

# WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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## 1. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in bowling will be held for all participating high schools, grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>.

Where applicable, the WIHS Bowling Club shall abide by United State Bowling Congress (USBC Youth) and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) eligibility rules. The WIHS Bowling Club shall be certified with the USBC Youth High School Division each year to insure competition is conducted within the rules of the game as set forth by the sport's national governing body at State Tournament in the singles division. The WIHS Bowling Club District **Coordinators** shall receive, before the first conference meet, the names of all individuals of each club team. The WIHS Bowling Club strongly recommends that all bowlers be USBC Youth Sanctioned. It is strongly recommended that each coach certifies their team at the USBC High School at the [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) website, <http://www.bowl.com/highschool/index.jsp>. Registration for each team must be completed annually. Student participation and scholarship tournaments fees will be determined by each district. These fees will be paid in accordance with district policy.

## 2. The WIHS Bowling Club will follow USBC Rule #400.

- A. Members 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.
- C. Any youth bowler deemed in violation of this rule is subject to disciplinary action including the potential loss of membership. If he/she is a first time offender, he must follow USBC guidelines for reinstatement. He must file a letter stating the violation, and the reason. He must make restitution of any monies won. Finally, he must state his desire to be reinstated. If he has been suspended by the USBC, he must first be reinstated there before he is eligible for reinstatement into the IHSB. First time offenders must serve a (minimum) one-match penalty. Repeat offenders will not be reinstated.
- D. Please go to [bowl.com/rules](http://www.bowl.com/rules) for a complete review of rule 400 and commonly asked questions concerning rule 400.  
All bowlers are subject to their school's policy for athletic participation and discipline.  
Exception: Bowlers may not be 20 before August 1, 2013.
- E. Mid-term graduates are eligible once they finish classes.

## 3. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Each District will appoint a District Coordinator.
- B. The district shall create its Conference policy and procedures, budget and income & expense statement and have a copy of each document on file with the office of the

BCAW, with the absence of such documents; the district will follow state P&P and constitution bylaws.

- C. Teams will remain in the same/host center and conference each year unless the Board of Control (BOC) approves a move. If the school has reason to move centers, its representative must first petition the host center with the request to move along with the reasons. If that center agrees, that proprietor and the new proprietor simply sign a transfer form. If the host proprietor does not consent, the District Coordinator must arrange a meeting within two weeks. He will attend with an additional rules committee member, the conference coordinator, the host proprietor and the school representative to hear the reasons for the move and make a decision.
- D. The BCAW BOC reserves the right to dictate realignment of conferences. The Executive Director of the BCAW will work with District Coordinators in areas seeking realignment.
- E. Conference schedules are priority. Invitational tournaments, non-conference matches may be scheduled. It will be up to the coaches and/or tournament directors to schedule these events and determine lineage fees and lane availability with hosting centers. Invitational tournaments may certify and award USBC awards. Any such event outside the official wihsbowlclub may not use the wihsbowlclub Logo in any way to promote or designate it as a wihsbowlclub event.
- F. Matches, District Coordinators shall do their best to schedule all matches in centers that have a team that practices out of that center.
- G. District Coordinator (DC) may allow exceptions due to religious beliefs. (If the DC approves an exception to a uniform rule, he must put it in writing and forward to all the coaches). The same procedures would apply if a bowler has a health issue where the DC approves an exception to the uniform rule.
- H. All Team Rosters must be on the WIHS Bowl Club website. If the team rosters are not on the website the team and individuals will be ineligible to compete at the State Tournament.

**4. DISTRICT AMENDMENTS** must be sent to Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin yearly. If a district wants to have a rule(s) different than the BCAW Policies and Procedures for their district they must submit those rules 4 weeks prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> week of competition. BCAW will review the rule(s) and approve or deny them to be then put on file.

#### **5. POLICY AND PROCEDURE RULE CHANGES**

All policy and procedure changes brought before the High School Board of Control prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> will be reviewed and all final decisions will be effective on June 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year. Policy and Procedure changes submitted after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered for the future season.

#### **6. COACHES SECTION**

- A. Depending upon the status, the host bowling center and/or high school must approve coaches before they are eligible.
- B. All head coaches must have attained the age of 21.
- C. Anyone currently suspended by the USBC is not eligible to coach a high school bowling team.
- D. All coaches MUST participate in the USBC Registered Volunteer Program and wear their ID lanyards at all practices, matches and the State Tournament. Or wear a School

- ID, where a background check has been performed. Anyone discovered not wearing their "ID" will not be allowed to be in the bowlers' area.
- E. Coaches and other persons officially connected with the team may not consume alcohol immediately prior to or during competition. Smoking, or use of other tobacco products, is limited to outside before or after, but not during competition. Coaches convicted of any felony charges will not be allowed to coach.
  - F. It is the responsibility of the school's head coach to ensure all bowlers meet their school's eligibility requirements for athletic competition and that they attend the school they are representing.
  - G. It shall be the head coach's responsibility to verify their bowlers continued academic eligibility at the end of each grading period.
  - H. **Schools that bowl ineligible bowlers shall forfeit all matches in which the ineligible student competed from the date it is documented that the bowler was determined ineligible.**
  - I. If a student transfers to another school during the high school bowling season, he or she can begin conference play immediately if both schools' representatives and coaches sign a form allowing the transfer. If either school or coach objects, the BOC shall review the information and make the final decision.
  - J. **COACHES ALLOWED in the SETTEE AREA:** A maximum of two coaches are allowed in the bowling settee area during all matches and the state championships. Coaches must be in uniform and be wearing their USBC Registered Volunteer Lanyard. A scorekeeper is considered a coach if in the settee area.
  - K. It shall be the responsibility of the coaches to collect the signed Conduct/Waiver & Travel Authorization Form and submit it to the conference coordinator prior to the established deadline(s). **THESE FORMS SHOULD BE COLLECTED PRIOR TO ALLOWING BOWLERS TO PRACTICE.**

## **7. PROTESTS/GRIEVANCES:**

The head coach, as a representative of the bowling club, must file a written protest within 48 hours after the match or series in which the infraction occurred with the District Coordinator. The District Coordinator shall have 72 hours to issue a decision on the protest in writing. If no protest is filed within 48 hours, scores shall stand as bowled.

Protests shall be filed with a District Coordinator. The District Coordinator decision can be appealed in writing within 48 hours to the BCAW. The Board of Control (BOC) will review the appeal and issue a final decision.

- A. The Board of Control (BOC)** is a five person committee: BCAW President, Three past BCAW Presidents, who are actively involved in high school bowling and the BCAW Executive Director. In cases where a member of the BOC's district is involved the member abstains from voting on the issue. The current BOC members are: Steve Hanson, Dale Elliot, Dick Zierke, Pete Riopelle and Gary Hartel.
- B.** There is no time limit to file a protest concerning any bowler's academic eligibility.
- C. Contingencies** - Any situation arising which is not covered by the WIHS Bowling Club Policies and Procedures, shall be governed by the Board of Control with advisory from USBC Rules, USBC High School Guide, the WIHS Bowling Club Advisory Committee, and/or WIAA Official Handbook.

## 8. ELIGIBILITY

To bowl on a varsity team, all students must be in the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders are only 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.

### A. Home Schooled or On-line high school education

1. A home school student/on-line education student is eligible for a varsity or JV team by applying for a coop with proof of the high school for which the student would attend based on residency requirements for that high school.
2. Student must fill out home school residency form and must be sent to BCAW office, 2 weeks prior to start of district competition. See page 8, number 13 for co-op rules.

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## 9. DISTRICT COMPETITION STRUCTURE & RULES

- A. Each individual school shall be limited to fielding one boys varsity team, one girls varsity team and unrestricted number of junior varsity teams.
- B. District competition will follow the dates of November 1 – February 16, 2014.
- C. Team Structure
  1. A full team consists of five (5) bowlers, 10 players maybe on each roster team but only 10 players are allowed in bowling area.
  2. A legal lineup consists of three (3) bowlers.
  3. Girls will be allowed to bowl on the boys team ONLY if their school does not have a girls team. If a school has six girls trying out for a team, you must form a girls team.
  4. 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.
  5. Team name shall be the name of the High School or Schools in the case of a co-op or the name of the city or cities if not recognized by the High School.
  6. If a varsity team has a sub from another school, the team forfeits the match but the individual's scores count toward fill percentage.
- D. Point System
  1. A match point system shall be used to determine conference standings. All bowling will be done on a scratch basis.
  2. Districts must bowl a minimum of 5 baker games – up to 10 baker games to be considered a match.

Example:

    - a. Best of 9 baker games (must play 7 games) wins match and one point.
    - b. Best of 7 baker games (play all 7) wins match and one point.
  3. Each district must have each team bowl a minimum of ten matches.
- E. Playing Format
  1. A team is expected to present a legal lineup on the lanes at the scheduled time.

2. Bowlers will receive ten (10) minutes practice on their scheduled lanes before competition.
3. Teams will bowl in open play format alternating lanes every other game.
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.
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 average and individual fill percentage.
6. Ties: Teams that tie for a game each team wins ½ (one-half) point. To win a match a team must win more than 50% of the points. Tie matches will be a 5 frame roll-off using frames 6 – 10. If final standings result in a tie then Co-champions will be declared.
7. Strike and fill percentages will be established the first session that a bowler participates. The 10<sup>th</sup> frame bowler only counts frame 10 (11 & 12 do not count).
8. Substitutes: A legal lineup consists of five (5) bowlers with unlimited alternates within the roster of 10. JV bowlers can be brought up to varsity team to fill a team lineup for a week. Roster can change weekly. A coach may remove a bowler during a game and put in an alternate. Once that bowler has been substituted for they may not be re-entered during that game. However, they may be re-entered during the next baker game.
  - a. Substitute in mid frame: First bowlers get credit for the open or fill of frame.
  - b. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> frame of that game for that position if the substitution was not properly done.
9. Conduct of Coaches and Players (Players must abide by his/her School District Athletic code) and the [WI HS Bowl Club Code of Conduct](#).
  - a. No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use any tobacco products on the bench or in the playing area. Bowling area consists of settee, concourse.
  - 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. All bowlers will remain in the immediate bowling area while competition is in progress unless excused by coach.
  - d. 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.
  - e. Unsportmanship like conduct, including: [gestures, verbally or physically bullying, pushing or shoving a coach\(s\) or another bowler\(s\)](#) 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.
  - f. Conduct Enforcement Policy: Coaches of all participating schools are responsible for the enforcement of the following penalties. The District Coordinator shall have final say on enforcement, when the two coaches cannot agree on the penalty that should be handed down.

Violation 1: Will result in a verbal warning. (If the offense is physical abuse the bowler shall be removed from all competition for the remainder of the day.)

Violation 2: Will be removal of said bowler from all competition for the remainder of the day. Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.

g. The coach(s), league officials and the bowlers 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 10 bowlers and 2 coaches per team will be allowed in the settee area during the match.

10. Food and Beverage: All food or beverage must be purchased from the bowling establishment. No carry-ins of food or beverage will be permitted.

11. Scorekeeping: Scorekeeping will be performed by the players or coach if not automatic. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to verify that scores are complete and accurate.

## 10. BOWLING PRACTICE

A. At a Meet or Tournament Host Center: 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 sanctioned USBC YOUTH scheduled matches. A bowler that violates this provision will not be eligible to compete in the given event that day.

B. Prior to Start of Match and Tournament: Ten (10) minutes of practice is allowed on your starting lane. (Exception: When a team is late for the match.) Tournament practice will be defined for each individual tournament.

C. Required Practice Sessions: It is the responsibility of each head coach to conduct at least one (1) formal practice session each week during the WIHS Bowling Club season. The bowling center will determine if there is any cost to the students or the school for the practice sessions. These sessions must be pre-arranged with the participating bowling center to insure lanes are reserved and available.

## 11. UNIFORMS

Team competitors and coaches shall appear in uniforms approved by the District Coordinator for all matches and Tournaments. Coaches, your USBC Registered Volunteer ID Lanyard is a requirement and must be worn at all practices, matches and State Tournament. Anyone discovered not wearing their "ID" will not be allowed in the bowlers area. Or a School ID, where a background check has been performed. No blue jeans, caps or cutoffs will be allowed. Black, tan or other colored jeans or casual slacks are allowed. The entire team must wear the same color uniform (pants and shirts). Bowlers out of uniform may not compete until they are in compliance. Coaches may not be in the bowlers area until they are in compliance.

First offense in violation of uniform requirements:

1<sup>st</sup> offense will be a verbal warning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense the bowler would be unable to bowl.

Coaches in violation will not be allowed in the bowlers area.

Teams to have the same color and style shirts and same color and style pants (no t-shirts allowed), **bowling shirt with a “butterfly” collar or mock collar. Mock collar must be a minimum of ¾ of one inch. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. Only full length pants/slacks will be allowed for all males and females during all levels of competition (i.e. qualifying, semifinals, match play). No skirts, skorts, walking shorts, Capri pants, or culottes will be allowed. Shirts with sleeves cut off, torn, or ripped may not be worn.** All apparel worn by competitors shall be loose fitting and not made of Lycra/spandex-like material. No writing on or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted at any time. No head covering or sunglasses can be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). **Headphones can only be used in the settee area and cannot be used while bowling.** The Tournament Manager must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event.

Sponsor logos on left sleeve ONLY. No Bars, but can have bowling centers, restaurants OK, as long as it doesn't say Bar & Grill, tavern, anything with implications to bars, taverns, smoking, etc. On left sleeve, approx. 3 ½ inch in diameter, keep printing tactful & small. Grandfather sponsors on right sleeve for years for shirts already printed till 2011-2012 season. Allow advertising to be on shirts not to include any alcohol or tobacco on left sleeve. High school state logo is not required on shirt. The city or school name can be on shirt, on the back or front. Shirts can be numbered but start with 11, bowlers name optional.

## **12. TRANSPORTATION**

It will be the responsibility of each participant in the WIHS 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 WIHS 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.

## **13. TEAM & INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT**

- A. To be eligible for individual awards and All-Conference selection, bowlers **must bowl in 66% of the total frames bowled by the team. Formula is matches bowled x number of games x 2 frames. I.e. a team bowls 20 matches x 9 games x 2 frames = 360 frames. 66% of 360 = 237.6 frames. Round up, in this example, the bowler would have to bowl 238 frames to meet the eligibility requirement.**
- B. Teams must bowl a minimum of 10 matches within their conference. **Conference championships are not considered a match and therefore bowlers fill percentage will not be entered.**
- C. District competition will follow the dates of November 1 – February 16, 2014. Practice can begin Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, and continue right up to day of State Tournament.
- D. To qualify a team for the state tournament in 2014 a team must have no more than 1 school represented on said team. The only exception would require a petition to the WIHS Bowling Board of Control. All applications for cooperative high school 2014 bowling teams must be sent to the BCAW Office, **two weeks prior to the start of the first district competition.**

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- E. Exceptions will also be made for home school children and children who attend an On-line high school. Please follow the same steps as in Rule 7.

#### **14. 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. All co-op applications MUST be in 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 is determined by the adding of all the schools student populations together.
- E. Copies of team co-op applications will be sent to District Coordinators for their review and input before BCAW approval.
- F. Co-op applications must include all Varsity and JV team rosters from the schools involved in the application request.
- G. All schools (teams) must be within the same district when applying for a co-op.
- H. Co-op teams' rules apply to both Varsity & JV teams.
- I. Co-op team names will include names of all schools/cities involved.
- J. 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. No school can cut or deny any student a roster spot to obtain/create a co-op. Students not having their own equipment are not a reason for keeping them from making the team.
    - b. To bowl on a varsity team all students must be in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - 2. JV Teams
    - a. Students from other schools will only be allowed on JV, although not eligible for state team tournament.
    - b. JV teams with students from other school must submit a co-op application.
- K. The Board of Control determined after consulting with WIAA: A student athlete attending classes in more than one public school must bowl with the high school team of the school that sets the student's class schedule.

#### **15. SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships will be awarded and issued in accordance with all NCAA, USBC and BCAW rules.



## **16. STATE TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- A. All girls are eligible whether bowling in the boys or girls division. To qualify for singles: girls fill percentage from both boys and girls division will determine advancing players in the girls singles. Formula used to determine number of advancing players when girls are participating in the boys division. EXAMPLE: The number of girls that are invited to the state tournament in girls singles is determined by the number of girls teams plus the percentage of girls bowling in the boys division. Then we multiply that percentage by the number of teams invited to state in the boys division. If that number is less than one, no spots will be added to girls singles. If that number is more than 1 but less than 2, one spot from the boys will be moved to girls singles. Example: 16 boys teams in a district, 128 bowlers of which 25 are girls =0.19%. 6 teams invited to boys singles X 0.19=1.14 or 1 girls singles moved to girls singles.
- B. JV bowlers from the same school can be brought up to the varsity team for state competition.
- C. If a team is going to substitute a bowler mid game/frame during TV finals, coach much tell designated tournament official before substitution is made. If an illegal substitution is made all balls thrown by illegal bowler will be considered “dead balls” and will follow USBC rule, (USBC Rule 8. Dead Ball or USBC High School Bowling Rules Art. 10 – Dead Ball), accordingly. A zero for the frame.
- D. State Tournament finals Division I teams will compete against each other and Division II teams will compete against each other for state championship. Each District Coordinator will work with coaches to have all team rosters on the WI HS Bowl Club website prior to their first match. The BCAW staff will use the WIAA school population statistics from the previous year. Each District will know how many teams are in division I and II. At the start of the season after all teams student populations have been determined teams will be split equally into division 1 and 2. The teams invited to the State Tournament will be based on the percent make up of teams within each district. Any team invited must have won 50% of their matches. The BCAW Executive Director will notify each district how many boys and girls Division I teams and II teams they will be able to advance to State by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Singles event is all bowlers combined in Division I & Division II.
- F. **Eligibility Rules:** To be eligible to compete at the 2014 State Tournament a team or bowler must:
1. Teams must have competed in at least 10 BCAW organized bowling matches in their district.  
To be eligible for singles event, bowlers must bowl in 66% of the total frames bowled by the team. Formula is matches bowled x number of games x 2 frames. I.e. a team bowls 20 matches x 9 games x 2 frames = 360 frames. 66% of 360 = 237.6 frames. Round up, in this example, the bowler would have to bowl 238 frames to meet the eligibility requirement.
  2. All State qualifiers must be in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.
  3. All complete rosters and monies must be in the BCAW office by February 19, 2014. If turned in after February 19<sup>th</sup> you will be ineligible for state competition.
  4. Each District will cover the costs of individual and team competition.
    - a. BCAW member center is \$100.00 per team / \$20.00 per individual

- b. Non BCAW member center is \$250.00 per team / \$50.00 per individual
  - 5. Only one **Boys and one Girls** team from a high school can be admitted to the state tournament.
  - 6. Boys & Girls singles is a Jr. Gold event. To qualify bowler must be USBC Youth Certified. (See letter L, Jr. Gold Qualifying Rule on page 11)
- G. No Tournament flyers or offers of any kind maybe passed out or displayed without approval of the Board of Control.
- H. All State Tournament disputes during the State Tournament or All Star Team Challenge Tournament will be handled by the members of the Board of Control on site at the tournament.
- I. Lane Conditions: Lane conditions for both the WI High School State Bowling Championships and the BCAW All-Star Team Challenge will be decided by the Board of Control and posted on the wihsbowlclub website one week prior to the first date of competition.
- J. Rules:**
- 1. A team is expected to present a legal line-up on the lanes at the scheduled time. Coaches must submit a team roster **before February 19<sup>th</sup>** competition to BCAW office. Up to 10 (ten) players on a roster. No more than 10 roster players and 2 Coaches in the bowlers area. A team cannot have more than 10 players in the bowling area for qualifying and finals, plus 2 coaches.
  - 2. Bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice before the start of competition.
  - 3. If less than a full team is present and no subs are available or eligible the team will receive zero (0) for the absent bowler.
  - 4. Team event ties for roll-off spots:  
For 1st - 4th: The last qualifying high game will determine the higher spot.  
A tie for 5th and 6th for the TV finals: There will be a 2 game roll off. This roll off will be Saturday evening prior to semi-finals.  
This roll-off will be Sunday morning.  
A tie in the TV finals: There will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off.
  - 5. Singles event ties for roll-off spots:  
For 1st - 4th: The last qualifying high game will determine the higher spot.  
A tie for 5th & 6th spot for the TV finals: A one (1) game roll off after Saturday competition to determine 5th place.  
A tie in the TV finals: There will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off.
  - 6. **Substitutes:** A coach may remove a bowler during a game and use a roster bowler. Once a bowler has been substituted out that bowler may not re-enter that game, however the bowler may re-enter the next game. Substitutions can be made mid-frame. If a team is going to substitute a bowler mid game/frame during TV finals, coach must tell designated tournament official before substitution is made. If an illegal substitution is made all balls thrown by illegal bowler will be considered “dead balls” and will follow USBC rule, (USBC Rule 8. Dead Ball or USBC High School Bowling Rules Art. 10 – Dead Ball), accordingly.

- K. Conduct of Coaches and Players:
1. No coach or player may use alcoholic beverages or any tobacco products on the bench, playing area, concourse or paddock room and/or use any equipment with alcohol or tobacco logos or names on it.
  2. All bowlers will remain in the bowlers' area or paddock room at all times during the competition.
  3. Bowlers will be expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the lane is clear. (One lane courtesy only)
  4. Non sportsmanship like conduct, [See #9 District Competition Structure & Rules, E. Playing format subsection 9 e & f – Conduct of Coaches & Players.](#)
- L. **Jr. Gold qualifying rules**
- 1) Boys and girls can sign up for membership for \$30 whether new or renewal.
  - 2) There is no fee to enter Junior Gold qualifier, the High School Bowling Club is sponsoring the spots.
  - 3) Advancing Junior Gold Member must bowl 6 games, 3 games in the qualifying round and 3 games in the semi-final round.
- M. All food and beverages must be purchased from the bowling center. No carry-ins is allowed. Food & drinks are not allowed in the bowlers' settee area.
- N. All bowlers are allowed 2 bowling balls in the bowler area. All extra equipment must remain outside the bowlers' area.
- O. All score corrections will be done by BCAW staff; all score sheets must be verified by a coach on an opposing pair & signed.
- P. All **bowlers** must wear same color team shirt and same color dress or casual dress (khaki type) pants during ALL competition including singles event (no blue jeans will be allowed). All **coaches** must have a school colored shirt [and wear their USBC Registered Volunteer ID lanyard or School ID where a background check has been performed.](#) No hats or head wear are allowed. If you're in doubt get a ruling by a tournament director before competition starts. Violating dress code will result in a disqualification of that individual. Coaches co-ordinate your apparel with team colors.
- Q. No practice will be allowed in the host center on the day of competition.
- R. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications, no abrasives are allowed during competition.
- S. All other rules will be followed in accordance with USBC YOUTH rules.
- T. The Tournament will not refund entry fees for missing teams or singles.
- U. District's that are missing bowlers [for Singles only](#) may substitute qualified bowlers from their district. [The next eligible bowler at the State Tournament will be able to compete in the Singles competition.](#) If no qualified bowlers exist the spot will remain vacant. If a replacement bowler is chosen that selection is final after practice has started. Once a substitution is made by the missing players Coach or District Coordinator, that decision is final. Schedule time is defined by the times printed in the program booklet and website.
- V. No flash photos will be allowed during tournament competition.

W. Leave score sheets on scoring unit at all times.

X. The High School Bowling Club and the Bowling Center are not responsible for lost or stolen apparel or equipment.

**17. TV FINALS FORMAT:**

**A. SINGLES: First event**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> seed will receive 5 minutes of practice on the TV pair of lanes.
2. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seeds coming to match play will get one frame of practice on each lane.
3. League play mode.
4. Boys on one pair, Girls on the other.
5. Higher qualifier has choice of starting lane & whether to start match or finish it.
6. If the individual starts first, they will finish last.
7. First bowler bowls one frame, second bowler bowls two frames. From then on each bowler bowls 2 frames each to end of game.
8. Bowls 1 game, winner of match advances to next match or wins. Ties, there will be a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.

**B. TEAM: Second event**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seed will receive 10 minutes of practice on the TV pair of lanes.
2. Team members on first seed will receive one ball of practice per lane, no re-racking when coming to bowl finals match.
3. Open play mode.  
Higher qualifier has choice of starting lane & whether to start match first.  
If team starts first game, they will go second the second game.
4. Teams will alternate balls between Division 1 & Division 2.
5. Changes lanes each game.
6. Bowl two games and total pins advances to next match or wins.
7. Bowlers alternate bowling back & forth regardless of what frame each team is in.
8. Ties, there will be a 6<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.
9. Teams will sit/stand in designated areas.
10. Individual may have only two (2) balls on rack when it's their turn, otherwise one (1).