

# 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>.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES

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 Commissioners 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.

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

1. A home school 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.

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## 3. DISTRICT COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 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 19, 2012.

## 4. DISTRICT COMPETITION RULES

### A. 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. If a school has a varsity girls team, that school cannot have girls on their varsity boys team.
6. 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.
7. One boys and one girls varsity team per High School. All other teams will be JV.
8. If a varsity team has a sub from another school, the team forfeits the match but the individuals scores count toward fill percentage.

### B. 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 15 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.

C. 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 ties 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)
  - 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. Unsportsmanship like 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.
  - f. Conduct Enforcement Policy: Coaches of all participating schools are responsible for the enforcement of the following penalties. The commissioner 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.  
Violation 2: Will be removal or said bowler from all competition. 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 7 people will be allowed in the settee area plus the coach, 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. I also will be the team captain's responsibility to make sure his/her team contributions are fair share of time to the score keeping function.

5. 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 each 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. These sessions will be at no cost to the school or student and must be pre-arranged with the participating bowling center to insure lanes are reserved and available.

## **6. UNIFORMS UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2011**

Team competitors and coaches shall appear in uniforms approved by the Commissioner for all matches and tournaments. 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).

First offense in violation of uniform requirements

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

Coaches in violation will not be allowed in the settee 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 ¼ 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 logo’s 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 not be required on shirt, city or school name can be on shirt on back or front. Shirts can be numbered but start with 11, bowlers name optional.

## **7. 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 supercede any school district travel policy. Transportation will be provided in accordance with the school district’s policy.

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

- A. To be eligible for individual awards and All-Conference selection, bowlers must bowl in 75% of all matches bowled by his or her team. The bowler also must participate in at least 60% of the games bowled by his or her team.
- B. Teams must bowl a minimum of 10 matches within their conference.
- C. District competition will follow the dates of November 1 – February 19, 2012. 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 2012 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 2012 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. Please follow the same steps as in Rule 8D.

## 9. 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 commissioners 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 must be within the same district when applying for a co-op.
- H. Co-op teams rules apply to Varsity 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 is not a reason for 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.

## 10. SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## 11. 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.

## 12. DISTRICT AMENDMENTS

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.

## 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 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. 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.  
Team Division is based on student population of the school.  
Division 1= 1,000+  
Division 2= 999 or less
- E. Singles event is all bowlers combined in Division I & Division II.

**Eligibility Rules: To be eligible to compete at the 2012 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 75% of all matches bowled by his or her team, also must participate in at least 60% of the games.
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 20, 2012. If turned in after February 20<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 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 Rule # 7.

**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 20<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. For TV finals bowlers a minimum of 2 balls per lane on the starting pair of lanes or as allowed by the camera and announcing crew. (After bowling on a warm up pair.)
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.
- 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.
5. 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.
6. Conduct of Coaches and Players:
  - A. 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.
  - B. All bowlers will remain in the bowlers area or paddock room at all times during the competition.
  - C. 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).
  - D. Non sportsmanship like conduct, including deliberate foul, usually loud or vulgar language or abuse of center equipment is prohibited.
    3. Violation One: Will result in a verbal warning.
    4. Violation Two: Will be removal of said bowler from all competition. Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.
7. **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.

8. All food and beverages must be purchased from the bowling center. No carry-ins are allowed. Food & drinks are not allowed in the bowlers sette area.
9. All bowlers are allowed 2 bowling balls in the bowler area. All extra equipment must remain outside the bowlers area.
10. All score corrections will be done by BCAW staff, all score sheets must be verified by a coach on an opposing pair & signed.
11. 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. 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.
12. No practice will be allowed in the host center on the day of competition.
13. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications, no abrasives are allowed during competition.
14. All other rules will be followed in accordance with USBC YOUTH rules.
15. The Tournament will not refund entry fee's for missing teams or singles.
16. District's that are missing bowlers may substitute qualified bowlers from their district. 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 commissioner, that decision is final. Schedule time is defined by the times printed in the program booklet and website.
17. No flash photos will be allowed during tournament competition.
18. Leave score sheets on scoring unit at all times.
19. The High School Bowling Club and the Bowling Center are not responsible for lost or stolen apparel or equipment.

**TV FINALS FORMAT:**

**SINGLES: First event**

- Individuals get one frame of practice on each lane
- League play mode
- Boys on one pair, Girls on the other
- Higher qualifier has choice of starting lane & whether to start match or finish it.
- If the individual starts first, they will finish last.
  - First bowler bowls one frame, second bowler bowls two frames. From then on each bowler bowls 2 frames each to end of game.
  - 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.

**TEAM: Second event**

- Individuals get one ball of practice per lane
- 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.
- Changes lanes each game
- Bowl two games and total pins advances to next match or wins.
- Bowlers alternate bowling back & forth regardless of what frame each team is in.
- Ties, there will be a 6<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.
- Teams will sit/stand in designated areas.
- Individual may have only two (2) balls on rack when it's their turn, otherwise one (1).