

BOWLING COMMITTEE ADVISORY MINUTES
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OFFICE
April 23, 2018 **10:00 AM**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Corby Laube, Athletic Director Marion.

Attending were:

Marie Tharp, Head Coach North Scott, Eldridge
Kay Heiberger, Head Coach Epworth, Western Dubuque
Matthew Schneider, Head Coach Waverly-Shell Rock
Dale Helgevold, Head Coach, Clarke, Osceola
Randy Thompson, Iowa Bowling Proprietors

Guests: Brandon Thompson, Manager, Great Escape in Pleasant Hill

Attending from the State Offices were Jason Eslinger (IGHSAU) and Todd Tharp (IHSAA)

MM-S by Helgevold/Tharp to approve the April 24, 2107 Bowling Advisory Committee minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Members were introduced and an explanation of the Advisory Committee's purpose was given.

- I. Regular season information-
 - A. Schools and proprietors continue to work together regarding the negotiation of fees and the availability of the house during the regular season. Many schools get at least two days a week to practice and have their competition. The fee structures vary from around the state, with some schools paying per individual per line, while for others it is flat fee.
 - B. Schools continue to share concerns regarding the ability of non-coaches coaching their athletes during the contest. Bowling provides this unique situation more often than other sports due there being no real separation between the athletes and the bowlers. It was recommended that conferences and school create criteria regarding the opportunities for athletes to leave the bowling area during the match. (Example: Athletes are not allowed to leave the bowling area until a game is totally completed.)
 - C. Discussion was held regarding a potential reformatting of QUIKStats to help when variations are used in baker game only tournaments and conferences that have both individual and team tournaments. The IHSAA and IGHSAU shared with the committee that they will contact the software manufacturers and see if options are available.
 - D. A recommendation was again brought up regarding adding an additional contest date for the regular season. A motion was made by Tharp, but received no second, so the motion died.
 - E. Clarity regarding the dress code was again addressed and trying to define denim. The committee asked the administration to make proper dress a point of emphasis for the 2018-2019 bowling season. **(MM-S) Schneider/Heiberger to allow the option of skirts to be worn during competition. Motion approved unanimously.**
 - F. Baker Game Substitution.
 - G. Classifications- Class 1A coaches are concerned regarding the smaller number of schools assigned to Class 2A and Class 3A qualifying meets and the larger number in Class 1A. Four schools are assigned to a Class 2A and Class 3A qualifying meet under the current format, while 6 or 7 may be assigned to a Class 1A meet. In addition, with the inconsistency of oil patterns, concerns are raised regarding the equity of only providing for 1 at large qualifier per class. We continue to see growth in

the sport of bowling as over 100 school sponsor bowling, with many schools sharing with another school. The classifications were recently changed as we went to 3 classes to avoid spectator crowding at the state meet.

(MM-S) Heiberger-Tharp to adjust the bowling classifications as follows:

Class 3A	30 teams
Class 2A	30 teams
Class 1A	Remaining teams

Motion Approved Unanimously.

II. Post Season Information-

(MM-S) Heiberger-Tharp to approve the following number of joint bowling qualifying sites and at-large qualifying teams.

Class 3A 5 Joint qualifying sites with 6 teams at each site. 8 teams will qualify for the state meet. The 5 teams with the highest pin count at each qualifying meet will be an automatic qualifier for the state meet. The 3 at-large qualifiers will be based on the highest pin count of the remaining teams from all 5 joint qualifying meets.

Class 2A 5 Joint qualifying sites with 6 teams at each site. 8 teams will qualify for the state meet. The 5 teams with the highest pin count at each qualifying meet will be an automatic qualifier for the state meet. The 3 at-large qualifiers will be based on the highest pin count of the remaining teams from all 5 joint qualifying meets.

Class 1A 7 Joint qualifying sites with 6-8 teams at each site depending on the number of schools. 8 teams will qualify for the state meet. The 7 teams with the highest pin count at each qualifying meet will be an automatic qualifier for the state meet. The 1 at-large qualifier will be based on the highest pin count of the remaining teams from all 7 joint qualifying meets.

Discussion was held regarding the format that is to be used for the joint qualifying meets. There was not a concern that the format be exactly the way it is at the state meet, but that communication prior to the match should be shared with all schools attending that site. It would be preferred that lanes are drawn as the schools arrive at the site, and that the host school cannot draw a lane until one other school has arrived. The advisory committee asked the IHSAA and IGHSAU to make sure that hosts are sharing information with each school attending their site.

Both the IHSAA and IGHSAU reminded the advisory committee again, that they contact schools, not the bowling houses when seeking sites for the joint qualifying meets. The school is to then contact the house to determine whether or not they can host. In addition, any financial accommodations for hosting a qualifying meet are given to the host school, not the house that hosts the meet. It is the determination of the host school how those financial accommodations are shared.

The IHSAA and IGHSAU shared their condolences with Randy Thompson regarding the tragic fire at Plaza Lanes and shared the process involved with selecting a temporary site for the 2018 state bowling tournament. After visiting several sites around the state, it became clear that Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo was the house that wanted to host and met a majority of the criteria to host three days of

bowling. Several trips to Waterloo occurred in the month of January as details were worked out to host the meet. The format would stay the same with girls and boys bowling at the same time. An unfortunate postponement extended the tournament for one day, and the decision was made to move the Class 2A meet to Thursday from the previous Tuesday, so that only one class was interrupted due to weather.

At this time, it appears that Plaza Lanes will not be ready to host the 2019 state bowling tournament and the IHSAA and IGHS AU will contact Cadillac Lanes this fall to invite them to host again.

Discussion was held regarding the number of individuals from non-qualifying teams qualifying for the state tournament. Currently, the top 12 individuals qualify for the post season, whether or not they are on a qualifying team. With this format, a small number of individual qualifiers from non-qualifying teams may make it to the state tournament, with those individual qualifiers being placed on the same lanes together, and finishing much sooner than those teams that qualified. The IHSAA and the IGHS AU shared concerns regarding the potential issues that could arise if the number of individual qualifiers was increased. These concerns include an increase in attendance at the state meet, which could create overcrowding, along with potentially increasing the range of scores between the highest score and lowest score of the individual qualifiers. In addition, the IHSAA and the IGHS AU have limited data regarding the scores from the joint qualifying meets and would like to receive more data before addressing this issue.

(MM-S) Heiberger-Tharp to have the 12 highest non-qualifying individual scores from each class qualify for the state tournament. These individuals would bowl together (six on a lane) and would bowl their individual games and be able to compete for the individual championship. They would not take up anymore room as we already provide two lanes for our individual qualifiers. (Motion Approved Unanimously)

The date of the 2019 Bowling Advisory Committee Meeting is Monday, April 29, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union in West Des Moines.

With no further business, the committee was adjourned.

Todd Tharp
Iowa High School Athletic Association

BOWLING COMMITTEE ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. (MM-S) Schneider/Heiberger to allow the option of skirts to be worn during competition. Motion approved unanimously.**
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- 4. (MM-S) Heiberger-Tharp to have the 12 highest non-qualifying individual scores from each qualifying meet in each class qualify for the state tournament. These individuals would bowl together (six on a lane) and would bowl their individual games and be able to compete for the individual championship. They would not take up anymore room as we already provide two lanes for our individual qualifiers. (Motion Approved Unanimously)**