

BOWLING COMMITTEE ADVISORY MINUTES

April 29, 2019

Attending were Xan Taylor, Kay Heiberger, Mike Mellecker and Dale Helgevold and Doug Techel. Absent: Corby Laube and Randy Thompson. Attending from the State Offices were Jason Eslinger and Todd Tharp. Also attending: Doug Techel, Paul Havnen, and Bev Van Blair with Iowa Bowling Proprietors' Association.

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

Motion by Helgevold, Taylor second to approve April 23, 2018 Bowling Advisory Committee minutes as corrected. IB, change "athletes" to "spectators". Motion carried unanimously.

Committee discussed lineups during the regular season. There has been some confusion as to what constitutes an official lineup. After discussion, committee developed the following clarifications on lineups:

Definitions:

Roster: Your roster is defined as the student-athletes eligible to compete at any level on that respective day.

Line-Up: Your line-up is defined as the student-athletes designated to compete at a particular level on that respective day.

Varsity: The highest level of competition offered by one school or school district against the highest level of competition offered by an opposing school or school district.

Individual Format:

Varsity Line-Up: A varsity team shall consist of no more than 6 bowlers. Each of the six team members will bowl individual games with the best 5 two game total pin scores being used to determine the team individual total. A team member must bowl two games in order for their total pin score to count. Exception, a bowler who needs to be substituted for due to illness or injury will have their score and the substitute's score counted.

A legal lineup may consist of a minimum of 3 bowlers and 2 vacancies or subs.

Coaches may change player(s) on a team after a game but not in the middle of a game.

Six (6) bowlers will bowl two regular games of competition and five (5) bowlers 5 games (one equivalent game) of 5 person Baker Format. (See Substitution Rule)

Team Format:

Five Games Baker format (one equivalent game): As games progress, total pins are always visible on the scorer.

Substitution Rule: Substitutions AND BOWLING ORDER CHANGES may be made in this round BETWEEN GAMES. Coaches will have the opportunity to create a new bowling order prior to each Baker game. For example: Player A could be the first bowler in game #1, the second bowler in game #2, not bowl in game #3, be the third bowler in game #4, and be the fourth bowler in game #5. Teams will bowl all frames of each Baker game on one lane, switching lanes only between games.

The topic of attire was discussed. Currently first or last names are not allowed on the uniform top. Committee discussed and agree names should be optional. **Motion by Techel allowing first or last names only on the front or back of the jersey. This is to be left to the discretion of the school. Second by Heiberger and passed unanimously.**

Currently bowlers are allowed two deliveries per lane for practice. Committee discussed allowing a set time to throw, which could give bowlers more practice time before a meet. Helgevold informed Committee when hosting, he lets competing coaches know ahead of time their warm-up procedures. This idea will be a point of emphasis in rules meeting and in the rules memorandum/manual.

Paul Havnen and Bev Van Blair with Iowa Bowling Proprietors' Association spoke on their recently completed Middle School State Bowling Championship. Van Blair stated there were 26 schools represented, with 124 participants. Van Blair stated the Proprietors' Association is asking the IGSHAU/IHSAA for their help in promoting their state tournament. Both Tharp and Eslinger stated the State Offices would help in this promotion.

Havnen informed Committee of the Iowa Bowling Proprietors' Association's quest to assist any and all schools in getting bowling started in their school. Bowler's Ed is a progressive and innovative way to promote the sport to get youth interested in bowling. Many PE teachers are now using Bowler's Ed in their gym class, and it is also used in STEM practices.

The Committee was informed the Ad-Hoc Committee (IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSSA and IHSMA) have been reviewing the placement and overlap for all high school activities on the Unified Calendar. Currently the season starts on week 19 and concludes week 34. Committee discussed moving the season earlier or later than the current season, wherein Committee felt the proprietors would be in favor of moving the bowling season earlier. Often proprietors are unable to host a tournament due to their own league play. Hopefully a move in the calendar will help eliminate some conflicts with hosting high school bowling and leagues. **Taylor motion the IGHSAU/IHSAA to explore adjusting the season, Heiberger second. Unanimously approved.**

Tharp/Eslinger distributed a packet of various states' high school bowling manuals/guidelines. The information contained were of post-season qualification processes, rules, restrictions, etc. Committee discussed possible changes in the format of state tournament play, including boys in the morning, girls in the afternoon (or vice versa), or holding an individual tournament with more participants in the first round and narrowing down that number throughout the competition. Techel believes bowling two games does not get your best bowler, and feels bowling 6-8 games are needed. Committee discussed the possibility of a baker tournament. **Techel motion for the**

IGHSAU/IHSAA to investigate a different state qualifying and state meet format. Helgevold second, passed unanimously.

The Iowa Girls Coaches Association will be sending out a survey and polling coaches. The results of this survey will be shared with the IGHSAU/IHSAA.

Taylor motion to allow three balls to be used at state, due to lane safety conditions. The extra ball can be stored in the middle lanes. Heiberger second and passed unanimously.

Heiberger motion to have the 12 highest non-qualifying individual scores from each qualifying meet in each class qualify for 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. This is for oil distribution and evens the playing field. Taylor second motion, unanimously approved.

Taylor motioned to allow coaches to freely substitute during the baker games instead of allowing just six bowlers. Motion died for lack of second.

Discussion was held on the difficulty of securing adequate facilities for post-season play. Tharp reminded Committee to write in concerns if a facility is not in good condition to host state-qualifying play.

Committee discussed the gate receipts from the state-qualifying tournament and if the proprietors receive this amount. Committee was informed the host school receives 20% of the gate, with the hopes it is then given to the state-qualifying site. This cannot be mandated however.

Discussion was held on bowling classification.

The date for the 2020 Bowling Advisory Committee Meeting is May 4 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the IHSAA in Boone.

With no further business, **motion to adjourn by Helgevold, Taylor second and unanimously approved.**

Heidi Reed
Recorder