

After Action Minutes

Here are the minutes from the After Action Conference Call. The group shared their thoughts. The Rules Committee will take the thoughts and decide on any rule changes and send the recommendations to the IBCA Board for approval. Attendees: Steve Kunkel, Mark Schoch, Jason Fradenburg, Gaynell Mann, Melissa Coomes, Curt Morrison, Lucille Liebert, Nancy Batliner, Rick Redman, Paula Strouse, Stephanie Cooley, KC Spillers and Karen Yankauskas. 1 hour & 45 minutes.

GENERAL/CONFERENCE RULES

- Who selects the coach? Can a coach choose not to accept new tryouts? **The program is set up for the proprietor to be in charge of the team. There are some cases where the school is involved and they want to appoint the coach. Either way, both center and school must agree upon the coach(es). After he is appointed, he can make 'coaching' decisions as he deems necessary. However, he is always under the direction of school and center. If neither school nor center are involved or interested, the coordinator along with the help of the commissioner can enter in and make decisions for the good of the team and/or program if there are issues.**
- Modify Inclement Weather rule. You can bowl, but can't make schools forfeit. It's not clear what you can do. **If the host school or any school is not in session, they cannot be required to play or forfeit. If the weather clears in the afternoon and they want to bowl they can. The entire conference match doesn't have to be cancelled because a team or two can't bowl. The majority can bowl and the others can be granted a postponement. They should reschedule at the scheduled center, but if lanes are not available there, the make-up match can be done at another center that the schools agree on.**
- Follow School's policy for athletic participation. This has been mainly in regards to grades, but by wording it is also other areas. Although students can attend any school, the IHSAA still questions the reason for transfer and supposedly not allow for athletics. **We definitely want to continue to follow the school's policy on grades and attendance. We won't require physicals or the required number of practices to participate. As for transferring schools, we should follow closer to the IHSAA rule and use a similar form. If there is an actual change in residence, there is no required 'sit-out' time. If it's determined the student is transferring for athletic reasons while maintaining residence, he/she should sit out a season.**
- Mid-Term Graduates. This rule has been discussed several times, but it's come up again. **We agreed to keep the present rule. If a student graduates mid-term they are done with school activities and can no longer bowl.**
- Dress code. **The majority said they do not allow 'yoga pants' (tight fitting, stretch/spandex type material) in their conference and recommend we make it a state**

rule again. The group thought a stipulation on the pants need to have a button and a zipper would make it more easily enforced.

- Coaches wear different shirt than bowler to stand out. **The group felt there was no need for this change. Coaches need to be registered and wear their RVP lanyards.**
- Rule on foreign substance on shoes, approaches. **Coordinators were encouraged to address this issue as it comes up during conference play so it's not an issue during tournament. We need to follow the USBC rule.**
- Change the Academic All-State requirement to follow IHSAA. It's no longer 1500 SAT or 22 ACT. **Everyone agreed to follow the IHSAA rule on this. We need to determine what the IHSAA Rule is: 3.5+ GPA or rank in upper 1/4th of class after 7 semesters, 1000 or above on SAT Critical Reading and Math or 23 or more on Act.**
- I checked the AS Points files and found the lowest conf rank to make the All-Region team was 4th, All-State 8th and All-Tournament also 8th. The low points for All-Region was 40, All-State 56 and All-Tournament 35. I can use these numbers next year for promotion. I've already asked how to eliminate missing kids. **The top 3 averages in each conference should be nominated. The commissioner will add any missed player.**
- All State points, tie on ave goes to most games or split points? Tie for Bowler of the Year, co or finals place decides or other tie-breaker? **We will use decimals to determine rank. If there is a tie, we'll award the average with most games first. If there is a tie for Bowler of the Year, the higher finish at the finals will break the tie. (I'll add this: if still tied, the higher finish at the SS will break the tie, then regional and finally sectional.)**

TOURNAMENT RULES

- How many bowlers/participants in bowling area? Enforcement penalty? **We will maintain the 5 bowlers and 2 coaches in the immediate bowlers' area. Any violation needs to be passed on to the tournament director and he/she will issue verbal warning. If there are any more violations, a 10 pin penalty will be deducted each additional warning.** Discuss the number of coaches allowed for singles in the tournament. **The rule needs to be changed to 1 coach per bowler during singles qualifying as long as they are registered/on roster and have their RVP lanyard. Two coaches per bowler are allowed during the stepladder finals.**
- Team format – all baker games. It was unanimous last year to change the tournament format. Everyone bowl on every lane. Will we also want to change the conference format? If we do that would also mean changing the All-State process. **We agreed to go to 12 baker games for tournament qualifying and eliminate the regular games. We will still divide into blocks for competition depending upon size of field and center. If conferences want to add more baker games to their schedule they can, but they must have at least 5 regular matches. We will still require 10 games for All-State ranking and points.**

- Shorten Tournament Day – drop to 3 teams in stepladder finals. **In the past we have shortened the format because the day got too long. We are at that point again as most bowlers are taking more time each shot and we have added a couple hours to the schedule. We feel going to the 12 baker games will help. We discussed dropping to 3 teams in the stepladder, but decided to wait another year before making that change.**
- Review tournament schedule. **This too is in reference to the longer day. We just need to modify the ‘tentative schedule’ for regionals, semi-state and finals. We need to give participants, spectators and centers a more accurate timeline.**
- Move because of breakdown in stepladder? **This would need to be a ‘common sense’ decision by the tournament director with advice from the proprietor. Normally we keep an extra set for this purpose, but center and field size may not allow. The director would try to move to a set that neither team used if possible.**
- Practice lanes for 6/7 bowlers for team stepladders. **This too would depend on center size and lanes available.**
- Name tags for tour trophies. This would be a huge cost, but now the trophies are generic and centers that have multiple trophies don’t have any idea who was on the winning teams. Give more team medals (10? 12?) **Sorry, we missed this one. I recommend leaving this up to the winning teams to take care of if they want, just like ordering additional medals.**
- Do away with T-Shirts for sale, get better shirt. What are your thoughts on tournament merchandise? What do people want? The tour bracket or the season shirt more popular? **The group felt most like the conference T-Shirt better that listed all school names. They also thought the bright colors sold better. The group felt we could sell more if offered to the conference prior to tournament and the best way would be to have samples and take orders instead of having the product on hand. We didn’t agree on a person or method to do this. I suggested fewer available, but a different shirt for each level.**