



TOURNAMENT SHOT – 2010

There has been discussion over the last several years about the shot/conditions during the tournament of the 'BEST' youth program in the state. Many have felt we needed to present a more challenging shot for the state's best youth bowlers. The coordinators and rules committee discussed it at the After Action Meeting in April. The rules committee discussed it at their annual meeting in May. With the input and support of the IBCA board, we're decided to run a Kegel 'Challenge' shot at this year's regionals, semi-states and finals. Kegel has three levels of difficulty in their Navigation Series: Recreation, Challenge and Sport. We have chosen to use 'The Beaten Path' from their challenge series. We worked with Kegel and this is the pattern that they feel best fits our request. You can read more about it on the Kegel Website - <http://www.kegel.net/patternlibrary/kegel-navigation-patterns.htm>.

This is not a 'Sport Shot'. We have given the machine settings to our 9 tournament sites and asked them to put it out and see how it played. About ½ of the sites reported that it played a little easier than their normal house shot. The others agreed that it was quite playable, but would require the bowlers to make good shots.

Since most conferences are using 'house shots' for their conference play there is concern that some may have an advantage. We have asked our tournament sites for a schedule when they will run the tournament shot for practice. We will post those times on our website so everyone will have opportunity to get to a site to practice. We have also sent out an email to all member centers and asked for their practice times if they choose to set up a practice shot. We want to remind everyone that conditions will vary from center to center, shot to shot and even day-to-day because of controlled and uncontrolled variables. Keep in mind that the 'shot' may not play exactly the same on tournament day as it did during practice. That's bowling. However, the better bowlers will be able to adjust and compete.