

## IMSBowling Tournament Format - 2018

We will run a tournament at the conclusion of local competition. It will be the **two** Saturdays prior to Memorial Day Weekend (**Regionals May 12 and Finals May 19, 2018**). Everyone may bowl in the regional singles tournament. Bowlers must have at least 6 games on the final average sheet to compete in the regionals. Tournament roster forms must be submitted by **April 20, 2018** to allow scheduling. The total number of bowlers in the program will determine the number of regionals. We have scheduled 10 regionals in areas across the state where the program is being run. (Additional sites may be added if needed.)

Bowlers **and coaches** must wear the official IMSB T-Shirt and slacks to participate in the tournament. Cargo pants, blue jeans, shorts and capris are not allowed.

Everyone will bowl 4 games, and keep all 4 for their final singles' score. Bowlers will compete against their gender (boys against boys and girls against girls) in their school grade (5, 6, 7 & 8). There will be no stepladder finals. We will advance a ratio of at least 1 – 10 to the finals with a target of 80 bowlers. We plan to use at least a 32-lane center in a central location for the finals. The winning singles at the regional will receive medals. All other advancing bowlers will receive certificates. The top 4 at the finals will receive medals. Home school students may participate, but cannot field a tournament team. Any ties affecting advancement will be broken by rebowling the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frames.

The top 4 bowlers' scores from each 'school' (and each successive group of 4) will be totaled to recognize the school team champions (the teams can be coed, composed of either gender). We will plan to advance a ratio of at least 1 – 10 teams to the finals. If any member of an advancing team doesn't qualify for singles, he/she will advance to bowl team event only. We will award medals to winning team members as well as a trophy for the winning team(s) at regionals. All other advancing teams will receive certificates. The top 4 teams at the finals will receive medals. In the tournament students will bowl for the 'school' they will attend in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All schools that flow into that school will be eligible for that team, grades 5-8. Any ties affecting advancement will be broken by the top bowler on each team rebowling the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames.

We will use the same format at the regional and finals. The 4 games will count for both singles and team. After the teams are determined at the regionals, they will bowl together for the next event.

We will plan to make the finals an event, more than just the bowling. We plan to have food, music, etc.

Lineage will be set at \$3 per game for the regionals and finals. Bids will be received from participating centers. This fee is paid by initial entry fee. No fees will be charged for tournament. This program is run by the Indiana Bowling Centers Association.

There will be a door admission charge for the tournament. **Regional fee: \$4 students \$6 adults; Finals fee: \$6 student, \$8 adults. Children under 6 are free.** Players and coaches are Free.