

AFTER ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES, MARCH 4, 2018

Attendees: Steve Kunkel/Commissioner, Mark Schoch/Rules Committee, Jason Fradenburg/IBCA President, Patrick Sparks/Rules Committee, KC Spillers/Fort Wayne Coordinator, Crystal Farren/Fort Wayne, Nancy Batliner/Greater Lake County Coordinator, Stephanie Cooley/Greater Lake County, Brian Petrey/Indianapolis South Coordinator, Karen Elrod/Indianapolis West Coordinator, Christel Hughey/Michiana Central Coordinator, Curt Morrison/South Central Indiana, Melissa Coomes/Tri County Coordinator, Scott Nichols/Wabash Valley South Coordinator & Paula Strouse/White River Valley II Coordinator. We had 9 of 24 conferences represented. We had 4 rules committee members present. We had a total of 15.

- 1) IHSAA – We need to seek the support from the schools. We need center support. Biggest issues seem to be financial, the schools won't want to fund the program where they are cutting other programs. The biggest concern is the 'limited participation' rule. What will bowlers be allowed or not allowed to do during season?
 - A) USBC Stats from other states
 - B) Bobby Cox Power Point
 - C) Schedule meetings to inform people of the reason for the move. Identify supporters. Answer questions of non-supporters
 - D) We need to work with the schools better if we are to maintain or grow. We can't be AFRAID of getting the schools involved
- 2) The 2-week earlier start caused the loss of some kids in fall sports: football, cross country, band, choir. There was another thought to move the season up to finish completely before Christmas. Most coordinators thought the earlier start kept some fall sport participants from playing, but not that many. Some liked finishing conference play before the holiday break and then coming back for tournament. Some centers liked the schedule as it allowed them more lanes during busy holiday times.
- 3) The Top Ten lists need to consider 'Sport Shots'. Some would like us to require a more competitive shot than normal house shots, at least encourage something more competitive. The reality is it would be next to impossible to enforce a rule. I could list a shorter 'sport shot' list.
- 4) During tournament singles practice, allow just one ball instead of 1 frame. Most thought this was a coaching issue. They recognized that it could speed up practice time. Rather than make a rule to enforce, have each tournament director ask bowlers to just take one shot in singles practice.
- 5) Allow students without team to join another team/school in the county they live in. I stated that this would eliminate potential growth if interested bowlers didn't have to bring in friends/others to participate. Someone suggested a 'one-time' exemption to get them involved to bowl singles.

- 6) Allow all 10 roster players to participate in the team event. Most felt we simply do not have room for the extra bowlers and equipment at the tournament sites. Promoting and creating some kind of JV program was the better option.
- 7) Use 2 of 3 baker games in stepladder instead of 2 game total. Although many were in favor of the idea, they didn't think the extra time it would take would be a good trade off. Ideas to shorten time without decreasing games would be better.
- 8) Employ a system where ALL CONFERENCE standings are available for all to see. Several coordinators use the BLS scoring program and they didn't see it taking any more time to upload/download standings than what they are presently doing. Bowl.com, League secretary, Team app and secretary.com were some programs that are being used. It would be good if we could put all standings in the program at the same place.
- 9) Allow skorts and skirts, cargo pants. Some were ok with the skirts. Most felt the present rule is the most enforceable we have had. Most would like a more consistent enforcement of the rules but realize the issues involved.
- 10) Use total pins for wild card instead of closest to qualifying. The group would like to keep the wild card and the present rule is still the better way to select them because of all the variables in lane conditioning and conditions.
- 11) Go back to regular games in tournament or cut to 8-10 baker games. Most like the baker game format. Most felt it put more emphasis on 'team play' than the regular game format. They felt we needed to keep at least 10 games and since this was just the second year continue with 12 until there is more information.
- 12) Use bracket for finals instead of stepladder. Although some liked the bracket format, they realized it could take more lanes for finals and the #1 seeds have to win two matches to win thus taking away their 'advantage' of finishing #1. Some thought it might speed up play since less practice would be required. Most liked what we have.
- 13) Do away with the 'Peterson Point System', use total pins only. Most wanted to keep the present format. They didn't think it took away from the team effort and it does give a reason to keep bowling even if the team is getting beat.
- 14) Allow more time between event during the tournament. One coordinator said they changed their conference awards from before singles to between squads. This helped with filling the break between shifts and didn't take the time before starting. With the thoughts of shortening the day, most felt the coaches/parents needed to help plan for meals for the bowlers who were bowling in the singles finals and then moving to team event.
- 15) What is the procedure when a bowler bowls out of turn during baker games. This group agreed with our decision of just deleting the wrong shot and allowing the proper bowler to bowl without further penalty. It was suggested to see what they do at the collegiate level.
- 16) Balance the sectionals better per size so each would advance similar numbers. People understand the issue, but most want to continue their present conference/sectional. There will be no 'perfect' way to advance bowlers. Again, we can encourage conferences to use a more 'controlled' shot for sectionals.

- 17) Use a set number out of every sectional and then fill the field with the next highest scores.
This will not work.
- 18) Use a controlled oil pattern at sectionals as well as at regionals, semi-states and finals. We can suggest or recommend it, but too hard to enforce.
- 19) No jean or denim material in pants. A great idea but again too hard to enforce across the state.
- 20) Allow the bowling center logo on shirts. Most don't see the reason or advantage to allow this or other advertising. This could get out of hand and be something else to enforce.
- 21) Allow mid-term graduates to continue to participate. The reason for the rule is because it follows the IHSAA rule. Basically, the school loses control of the student when they leave the school. Most kids graduating early do so to start college or work earlier. If they want to bowl they can do what's necessary to bowl.
- 22) Allow the earlier start but put the tournament back in February. There was little or no support to move the tournament back into February.
- 23) Alcohol allowed in center. There needs to be something in our rules. Although we can't control the whole house in a bigger center, we can have a rule to prohibit alcohol in the 'high school area'.
- 24) Realignment. We don't have or need a rule. The state office will assist any conference or team that wishes to move or realign.
- 25) Home School rule. The biggest issue with the present is the 3-year home school rule. Instead of allowing participation on the public-school team we should find a way to allow home school teams. The big issue would be how to determine boundaries.
- 26) Middle school bowling. We didn't have real discussion here. However, it would be hard to run the HS and MS during the same period because of lane availability and coaches.