

Indiana Middle School Bowling  
**2021 IMSB COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The host bowling center provides the coaches and the middle school may need to approve the center's coaches.
2. A coach must not be suspended by the USBC to be eligible to coach a middle school program.
3. The coach is responsible to see that his team plays within the rules of IMSB. He is subject to suspension if his team violates any of the printed rules.
4. Coaches need to make sure the students attend the school for which they bowl (Actual school/grade and 8th grade school).
5. Coaches must make sure their leagues and bowlers are certified by the USBC. The cost of youth certification this year is just \$4 per bowler.
6. Coaches are required to participate in the USBC Registered Volunteer Program and wear their badge/lanyard at all practices and matches. Coaches can register at [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) and the cost is \$30.00 for two years. Coaches must also take the required SafeSport Training or Refresher Course.
7. They must verify grades of bowlers either by contacting the school or physically seeing the report card. Students must meet at minimum the school's academic criteria to participate in other sports. Coaches may enforce a stricter rule.
8. Bowlers will be declared ineligible at any time that it's determined and verified that they aren't certified or haven't met minimum grade requirements. They will be disqualified and will receive zero score for matches they competed in. Bowlers may participate in practice if acceptable by center and school.
9. Coaches and other persons officially connected with the team shall not use any tobacco, drug or alcohol products during competition.
10. Un-sportsmanlike conduct is not permitted. Coaches need to be a model and promote it to their bowlers.
11. Coaches will make sure their bowlers meet the uniform and jewelry rules.
12. Coaches must wear slacks (No cargo pants, blue jeans, shorts or Capri's) and the Official IMSB Shirt to be in the bowling area.
13. There is no stated jewelry rule. Coaches and centers are to determine appropriate standards for their bowlers. Tournament directors will decide on unacceptable jewelry at their event.
14. The coach may schedule no more than 1 formal practice per week during the season. He must arrange those practice times with the center to assure lanes are available.
15. Coaches must submit all forms and monies to the state office (HS commissioner) by the appointed times. Those forms include: Center information, Center and Tournament Rosters, Student waiver form and Coaches responsibilities form. Anything not covered specifically under the IMSB or USBC rules will come under the advisement of the IHSB Rules Committee. This program is organized and operated by the Indiana Bowling Centers Association.

I understand participation in Indiana Middle School Bowling events involves potential risks of injury, both minor and serious. **I ASSUME AND ACCEPT ALL RISKS** related to my participation in each IMSB event. I understand that transportation to and from each IMSB event shall be the sole responsibility of each participant. **I ASSUME AND ACCEPT ALL RISKS** related to my transportation to and from each IMSB event.

In consideration of IMSB permitting participation in IMSB events, **I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF WHATEVER NATURE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION AND TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO IMSB EVENTS** against Indiana Bowling Centers Association and Indiana Middle School Bowling (Board, Rules Committee and Individual Members), All Participating Middle Schools, All Participating Bowling Centers, All Assigned Coaches and each & every officer, employee, agent of them.

I have read the Coach Responsibilities. I agree to abide by all eligibility rules of the Indiana Middle School Bowling Program. I understand and agree that if I am in violation of any of the rules, I will be asked to comply or I may be removed from competition. I have read the Travel Authorization, Waiver & Release and agreed to its terms.

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Center: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

RVP Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SafeSport Training Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Every coach **MUST** complete this form before participation in practices. This form must be turned in to the State Office (PO Box 46, Danville, IN 46122) by **March 8, 2021**.