their own destiny by the way they conduct themselves during practice and competition. Students should report all injuries to the coach and seek medical advice when the injury requires attention.

Early graduation

- Seniors that graduate mid year are eligible to participate in the HSBC until the season ends.

ATTACHMENT B

Rule 400

- A. Except as provided in Item B, a youth may not bowl, substitute or pace in any bowling activity which offers any of the following as prizes:
 - 1. Cash or bonds.
 - 2. Merchandise exceeding \$500 in value.
- B. Youth may bowl in singles competitions (including side competitions/brackets) offering such prizes, provided, prior to bowling:
 - 1. The competition agrees to award the youth's prize in the form of a scholarship; or
 - 2. The youth signs a form waiving his/her rights to any prize in violation of this rule.

In youth competition, youth members may participate in side competitions/brackets provided all entries are returned 100% in the form of scholarships only and awards comply with Item A above.

Buying or selling of earned prizes is prohibited.

Any youth bowler deemed in violation of this rule is subject to disciplinary action including the potential loss of youth membership.

NOTE: There are no limits on scholarship amounts or entry fees (must be paid directly to the tournament director/manager) and reimbursement of actual travel expenses into the next higher level of competition or any tournament or event. (Receipts must be provided upon request.)

The prizes authorized by a state high school athletic association or a collegiate athletic association recognized by USBC and USBC Collegiate are not subject to the limitations of this rule.

ATTACHMENT C

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FORM

I hereby give my permission for my daughter/son

(NAME) _____

to travel to and participate in Wisconsin High School Bowling Club (WHSBC) District 1. I release all centers and schools involved from any and all liability for and injury or accident involving the WHSBC District 1 meets.

ATTACHMENT E - This is the only document that requires parent's signature. **This document provides a single signature approval of the referenced documents listed below.**

Signature Page

Wisconsin High School Bowling District 1 Policy requires compliance with the following documents:

- 1 - District 1 Constitution
- 2 - Athletic Code of Conduct provided by **DISTRICT 1 for all schools use** (attachment A). If your school has higher standards for Code of Conduct you will be required to meet those standards.
3. - USBC Rule 400 (attachment B).
4. – Travel Authorization Form (attachment C)
5. - The Parental Guide to Sportsmanship provided by the WIAA (attachment D).
6. - **By signing this document, you release District 1 of any liability that may occur due to the posting of photos on the District 1 website.**

Please note we are treating this document distribution and subsequent signature below as your first warning so as not to jeopardize the athletes' eligibility status.

These documents and requirements are to be strictly adhered to by the parent/guardian and athletes while participating in Wisconsin High School Bowling.

This document provides a single signature approval of the above referenced documents. By signing this form the parents/guardians and athletes agree to abide by the information in these documents.

Together we can make this an exciting, fast-paced, trouble free high school sport experience for all involved.

Should you not understand or would like clarification of anything listed in these documents, please contact your Coach or Division Vice President/Sergeant at Arms.

Thank you, Wisconsin High School Bowling Club District 1

I hereby have read, understand and will abide by the material referenced in the 6 documents.

School _____

Athletes Printed Name _____

Athletes Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once signed please return to your coach, this signed form is required to permit the athlete to compete.

SAMPLE OF BRACKET

Team Sectionals - Varsity

