



IHSB STATE FINALS RESULTS, MARCH 27, 2021

The 2021 IHSB State Finals were hosted by Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne on March 27. Twenty of the top teams and 42 individuals from across the state converged in Fort Wayne to determine the new state champions.

The day started with the introduction and Honorary First Ball by Alexandra Ross, Greenfield Christian and Indiana Tech, and Jordan Richard, Storm Products. Alexandra is the only 2-time IHSB State Champ as she won in 2014 as a freshman and then again as a senior in 2017. She is now bowling for NAIA National Champs; Indiana Tech. Jordan is a Storm Staffer. She has been on both Jr and Team USA. She has won a couple national titles.

The singles event was bowled first on Saturday. There were 24 boys and 18 girls competing. Everyone bowled 3 qualifying games. The top 4 boys and girls advanced to the stepladder finals. The top 4 boys were Hunter Thompson/Daleville 729, Wesley Boyd/Connersville 711, Ryan Speer/Lutheran 647 and Nathan Smith 635. Nathan was the champion in 2018. The top girls were Kasey Kelley/Jimtown 584, Lexie Jones/Columbus North 573, Meagan Kennedy/Brownsburg 557, and Carly Zuklin/Highland 552.

In the first match Speer defeated Smith 258-223. Kennedy defeated Zuklin 219-143. In the second match Speer fell to Boyd 191-232 and Kennedy ousted Jones 175-133. This set up the championship

matches. Boyd bested Thompson 223-161. Kennedy topped Kelley 192-132. Boyd and Kennedy are your new state champions.

The team competition started with 20 top teams, 12 boys and 8 girls. All teams bowled 12 Baker Games to qualify to the stepladder positions. Hobart 2160, Connersville 2203, Eastside 2300, and Noblesville 2305 (last year's champions) led the boys. The top 3 girls' teams were Highland 2093, Franklin Township 2001 and Greenfield Central 1875. The first game between Hobart and Connersville saw Connersville advance $165+182=347$ to Hobart's $151+154=305$. Connersville then lost to Eastside $192+156=348$ to $189+169=358$. Franklin Township eliminated Greenfield Central $173+181=354$ to $157+171=328$. That set up the championship matches. Noblesville retained their crown over Eastside $192+175=367$ to $152+147=299$. Highland won the crown over Franklin Township $144+163=307$ – $152+133=285$.

Each year our tournament committee names a boy and girl Mental Attitude winner. Each coach with a team in the finals named a senior from their team that excelled in scholarship, sportsmanship, and competition. The tournament committee watched the nominees during the 12-game qualifying and voted for the players that they thought exemplified the ideal IHSB bowler. Zach Moorman/Homestead and Casey Saas/Carmel were this year's winners. Congratulations.

The season final will be at the Annual All-State Scholarship Tournament on April 24 at Heritage Lanes in Kokomo. The All-State teams will be named soon.