

BOWLING COMMITTEE ADVISORY MINUTES
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OFFICE
April 27, 2020
Via Zoom
9:30 AM

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Fedders, Athletic Director, Des Moines, East.

Attending were:

Xan Taylor, Head Girls' Coach, Johnston
Mike Mellecker, Head Boys' Coach, Iowa City, West
Dale Helgevoid, Head Coach, Clarke, Osceola
Randy Thompson, Iowa Bowling Proprietors
Matthew Schneider, President Iowa Bowling Coaches Association
Bev Van Blair, Iowa Bowling Proprietors
Tom Keating, Iowa High School Athletic Association

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

MM-S by Helgevoid/Mellecker to approve the April 29, 2019 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. A recommendation was brought up regarding adding an additional contest date for the regular season. The recommendation received no motion to move forward for discussion.
- C. The committee asked the administration to make proper coach attire a point of emphasis for the 2020-2021 bowling season. **The Bowling Advisory Committee recommends that coaches wear attire similar to that of their student-athletes and that coaches should not wear blue jeans during competition. Additionally, hats and caps should not be worn during competition.**
- D. The advisory committee asked the administration to continue to clarify the roster determination and who is able to compete during varsity individual and baker game contests.
 1. Individual Competition- The six people on the varsity roster are the only contestants available to compete in the two individual games.
 2. Baker Game Competition- The six people on the varsity roster are the only contestants available to compete in the five baker game format. Five players are to be selected for each baker game and any of the six players may be selected for each baker game. In addition, the position of each player can be switched upon the conclusion of each baker game.

II. Post Season Information-

- A. Selection of Sites- The advisory committee recommended to the IHSAA and the IGHSAU that a list of facilities that have shown an interest in hosting a joint qualifying meet be posted on each website. In addition, when sites have been finalized, to share those sites on each respective website so that schools would know if their facility has been chosen.
- B. Communication with Host Sites- 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. **MM-S by Helgevoid/Taylor that a lineage fee per gender team (\$50 for a boys team and an additional \$50 for a girls team) be paid by each school to the assigned host facility of each joint qualifying meet. Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Discussion was held regarding the format that is to be used for the joint qualifying meets. Communication prior to the match should be shared with all schools attending that site.
 - D. 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 share 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) Taylor-Mellecker 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 carried 4-2, Schneider & Fedders voting Nay)**
 - E. Joint Qualifying Meet/State Meet Roster- Discussion was held in regard to the addition of a 7 spot on the roster for a substitute bowler. The substitute would only be permitted to bowl in the individual games due to an injury and could be placed in the baker game competition based on coach's prerogative. **(MM-S) Mellecker/Helgevold to add a substitute position on the joint qualifying meet/state meet roster and for the substitute to be permitted competition in individual games due to injury only and permitted competition in baker games at the coach's prerogative. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - F. State Venue Agreement- Eslinger shared with the committee that Cadillac Lanes, XBC was granted a two-year extension as the state venue through the 2021-2022 season with an option for additional years based on agreed upon upgrades to the facility.
- III. Other Items-
- A. USBC Rule Changes- Matt Schneider, President of the Iowa Bowling Coaches Association shared the upcoming rule change for the 2020-2021 season regarding balance holes. Beginning August 1, 2020. Bowlers will not be allowed to use a ball with a balance hole and all gripping holes must be used on every delivery. The IHSAA and IGHS AU will provide more information to member schools during the fall.
 - B. Format Change- Matt Schneider presented a draft looking at a new format for the joint qualifying meets and the state meet. The new format would consist of an individual tournament and a separate baker game team tournament. Individuals only would qualify for the state meet based on a certain number of individual games bowled and teams would qualify for a separate state meet based on a certain number of baker games bowled. The advisory committee supported looking at a new format and recommended that Matt work with the IHSAA, IGHS AU and bowling coaches in creation of a format for two separate tournaments.

The date of the 2021 Bowling Advisory Committee Meeting is Monday, April 26, 2021 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

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