

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. The cost for adding a new program?

A. The start-up cost to schools is very limited with no rental fee for use of the facility or equipment. Student participations fees range from \$25-\$100, team fees \$25.00 per match, 15-20 matches per season \$375-\$450/team. Eventually we would like to be treated the same as any other sport that does not use the school facility with a budget that is consistent with other sports such as cross country and golf.

Q. Transportation cost?

A. It would be great if the schools would provide transportation, however, arrangements are currently made by parents and students. Some schools in our club provide transportation.

Q. Is your business a for profit entity?

A. Yes, the same as a golf course that has team golf. Just as school districts have employee salaries, bowling centers also have overhead and budgets. Currently centers provide free practice to the teams.

Q. Alcohol and smoking issues?

A. Absolutely not permitted. During high school meets there is no smoking or alcohol consumption in their setee area or the immediate concourse area. Each center has displayed signage for spectators as a reminder.

Q. Obtaining a qualified coach?

A. We would like a teacher or volunteer from the school district to coach. Often, a parent of a team member or the bowling center assist in finding a coach.

Q. How many students are on a team?

A. Usually there are 7 bowlers, but you can have up to 10 on a team – Junior Varsity and Varsity.

Q. How are tryouts run?

A. Tryouts are held the same as any other sport, and are scheduled for a determined number of days for coaches to decide who will be Junior Varsity or Varsity based on their skill level during tryouts.

Q. What is a baker format?

A. The baker format is a team oriented concept where 5 bowlers bowl 2 frames each, examples as follows: 1st bowler – frames 1 and 6
2nd bowler – frames 2 and 7
3rd bowler – frames 3 and 8
4th bowler – frames 4 and 9
5th bowler – frames 5 and 10
Substituting is allowed during the match and with a frame.

Q. When does the season start and end?

A. The HSBC follows the WIAA winter schedule with the dates coinciding with the start of girls' and boys' basketball season respectively, with both ending the 1st weekend in March at the state tournament.

Q. How many students/teams are involved in Districts/State?

A. We currently have 12 districts and 2,500 students participating in the state.

Q. How does the state tournament work?

A. Each district sends teams based on 15-20% of their top teams after completion of the district competitions. There are team and singles events.

Q. How many years has the HSBC been operating?

A. The HSBC has been in operation for 11 years with the 10th annual state tournament being held in March, 2008. There have been individual clubs or districts operating in Wisconsin for as long as 25 years prior to the organization of the HSBC.

Q. Who is responsible for getting equipment?

A. Bowlers are responsible for providing their own bowling equipment. If they have none, they may use house shoes and balls provided by the local bowling center at no cost.

Q. What are the coaches' qualifications?

A. The HSBC would like to see all coaches be bronze certified by the United States Bowling Congress. As of this time not all coaches are certified. However, currently many coaches are certified either at Level 1 or Level 2.

Q. Does the state have a website?

A. Yes, the state website is wihsbowlclub.com.

Q. What do you need from the high school?

A. The use of the school name, your cooperation in making announcements and consideration as club sport. We also need a long term commitment from the high school for the athletes and we only ask that bowling athletes be treated as all other lifetime sports and be afforded the same opportunities, i.e. golf, tennis, swimming and cross country. Bowling to be recognized as a lettered sport.