

IHSB Rules 2018-19

I. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:

- a. This program is organized and operated by the Indiana Bowling Centers Association.
- b. The IBCA President and IHSB Commissioner will head the rules committee. They will appoint other members each year. The official term will be June 1 – May 31.
 1. This committee will set rules for the upcoming season. Protest and awards sub-committees may be created from this group. The IBCA Board will approve all rule changes.
 2. The IHSB Protest Committee shall make the final determination on any situation that may arise that is not covered specifically by IHSB or USBC rules. (The protest committee will be a sub-committee of the rules committee. The IBCA President and IHSB Commissioner will appoint the committee each year.)
 3. The advisory committee will consist of the conferences coordinators and other added members. This committee will be invited to the annual After-Action Meeting on the Sunday 4 weeks after the IHSB Finals, this year **March 3, 2019**. The meeting will probably be a conference call.
- c. The host proprietor should work with his hosted schools and follow their policy requests. However, the proprietor has the final say of how the program is run. The proprietor/center is also ultimately responsible for financial obligations. If neither school nor center are involved or interested, the coordinator along with the help of the commissioner can override a coach and make decisions for the good of the team and/or program if there are issues.
- d. Participating Proprietors shall not permit anyone (including but not limited to employees and customers), known to have been convicted of any criminal act categorized or otherwise considered a sexual offense, or any person who is currently or has previously been a registered sex offender in any State, nor any person who is “red lighted” through the Registered Volunteer Program, to be present at the bowling facility during any IHSB practices, competitions, or other sanctioned events. Failure to abide this policy will result in the IBCA cancelling any scheduled or future practices and competitions in said bowling facility. IBCA also reserves the right to reject future IHSB memberships to said bowling facility for violation of this policy.
- e. The cost to be in the program is **\$275** for schools whose host center is an IBCA member. Schools hosted by a non-member center will pay **\$550**. These fees help cover operation and tournament expenses. Each conference will set additional fees for their expenses.

Guidelines for creating a new IHSB conference are as follows:

1. The conference shall consist of at least 6 high schools.
2. The Rules Committee must approve any conference with less than six participating schools (this applies to both new and existing conferences).
3. The area shall create its Conference Constitution, budget and income & expense statement and have a copy of each document on file with the office of Indiana High School Bowling.
4. The area shall elect or appoint its local ‘Advisory Board’ and coordinator. The local ‘Advisory Board’ must monitor the activity of the coordinator to assure he/she follows their constitution.
5. When the above-mentioned steps have been completed, the area forming the conference shall present the information in writing to the IHSB Rules Committee for approval. The IHSB Rules

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Committee reserves the right to deny the forming of a new conference if an existing conference meets the needs of a center and/or school.

- f. Management of Conference Funds: The conference coordinator must submit his/her financial statement to the IHSB Commissioner. Appropriate interested parties may view the statement. The conference constitution, budget and income & expense report (Final Financial Statement) are required yearly from every conference coordinator before rebates are paid. Each conference should be set up similar to any USBC league. There needs to be a conference bank account requires at least 2 signatures for any withdrawal. Even if the bank doesn't require 2 signatures, the IHSB requires 2 signatures on all transactions.
- g. Teams will remain in the same/host center and conference each year unless the commissioner approves a move. If the school has reason to move centers, its representative must first petition the host center with the request to move along with the reasons. If that center agrees, that proprietor and the new proprietor simply sign a transfer form. If the host proprietor does not consent, the commissioner must arrange a meeting within two weeks. He will attend with an additional rules committee member, the conference coordinator, the host proprietor and the school representative to hear the reasons for the move and make a decision.
- h. In most cases the center is in charge of the program and appoints/hires the coaches. In many cases the center works with the school to appoint/hire and approve the coaches. In some cases, the school has taken charge of the program and appoints/hires the coaches. Once appointed/approved by center/school, the coach has the authority to select and run the team and establish rules as he/she deems necessary. (Again, the host proprietor has final say on how the program is run).
- i. The IHSB Rules Committee reserves the right to dictate realignment of conferences. The commissioner and rules committee will work with coordinators and coaches in areas seeking realignment.
- j. Independent and Non-Conference Matches.
 - 1. Conference schedules are priority. Invitational tournaments, non-conference & independent matches may be scheduled. It will be up to the coaches and/or tournament directors to schedule these events and determine lineage fees and lane availability with hosting centers. Invitational tournaments may certify and award USBC awards, but these scores will not qualify for IHSB awards. Non-conference and independent matches that bowl the same format as the IHSB conference matches may qualify for IHSB awards if they follow the following guidelines:
 - a. The match must be between two teams, using exactly the same format and point system as a conference match.
 - b. The matches are scheduled within the IHSB conference season dates: **Oct 1, 2018– Jan 6, 2019.**
 - c. Coaches must notify the conference coordinators and commissioner of scheduled non-conference and independent matches prior to the match.
 - d. All other rules of Indiana High School Bowling apply.
 - e. Matches will be scheduled around conference-scheduled matches.
 - f. Each coach will be responsible for keeping detailed team and individual records of the match. This includes teams that were played, dates and locations. This information will be turned it to the local conference coordinators and the commissioner weekly.

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2. There are not a maximum number of matches/games allowed. Conferences must schedule at least 5 regular matches (10 regular games).
3. Scores recorded under the 'Non-conference' and 'Independent' guidelines will qualify for Top Ten recognition. Non-conference, independent and conference matches will be recorded separately.
4. If a conference has 3 or fewer teams, these games can count to reach the 10-game minimum for All State consideration. If the conference has 4 or more teams the scores from these matches will have no bearing on All State selection.
5. These matches would qualify bowlers for the 1-game minimum requirement for state tournament participation.
6. Additional Baker matches may be scheduled, but do not qualify as non-conference matches.
7. Independent teams (not in a conference) must schedule and bowl 6 matches against IHSB opponents to be eligible for the state tournament.
8. Independent bowlers must compete against the State's Top Ten listing for conference points for All State consideration.
9. If there are any independent teams, the rules committee will determine where they bowl sectional.

II. TEAM STRUCTURE:

- a. Competition in bowling will be held for all participating high schools. (See note on Home School Students under 'ELIGIBILITY') Participating students must be in high school, grades 9, 10, 11, 12. IHSB is creating an online registration. Coaches will be required to enter their team rosters online once it's available. (If a team begins practice before the online program is available, all necessary forms must be collected.)
 1. The goal of each individual school shall be to field one BOY and one GIRL varsity team (a total of two teams per school).
 - a. Active rosters will be limited to 10 bowlers per team.
 - b. Additional players may be carried as subs and everyone must submit a waiver.
 - c. Bowlers may be added or dropped from the 'active' roster at any time. A team may have no more than 10 active at a time.
 2. We will continue to allow coed teams. If a school does not have enough bowlers for a BOY and GIRL team, they may combine players to form a coed team for conference play. (The coed team will bowl in the BOY division.) Once that status is established it may not be changed. Schools cannot have both BOY and coed team or GIRL and coed team.
 - a. Coed teams will bowl in the tournament as BOY teams.
 - b. Coed teams will be allowed just ten/10 singles regardless of gender.
- b. Multiple varsity teams in any division (BOY, GIRL, coed) are not allowed. If numbers allow, conferences/schools should form junior varsity competition. It is recommended that they follow the same rules as the varsity program, but changes can be made according to numbers. We will continue to monitor this rule. It is possible that we may decide to eliminate coed teams if and when we see a drop in total participation.

III. SANCTIONING OF TEAMS, CLUBS, & EVENTS:

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- a. Each conference in the IHSB program will be required to certify as an USBC “Scholastic” League. All bowlers must be USBC certified. USBC Youth membership will be offered by International Bowling Campus (IBC) Youth Development at a price of \$4. The membership includes a membership card, a certified average and the eligibility to participate in USBC certified events. All current base USBC Youth membership products will be discontinued. There are no awards with the program; however, many are purchasable. (Bowlers with an average of 21 or more games must use it in the ISUSBCYA State Tournament.).
- b. Any competition outside of conference and tournament play should be processed as a USBC Tournament.
- c. Bowling centers, schools, or conferences may run invitational tournaments or events. It is the tournament directors’ responsibility to ensure they are run in accordance with IHSB and USBC rules. Any such event outside the official IHSB program may not use the IHSB Logo in any way to promote or designate it as an IHSB event. The IHSB will post these dates & results on our website, but not endorse them in any other way.

IV. CONFERENCE PLAYING RULES:

- a. These rules apply to all practices, regular season matches and post-season tournaments.
- b. Additional rules shall apply to post season tournaments.

V. ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Members of the Indiana High School Bowling (IHSB) Program shall abide by this set of rules and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC - youth) current eligibility rules.
- b. Any bowler not USBC certified is not eligible and their scores may be disqualified if they are found to have participated.
- c. The IHSB will follow USBC Rule #400. Members may not bowl, substitute or pace in any bowling activity which offers any of the following as prizes:
 1. Cash or bonds
 2. Merchandise exceeding \$500 in value.
 3. Members may bowl in singles competitions (including side competitions/brackets) offering such prizes, provided, prior to bowling:
 - a. The competition agrees to award the youth’s prize in the form of a scholarship, or
 - b. The youth signs a form waiving his/her rights to any prize in violation of this rule.
 - c. Any youth bowler deemed in violation of this rule is subject to disciplinary action including the potential loss of membership. If he/she is a first-time offender, he must follow USBC guidelines for reinstatement. He must file a letter stating the violation and the reason. He must make restitution of any monies won. Finally, he must state his desire to be reinstated. If he has been suspended by the USBC, he must first be reinstated there before he is eligible for reinstatement into the IHSB. First time offenders must serve a (minimum) one-match penalty. Repeat offenders will not be reinstated.
- d. **Bowlers must meet their school’s policy on grades and attendance for athletics.** When a student transfers to a different school after he/she has started high school, a transfer form must be submitted and approved by the commissioner.
- e. Bowlers may not be 20 before **August 1, 2018.**

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- f. Mid-term graduates are not eligible once they finish classes.
- g. Home Schooled Students may participate this season if he/she meets criteria similar to what the IHSAA uses:
 - 1. The student must have been home-schooled for the previous three consecutive years;
 - 2. The student completes all state-wide examinations as authorized by the Indiana Department of Education;
 - 3. The student's family must submit grade information to the school to affirm the student is passing all courses and
 - 4. The student must be enrolled in the school for which the student is participating for a minimum of one class per day. We will follow the school policy on home school students participating in sports.

VI. COACHES:

- a. Depending upon the status, the host bowling center and/or high school must approve coaches before they are eligible. Once appointed/approved, the coach has the authority to select and run the team and establish rules as he/she deems necessary. (The host proprietor has final say on how the program is run.)
- b. All head coaches must have attained the age of 21
- c. Anyone currently suspended by the USBC is not eligible to coach a high school bowling team
- d. All coaches **MUST** participate in the USBC Registered Volunteer Program and to wear their ID lanyards at all practices and matches. Anyone discovered to be an 'Offender' will be immediately released from his/her position.
- e. Coaches and other persons officially connected with the team may not consume alcohol immediately prior to or during competition. Smoking, or use of other tobacco products, is limited to outside before or after, but not during competition. Coaches arrested and accused of any misdemeanor or felony charges (excludes traffic violations) will be suspended until completely exonerated.
- f. Coaches must ensure all bowlers are USBC certified either High School or Standard. It shall be the coach's responsibility to verify that their bowlers are not participating in adult leagues.
- g. It is the responsibility of the school's head coach to ensure all bowlers meet their school's eligibility requirements for athletic competition and that they attend the school they are representing.
- h. It shall be the head coach's responsibility to verify their bowlers continued academic eligibility at the end of each grading period.
- i. Schools that bowl ineligible bowlers shall forfeit all matches in which the ineligible student competed.
- j. If a student transfers to another school, he or she must fill out a transfer form. He/she can begin conference play immediately if both schools' representatives and the commissioner agree to the transfer. If either school objects, the rules committee shall review the information and make the final decision.
- k. It shall be the responsibility of the coaches to collect the signed Conduct/waiver & Travel Authorization Form and submit it to the conference coordinator prior to the established deadline(s).

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Coaches need to pass out these forms at tryouts/callouts and collect them before bowlers participate. These forms must be turned in before a bowler competes in practice or matches. Coaches must collect these forms before allowing bowlers to participate. Bowlers who compete before forms are on file are ineligible and may be disqualified. Coordinators may be penalized some or all of their compensation monies if forms are not submitted to the state office on time. This is for your protection and the protection of the program. **DISCLAIMER:** Until the Bowler/Parent and Coach have submitted the waiver, they are not a member or participant in the IHSB (Indiana High School Bowling) Program.

VII. PROTESTS:

- a. The head coach, as a representative of the bowling club, must file a written protest within 48 hours after the series in which the infraction occurred.
- b. If no protest is filed within 48 hours, scores shall stand as bowled.
- c. Protests shall be filed with a representative of the local 'Advisory Board' (if it's a conference problem) who will coordinate a brief conference.
- d. There is no time limit to file a protest concerning any bowler's academic eligibility or registration.
- e. The names of coaches filing protests will remain confidential to eliminate 'retaliation' protests.

VIII. CONFERENCE CONDUCT:

- a. Coaches of all participating schools are responsible for the enforcement of league rules and penalties. The Coordinator (or the local 'Advisory Board' in his/her absence) shall have final say on enforcement when coaches cannot agree on the penalty that should be imposed. (See Protests).
- b. The conference (coordinator) may suspend a conference member for an infraction of a USBC rule or conference rule (Please refer to USBC Rule 115c).
- c. All matches are 'Smoke Free' events.
 1. Players caught using tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or engaging in any illegal activity on the center grounds will be immediately suspended from that day's activities.
 2. They are then subject to their school's policy for discipline.
- d. No mechanical or artificial noisemakers are allowed.

IX. MATCH FORMAT:

- a. All bowling will be on a scratch basis.
- b. There is no requirement on the number of matches except every conference must bowl at least 5 regular matches (10 games).
- c. Each match shall consist of two games.
- d. All ten players are eligible to participate in each competition (5 bowlers and 5 subs).
- e. The five-member team will bowl each game with all five scores being used to determine the team that wins the match point.

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- f. A point system will determine the winner of the match.
 - 1. The point system will be based on 10 total points per game, 20 points per match.
 - 2. One (1) point will be awarded per game for each bowler who defeats his or her opponent.
 - 3. Five (5) points will be awarded per game to the team with the highest pin count
 - 4. In case of a tie at the end of a regular two game match (points tied) the winner will be determined based on the total pins for that day. If the match is still tied a half point will be awarded each team. Individual match ties will result in a half point awarded to each bowler.
- g. It is recommended that conferences use a schedule to avoid byes whenever possible.
 - 1. Each conference shall determine how they will determine the bye team in accordance with USBC criteria.
 - 2. The scores bowled will be used as if bowling in direct competition with the drawn team. Teams will be awarded a win or a loss for a match based on the number of points won during that match.
- h. The number of matches won (or win percentage) shall determine the conference standings.
- i. Prior to the start of the regular season the conference shall determine if there will be co-champions in the case of a tie. If the conference opts to have a tie-breaking roll off, that decision and the format shall be communicated to all coaches in the conference prior to the first match.
- j. Bowlers are not permitted to bowl on the same day, prior to a competition, on the assigned lanes in the bowling center where the competition is to be held.
- k. In conference play, a substitute bowler may only be used at the beginning of a new game. If an illegal substitution is made during a regular team game, the scores bowled by the initial bowler count. The scores bowled by the second/illegal bowler will not and the initial bowler will receive 0/zero for those remaining frames.
 - 1. Substitutes will take the place of the bowler they are replacing.
 - 2. Other lineup changes are illegal.
- l. Each team must present a lineup on the lanes at the scheduled starting time for each match.
- m. The team on the EVEN number lane shall post their team's line-up 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. This posting is limited to 5 minutes. After seeing the EVEN lane's posted line-up, the team on the ODD lane has 5 minutes to post their line-up. After posting line-ups, no position changes may be made. (See Substitutes).
- n. There will be ten minutes of practice on the starting pair prior to the beginning of the match. Bowlers will not be permitted to practice while in competition.
- o. No headsets (radios, I-pods, mp3's) or cell phones shall be permitted in the bowler's area once competition starts.
- p. All bowlers must remain in the bowler's area while competition is in progress.
- q. Bowlers are expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the lane to their right is clear. See USBC Rule #11 Regarding Slow Play.
- r. USBC RULE #12. The application of any foreign substance on any part of the approach that detracts from the possibility of other players having normal conditions is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, talcum powder, pumice and resin on shoes, and/or soft rubber soles or heels that rub off on the approach.

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- s. Un-sportsmanlike conduct, including but not restricted to deliberate foot fouls, vulgar language, taunting or abuse of equipment or facilities, is not permitted. Suspected issues need to be reported to the coordinator (or tournament director). The conference coordinator or tournament director will issue a verbal warning for a first offense. If problems continue, he may disqualify the individual or team.
- t. Electronic devices (headsets, radios, I Pods, MP3 players, cell phones, games, etc.) are not allowed after competition starts.
- u. The foul line shall be observed during match play.
 - 1. Awards will not be issued if automatic foul detecting devices or a human foul judge is not used.
 - 2. When a player deliberately fouls, the player shall receive zero pin fall for that delivery and shall not be allowed any further deliveries in that frame.
- v. A team, which forfeits shall lose, all points earned for that game. However, the scores of all eligible players shall be included in the conference records and will qualify for all conference and USBC (youth) individual awards. When a match is declared forfeited the opposing team must bowl as if the match were actually contested. A team does not forfeit for not having a full lineup. They can bowl with just one bowler. A team forfeits when they use an ineligible player.
- w. Match play will not be delayed past the scheduled starting time due to late players. Late players may enter the game at any time but will receive 0 up until their entry frame. If a team or individual does not show, a score of 0 will be given.
- x. A match may be re-scheduled or the starting time delayed due to travel difficulties at the discretion of the Conference Coordinator providing that he or she and the opposing team's coach are notified within a reasonable time prior to the scheduled start time of the match.
- y. Any player unable to complete a game due to injury, illness or emergency may be substituted for the balance of the game.
 - 1. The removed player may not participate for the balance of the match.
 - 2. The Conference Coordinator must approve the substitution.
 - 3. If no substitute is available, that player shall be awarded a 0 for each remaining frame of that game.
- z. The players or coach shall keep score if necessary. It will be the responsibility of the team captains to verify that scores are complete and accurate. It shall be the team captain's responsibility to make sure his/her team contributes its fair share of time to the scorekeeping function.
- aa. Authorized Personnel: Coaches, tournament officials and rostered bowlers are the only persons authorized to be in the bowlers' area during a match. A total of 2 coaches and 5 participating bowlers may stand in the bowler's area. Other interested parties must remain behind the area defined as the bowlers' area.

X. OPTIONAL 3 (THREE) TEAM FORMAT:

- a. This format is optional to conferences with just 3 teams, either boys or girls.
- b. The match will consist of 2 regular team games. The 3 teams will draw for their lane assignment.
- c. Each team will bowl the entire game on that lane and then rotate after the first game.

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- d. Bowlers will match up like in the regular format. The #1 bowlers will compete, #2s, etc. The top score will win a point and the 2nd high score will receive ½ point.
- e. The top team game will win 5 points and the 2nd high team will win 2 ½ points.
- f. The winner of the match is the team that scores the most points and will win 1 match point. The second-high score will receive ½ match point.
- g. Total match points will determine position standings.

XI. POSITION ROUND FORMAT:

- a. All conferences must have at least one position round during conference play consisting of 10 Baker games. The team on the even lane will enter their lineup first, just like a regular match.
 - 1. Two (2) points are awarded the winning team each game.
 - 2. The team with the most total points will receive a win for the position round match.
 - 3. In the event of a points tie, total pins will determine the winner of the match.
 - 4. All team members follow each other in regular order to bowl a single game. For a 5-player team, Player #1 bowls frames 1 and 6; #2 bowls 2 and 7; #3 bowls 3 and 8; #4 bowls 4 and 9; and #5 bowls the 5th and 10th frames.
 - 5. **Substitutions may be made at any time during any baker game, conference or tournament. A player may not reenter a game. Lineups may be changed each game.**
 - 6. For the first Baker Game, each team bowls one complete game on their assigned lane. For the second and subsequent games, each team bowls a complete game on the adjoining lane in the pair, alternating between the two lanes until the match (10 games) is complete.
 - 7. Any absent bowler during a Baker Game will be given a zero for any frames missed. **If a bowler bowls out of turn, the shot is deleted and the proper bowls rolls, no further penalty.**
- b. Standings for position rounds shall be determined first by matches won, then total points won and if there is still a tie, by total pins.
- c. In a Baker Game position round, if there is an odd number of teams, the last place team bowls against the next team ahead of them in standing points, i.e., eleventh place team bowls against the tenth-place team for points.
- d. If the conference uses the optional 3 team format, they will use the same style system for the PR baker games.

XII. UNIFORMS

- a. General
 - 1. The purpose of these rules is to 'look good'. They are not intended to eliminate or disqualify individuals or teams, but they need to be followed. Coaches should 'Police' their teams to meet all uniform requirements.
 - 2. The conference coordinators, designated supervisors or tournament directors will have the final say over appropriate or inappropriate uniforms. They will have the authority to make allowances if there are delivery problems. **Coordinators need to enforce this rule. Players should not bowl out of uniform.**
 - 3. The Commissioner/Coordinator may allow exceptions due to religious beliefs or medical reasons. If Commissioner/Coordinator approves an exception to a uniform rule, it must be put in writing and the coach must show it at each tournament site.

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4. Team competitors and coaches must appear in uniforms approved by the Commissioner/Coordinators for all matches and tournaments. The BOY and GIRL teams may have different color/style shirts as long as their team is the same. The coaches' shirts must match one of the teams.
5. The entire team must wear the same color of uniform, including shirts, slacks/pants. The shirts can be a different style if needed sizes are not available in the selected style or if the original style is no longer available and a team is adding shirts. This would apply to pregnant bowlers as well.
6. All necessary under-clothing must be worn in the appropriate manner.
7. The new compression sleeves are treated as equipment, not uniform, and are permitted.
8. Penalties
 - a. If a bowler is in violation of a uniform rule before competition begins, he/she will be given a verbal warning and will not be allowed to compete until issues are corrected.
 - b. If violations are found during or after competition, a written warning will be issued and corrections must be made before competing again. A copy of the warning shall be sent to the commissioner and director of the next competition.
- b. Shirts
 1. The IHSB shirt program with Classic Products has been discontinued. However, we highly recommend you place your shirt orders with them with the understanding that they will not guarantee that the order will be processed within 14 days. **Shirts may be ordered from a chosen vendor if a permission form is completed.**
 2. The bowling shirt must have a butterfly collar, mock collar or crew neck. T-Shirts are NOT allowed.
 3. All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition.
 4. Coaches shall decide whether members of his/her team wear their shirrtails in or out. All members of the team must wear their shirts in the same manner.
 5. Long sleeves shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt but they must be the same color if worn by more than 1 player.
 6. GIRLS may wear camisoles that stick out under the team shirt. If more than one GIRL wears a camisole, they all must be the same color.
 7. Writing on or defacing of the bowling shirt is not permitted at any time.
 8. Uniform shirts must have the official IHSB logo printed or embroidered on the shirt. The logo may be on any location, but must be the same on all shirts.
 9. A team may opt to have bowlers' names placed on the uniform shirt.
 - a. All team members must have his/her name on the shirt. There will be no teams with a combination of bowlers' shirts with names and bowlers' shirts without names.
 - b. Names are permitted anywhere on the shirt, but they must be in the same location for everyone on the team.
 - c. Nicknames are not permitted.
 10. Advertising limitations:

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- a. Shirts with manufacturer trademarked logos; such as Nike, Adidas, Under Armor, etc. are allowed. Logos must be no larger than 3 3/8" x 2 1/8" (the size of a credit card or driver's license). No other advertising is allowed.
 - b. Small American flags are permitted. These flags must be no larger than 3 3/8" x 2 1/8" (credit card).
 - c. 'In Memory' recognitions are no longer allowed on uniforms. Other forms of memory are permitted and encouraged.
 - d. No advertising of tobacco, liquor, wine, beer, or gambling industries on any equipment is allowed.
 - e. The IBCA is looking into securing outside sponsorships. They would need to be bowling related and approved by the IBCA Board.
- c. Pants
1. Only full-length pants/slacks will be allowed for all BOYS and GIRLS during competition. The entire team must wear the same color slacks.
 - a. Blue jeans are not allowed. (Black, tan or other colored jeans or casual slacks are permitted.)
 - b. Skirts, skorts, shorts, capri pants or anything similar will **ARE NOT ALLOWED**.
 - c. Warm-up suits, sweat pants or pants with elastic at the ankles **ARE NOT ALLOWED**.
 - d. Cargo and painter pants (or similar pants) with cargo pockets and/or loops **ARE NOT ALLOWED**.
- d. Head coverings
1. Head coverings (like hats, caps, bandanna, sweatbands, sunglasses, etc.) are not allowed while competing.
 2. Hair bands (headbands to control hair) or ribbons are allowed.

XIII. JEWELRY:

- a. Bowlers will be allowed to wear any jewelry that does not depict foul language or gestures.
- b. Coaches have the authority and responsibility to limit their team members' jewelry.
- c. Conference Coordinators and/or tournament directors shall make the final decision on questionable items.
- d. Coaches are not governed by the rules governing jewelry. Modesty, however, is requested. Any coach's jewelry deemed excessive will be brought to the rules committee for review.

XIV. PENALTIES:

Violations of any of the above rules relating to conduct, uniform, or jewelry will result in the following penalties. It is the responsibility of the Conference Coordinator to enforce these penalties during conference play. The Conference Coordinator will inform the IBCA of all infractions.

- a. 1st Offense – Written Warning
- b. 2nd Offense - Bowler(s) will be suspended for the day and a substitute cannot be made until the next game.
- c. 3rd Offense - Bowler(s) will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- d. Severe violations may be brought to the rules committee and further action may be taken regardless of the number of violations.

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XV. PRACTICE:

It is the responsibility of each head coach to conduct no more than two (2) formal practice sessions each week during the IHSB season. These sessions will be at little or no cost to the school or student and must be pre-arranged with the host bowling center to ensure lanes are reserved and available.

XVI. INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Schools cannot be required to bowl or forfeit if the host school or any other school, in the conference, is not in session. The entire conference doesn't have to cancel for a few teams not in session, the majority can bowl. Schools granted a postponement should reschedule matches at the scheduled center. If lanes are not available, the match can be made up at an agreed site and time. If the weather clears in the afternoon, teams may agree to bowl.

XVII. SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:

Sunday activities are allowed after 1pm. Earlier activity must be pre-approved by the IHSB Commissioner.

XVIII. STATE PLAYOFFS ELIGIBILITY:

- a. To be eligible to participate in the state playoffs (Sectional, Regional, Semi-State events and the State Finals) a team member or individual must have bowled at least one complete regular game during the season. Coaches will turn in 10 player rosters.
- b. The number of players to advance into the state playoffs will be determined prior to the start of sectionals.
- c. Changes in team rosters may be made for the Regional, Semi-State and State events so long as the incoming bowler is on the 10-player tournament roster.

XIX. SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

The IHSB Awards Committee will determine any scholarships or awards at the Regional, Semi-State and State levels. Any local conference scholarships or awards will be determined by the local conference.

- XX. THE ANNUAL AFTER-ACTION MEETING** will be one month after the finals on **SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019**. Conferences should invite some bowlers to their year-end meeting to make recommendations for the meeting. This meeting will probably be a conference call.