

IHSB RULE CHANGES & INFO FOR THE 2015-16 SEASON

- 1) The cost to participate in this year's program is \$275 for IBCA Member schools and \$525 for non-member schools. Cost of USBC membership is again just \$4. All bowlers must obtain membership for the 2015-16 season.
- 2) Our online registration is not yet up and running. We have another meeting with the company that is building the program on August 26. The program is supposed to be ready for testing by the first of September. A representative will attend the Coaches' Clinics on September 27 at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl in Lafayette and on October 4 at Championship Lanes (formerly Cooper's Sport Bowl) in Anderson. The program will handle bowler, coach and team registration; waivers and tournament scoring.
- 3) We will also have a presentation on ball specifications, balance, surface, etc at each clinic. Tom Taylor will speak at Arrowhead and Mike Riggins at Championship Lanes. They will address a few issues we have had in the past.
- 4) Sweat bands are not allowed. Hair bands or ribbons (head bands used to control the hair) are permitted.
- 5) We will permit home school students to participate if they meet criteria similar to what IHSAA requires: 1) The student must have been home-schooled for the previous three (3) 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.
- 6) The IHSB Rule V.3. Referring to USBC rule #400 will remain the same. Violations should be reported immediately. A mandatory minimum 1-match penalty will be enforced for first time offenders. Repeat offenders will be ineligible for any further IHSB participation.
- 7) We conducted a survey on changing the IHSB/IMSB season. We had 280 responses of which 57% indicated we shouldn't change the IHSB season. We are going to go with the current schedule for this 2015/16 season. However, we are going to look into shortening the season to finish in January instead of February. Coordinators: you need to caution

your advancing bowlers to be aware of possible weather issues in and to the area they are traveling to and determine if earlier travel or not traveling is their best option.

- 8) We will again tape our IHSB Finals. The taping will be available by a live web stream and the video will also be available after the taping.
- 9) The group at the After Action Meeting recommended a change in team tournament format. They suggested we eliminate the regular team games and go to 12 baker games for the qualifying format at each level. This will be review this year and possibly be changed for the 2017 tournament.
- 10) Every team must order their shirts from Classic Products in Fort Wayne **OR** they must have a permission form **EVERY YEAR** to use another vendor. Our logo is a TradeMarked logo and unauthorized use of it is prohibited. We had a significant drop in team shirts last year and there weren't that many new permission forms to support the drop.
- 11) I've included the following forms with this packet: Conference Coordinator Job Description (we will again compensate you @ \$50 per school when all season has been submitted), 1-Rule Changes, 2-Schedule, 3) IHSB Rules, 4) Conference Info, 5) Rosters Forms, 6) RVP Info, 7) Coach Waivers, 8) Bowler Waivers, 9) Academic All-State Applications, 10) All-State Application, 11) Team Transfer Form, 12) Shirt Permission Form, 13) Coaches' Clinic Flyer(word) and 14) Coaches' Clinic Flyer(excel).

THE ROSTERS AND WAIVERS WILL NOT BE USED UNLESS THE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE. You can use these forms to gather info if you wish to start before the registration is up and running. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we need the forms before you start and once we get the online program running it will be required.