

## 2019 AFTER ACTION AGENDA, MARCH 3 @ 5PM EASTERN

Attendees: IBCA Commissioner-Steve Kunkel; Fort Wayne CC-KC Spillers; Fort Wayne Secretary-Crystal Farren; Quad County CC-Jill Swinford; Lakeshore CC-Larry Zaideman; Tri County CC-Melissa Coomes; Wabash Valley CCs-Scott & Becky Nichols; Northeast CC-Bob Makin; Indianapolis CC-Brian Petrey. **8 of 24 Conferences represented.**

**Discussion in RED. Rules Committee discussion and recommendations for IBCA Board in PURPLE.**

### General Thoughts

- 1) Do more to promote bowling to younger students; In school, Middle School
- 2) More effort to partner with host schools
- 3) IHSAA – Now needs to be pushed by schools
- 4) We must remember we're all in this TOGETHER. We need to work for the GOOD of the program.
- 5) Promote the collegiate and scholarship opportunities, especially girls

We need to visit the schools. The coaches and coordinators won't make the time. They can help but we can't count on them. Use the few good ones we have. We'll need to plan one on one visits. It's not likely we will be able to get a group of school administrators together for a meeting. We need to add the growing college teams and scholarship opportunities.

**[Brian Petrey – 1)We should try to stay in an IHSAA season, winter. 2)We should limit the number of matches. 3)We should do away with the match scoring system that put more emphasis on individual instead of team.]**

**We need to let the elementary and MS PE teachers where the In-School carpet kits are at the start of the school year. We need to work with the conference coordinators to visit schools that are not supportive of their team.**

### Conference Play

- 6) Schedule – we are going to shorten the conference season. The start date will be two weeks later to allow more 'fall programs' to finish before we start. Conference starts Nov 4, Sectionals done by Jan 12, Regionals on Jan 18, Semi-States on Jan 25 and Finals on Feb 1. **(I had the wrong date. We started the first of October this year. Two weeks later would be the middle of October not Nov 1.)**  
Although they do lose some bowlers to other programs, they would still rather start the first of October so they can bowl more matches. With fall breaks and holidays the conference season would be very short starting mid-October and finishing the first of Feb. Some of the conferences are not able to bowl 2 matches a week to get more matches in.  
**We need to do what we can to stay within the IHSAA Winter sport season. Their season (other than boys' football and girls' volleyball) Nov 1 – Feb 28. We will allow the new season to start Oct 14, 2019 and the finals will be on Feb 1, 2020. The number of matches during this time will be determined by each conference. This schedule would be 10 wks for conference and 4 wks tournament.**
- 7) Is it time to consider a change of seasons? Fall?  
Although they see the advantage for the proprietor, they see all the other competition and activities plus the weather in the fall. They believe we would lose a lot of bowlers.  
**This could be better for the proprietors but not for the program. We will stay in the winter season.**
- 8) Dress code – Dress slacks only, no denim/jeans, no stretch materials  
The group on the call would like a stricter dress code, dress slacks only, but realize the difficulty enforcing it across the state. Present rule is fine, but they can have stricter conference rules.  
**Present rule is fine.**
- 9) More consistent rule enforcement across state/conferences

Very hard to do when we use the coordinators assigned and we can't be at every match. We can enforce rules to a greater extent in the tournament.

**Each conference needs to enforce the printed rules. They can add to them or make them stricter (uniform specifically). We will better enforcement of the rules starting at the regionals.**

- 10) Allow coed teams in conference – Singles allowed in tournament but not team
- 11) Allow multiple teams per school – Charge by team and all can participate in tournament; Charge by school and only one tournament team
- 12) Allow combined or mixed teams for conference – Singles are allowed in tournament but not team - My only addition is a vacancy score 120 leaving blind score at zero Larry

There was good discussion on changing rules to allow more participation, but the downside was also discussed. We felt it was better to try to write a rule and discuss it throughout the next season in all conferences to see if and what to do. Most were in favor of allowing smaller schools to combine to field a team, with a 3-year limit and then their own school team. Most felt these teams could bowl conference but not team tournament, but the individuals could bowl singles. The group was not against giving a vacancy score to teams without full teams. They would allow up to 2 vacancy scores of the low score on either team minus 10. This would not work for absent bowlers.

**This was just vetoed by the IBCA Board in the fall. We can continue to monitor and discuss.**

- 13) Total pins determine match winner – eliminate match points  
Leave as is.  
**We will support the After Action decision to leave as is.**
- 14) Line up posting – Right team needs to be posted with 3 minutes left in practice, left team needs to be posted before practice finishes  
This seems to be a conference issue. The coordinator can set a rule to get lineups entered and bowling started on time.
- 15) What's the penalty for illegal lineup changes?  
If a team bowls out of line in baker games, the wrong scores are erased and the correct bowler bowls. Illegal lineup changes in regular games will get a zero when discovered.
- 16) Each team needs a coach – Coaches can't coach multiple teams  
Each team should have a coach, but we won't penalize a team without a full-time coach. Proprietors and coaches need to find enough assistants.  
**Great idea but may lose teams if enforced.**
- 17) Allow mid-term graduates.  
The group was all in favor of allowing mid-term graduates to complete the season/tournament. These kids aren't trouble makers or taking advantage of the system.  
**I will take this to the IBCA Board and get their thoughts.**

## **Tournament Play**

- 1) Pre-draw and assign lanes **Continue to have bowlers draw lanes.**
- 2) Determine wild cards by total pins **Since sectionals can still be on house shots, the team closest is still the best. We will never make the shots the same to take scores.**
- 3) Make regionals more even, too many wild cards this year **We try to make events even and drivable, but until we go to even (8 team) sections it won't happen. The ratio assures the proper number and wild cards are a bonus, extra teams.**
- 4) Bowlers must stay in bowlers' area **We do have this rule.**
- 5) Centers must hold Sunday for snow date **We can't do this. We can ask.**
- 6) Eliminate TV taping or shorten format – 3 in singles stepladder, 2 teams in stepladder. **The TV crew needs to follow our format, not us follow theirs. It hinders play to slow down the pace, so every shot is**

seen. Can they add a camera and edit a final cut, but keep play moving during the competition and get as much action as possible?

**We will talk to the crew and try to put in a clause to finish on time or pay a penalty.**

- 7) We need a longer format. 3 games for singles and 12 bakers for team is not a long enough qualifying format. **We would have to go to a 2-day event, singles on one day and team on the other. We need to check and see if people would be willing to add the expense of lineage, lodging and meals.**

**We understand wanting a longer format but don't feel it would justify the cost.**

### **Coaches Clinic**

- 1) Session on fundraising Several would like this. **I asked everyone to send me their fundraising ideas and I would share with all.**
- 2) General bowling rules
- 3) IHSB rules
- 4) Bowling 101, 201 & 301 workshops

**We didn't give this much discussion as we were running long. All good ideas, however.**

**The clinic is scheduled for September 22, 2019 at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl in Lafayette. We will have a session on 'Team App'.**