

**Indiana High School Bowling Tournament Format  
and Additional Rules for 2011-2012 Season  
As of 10/02/2011**

We will use the same format all the way through our tournament: Sectional, Regional, Semi-State and State Finals. The boys and girls will have separate events. The team event will be separate from the singles event. Girls may bowl on boys' teams during the tournament if they bowled on that team during conference play. Singles competition will be by gender. The conference may schedule events as necessary at the sectional. Participants must have a coach present at every level. The commissioner will consider and deal with reported violations on an individual basis.

The individuals competing in the singles event will draw for lane assignments. They will bowl 3 games and move to a different set each game. After the 3 games, the top 4 individuals\* will be seeded and will compete in a stepladder competition to determine the champion. These matches will be 1 game. Along with the top 4, the remaining advancing individuals from each competition\*\* will advance to the next designated location.

The teams will draw for lane assignments. All teams will bowl 2 regular games. The first game will be on the drawn lanes. Teams will move for the second game. The tournament director/committee will determine the moves prior to the start of competition. After the regular games they will be seeded for 5 Baker games. The teams will move 1 lane to the right after each Baker game. After the Baker games the top teams\* will be seeded and will compete in a stepladder competition to determine the champion. These matches will be 2 Baker games. An example of a stepladder is when the 4<sup>th</sup> seeded team plays the 3<sup>rd</sup> seeded team. The winner from that match plays the 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded team and that winner will play the 1<sup>st</sup> seeded team for the championship. Along with the stepladder finalists, the remaining advancing teams from each competition\*\* will advance to the next designated location.

\*The stepladder competition will consist of 4 (or less) teams or individuals. If your tournament advances less than 4, the stepladder competition will consist of only those advancing. If only one advances, there is no playoff.

\*\*Number of teams and individuals advancing from each level will be determined prior to tournament competition. Teams will advance from the sectional based on the number of teams in their conference. **SINGLES WILL ADVANCE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS, NOT TEAM NUMBERS AS IN THE PAST.** Check advancement numbers for your tournament site as the Indiana High School Bowling Rules Committee posts them. We will have an even number of teams at the regional, semi-state and state finals. If the advancing ratio is an odd number of teams, the team closest to advancing will advance. If there's a tie, the season record will break it: 1) Standing - % of wins, 2) Average points and 4) Average pins.

**TOURNAMENT RULES:**

Coaches it's your job to register your team and check grades. If a bowler is found to be ineligible by non-registration or grades, he/she will be disqualified from the competition. In

the team event that bowler would receive a zero score. There will be no time limit to find and address disqualification issues. If/When a team (or individual) is disqualified the next team (or individual) in line will advance without further bowling.

All conference conduct and uniform/jewelry rules apply in ALL tournament play. Inspections will be run prior to tournament play. Bowlers out of uniform will correct the problem or they will not be allowed to participate. Any violation found after inspection (during or after competition) will be corrected prior to the next competition.

All tournament bowlers must be registered online and have bowled at least one game during conference play.

The coaches need to step up and police bad behavior in their bowling area. They need to police their team and their opponents. The tournament director will issue a verbal warning for a first offense. If problems continue, he may disqualify the individual or team. **EXCESSIVE NOISE, AS DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL BE ADDRESSED.**

The boys and girls events will be held on separate blocks of lanes in the center. They will bowl the entire tournament in their block. (Sectional events may vary slightly.)

Lanes will be oiled fresh for each event. (If possible, depending on center size, etc, there will be fresh lanes for the finals.)

The tournament director may make any call necessary pertaining to the running of the tournament.

We will give the tournament director more authority in enforcing rules, written and unwritten. We will support his/her decisions unless there is a formal protest filed.

We will hold our tournament event (regional, semi-state and finals) at the scheduled time regardless of the weather, unless that city or county is under the level 3 'state of emergency warning'. This is the level that says no one is to be on the roads. If that level of warning is issued, IHSB will work with area authorities to make some common sense decisions. If the meet is delayed, postponed or cancelled, that bowling center will have the most accurate information. Coordinators and coaches will be contacted. If other counties are under any emergency warning, it will be the school's and/or individual's decision to bowl or not. We will make every effort to allow everyone to compete. If additional events are required, the advancement ratio will be used at each event, not actual posted numbers.

**WE CANNOT CONTROL THE INDIANA WEATHER IN FEBRUARY AND WE MAY HAVE SOME BAD WEATHER. IT WILL ULTIMATELY BE THE CENTER/SCHOOL/COACH/PARENT/BOWLER DECISION TO BOWL OR NOT.**

Sectional –The advisory board will determine the number of sectionals when the final conference numbers are in. Only 7 players can participate per team (5 regulars and 2 subs). Only 7 players (per team) can compete in singles (could be a different 7 than in the team event). [Finished by Jan 30]

Regional– There will be at least 4 Regional sites. [Feb 5, 2010]

Semi-State – There will be 2 Semi-State sites. [Feb 12, 2010]

State Finals – There will be 1 State Finals site. [Feb 19, 2010]

We will continue our site selection process as we have the last few years. We want to keep the finals in the center of the state. The other events will be scheduled as close to the participating schools as possible to reduce travel. It is recommended that centers host a regional prior to being awarded a semi-state or finals. Bid forms for tournament sites will be issued. The IHSB Rules Committee will make site selections. The committee may seek additional sites if there are no suitable bids from an area.

At the tournament sites for Regional, Semi-State and State Finals: The singles competition will be in the morning and team in the afternoon. There will be an hour scheduled between events. We will again televise the State Championship matches. We will run the singles semi-final matches right after the qualifying round, but wait for the finals matches. We will run the team qualifying round and semi-final matches. We'll then bowl the championship matches for TV: girls' singles, boys' singles, girls' team and boys' team.

**ONE OF THE KEGEL 'CHALLENGE' SHOTS WILL BE USED FOR REGIONAL, SEMI-STATE AND FINALS. THE SPECIFIC SHOT WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED OR USED FOR PRACTICE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT. CONFERENCES MAY DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO USE A CHALLENGE SHOT FOR THEIR SECTIONAL. ADDED 10/2/2011 –THE OIL PATTERN WILL BE 40', PLUS OR MINUS 1 FT AND THE RATIO WILL BE BETWEEN 3:1 – 5:1 RATIO.** Any and every center can set up the 'tournament shots' for bowlers to practice. The IHSB will list locations, dates and times on our website ([www.ihsb.org](http://www.ihsb.org)).

The commissioner will seek tournament help from the participating conferences. It is strongly suggested that each conference send at least one volunteer to each remaining event: regional, semi-state & finals.

#### TEAM EVENT:

Only 5 bowlers and 2 coaches, per team, are allowed in the bowlers' area.

In tournament play, coaches may substitute during the regular team games. Lineups may be changed at the start of any new game. A bowler may be used just once during any game.

The teams will get 10 minutes of practice prior to the start of competition, 5 minutes on their starting lane and then 5 minutes on the other lane of the set.

There will be practice lanes during the first team game for subs. **THERE WILL BE A SET FOR EVERY 6 TEAMS, WHEN POSSIBLE.**

When the teams are seeded for the Baker Games they will get 5 minutes practice on their starting lane. During the Baker games, substitutions **MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME. BOWLERS MAY NOT REENTER UNTIL THE NEXT GAME.** Lineup changes can be

made only at the start of each new game. **BOWLERS BOWLING OUT OF TURN WILL RECEIVE ZERO/(0) FOR THAT FRAME.**

If there is a tie during any event of the tournament play that affects advancing, it will be broken by 1 Baker Game on lanes not used by either team. The teams will get 5 minutes practice.

For the stepladder match play, the first 2 teams will get 5 minutes practice on **EACH LANE**. The higher seeded team will get their choice of lanes.

For the remaining games, the incoming team will get 5 minutes practice on the finals' set. The winning team will either sit and wait or roll on the practice set.

There will be a practice set for the incoming team. Practice may start when the stepladder match **STARTS**.

#### SINGLES:

Each bowler is allowed just 1 coach in the bowlers' area. **TWO COACHES PER BOWLER WILL BE ALLOWED FOR STEPLADDER MATCHES.**

Bowlers must be checked in 15 minutes prior to start time. If scheduled bowlers aren't present, available alternates will be inserted (alternate must be from the area of missing bowler, **MAY GO PAST FIRST 2 IF VERIFIED**). In no alternates are available the scheduled bowler may start in the frame where he/she arrives; no practice, make-up or pins will be given. The singles will get **10 MINUTES** of practice prior to the start of competition on their starting set.

If there is a tie during any event of the tournament play that affects advancing, it will be broken by a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off on lanes not used by either bowler. The bowlers will get 4 practice balls per lane.

For the stepladder match play, the first 2 bowlers will get 4 practice balls per lane. The higher seed will get the choice of lanes.

For the remaining games, the incoming bowler will get 2 practice balls per lane. The winner will either sit and wait or roll on the practice set.

There will be a practice set for the incoming bowler. Practice may start when the stepladder match enters the 5<sup>th</sup> frame.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There will be admission fees charged at each tournament event and all tournament sites will charge the fee set by the IBCA Board and advance all funds collected to the IBCA office.

Sectional door monies are to be forwarded to the IBCA office within 14 days of Sectional competition. Any 50/50, silent auction, or money fundraised during the event will remain

within the conference. Lineage will be covered by the conference and the IBCA will cover the awards.

Regional, Semi State and State door monies and all 50/50 and/or money fundraised during the event are to be forwarded to the IBCA office within 14 days. Lineage and awards will be covered by the IBCA.

Tournament Admission Fees: (Sectional - \$3 Student, \$5 Adult.) (Regional - \$4 Student, \$6 Adult.)

(Semi State - \$6 Student, \$8 Adult.) (Finals - \$8 Student, \$10 Adult.) Children under 6 FREE