

## **HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Wisconsin High School Bowl Club**

### **Q. How many students are on a team?**

A. Usually there are 7 bowlers, but you can have up to 10 on a team – Junior Varsity and Varsity.

### **Q. What is a baker format?**

A. The baker format is a team oriented concept where 5 bowlers bowl 2 frames each, examples as follows: 1st bowler – frames 1 and 6; 2nd bowler – frames 2 and 7; 3rd bowler – frames 3 and 8  
4th bowler – frames 4 and 9; 5th bowler – frames 5 and 10  
Substituting is allowed during the match and with a frame.

### **Q. Who is responsible for getting equipment?**

A. Bowlers are responsible for providing their own bowling equipment. If they have none, they may use house shoes and balls provided by the local bowling center at no cost.

### **Q. Alcohol and smoking issues?**

A. Absolutely not permitted. During high school meets there is no smoking or alcohol consumption in their setee area or the immediate concourse area. Each center has displayed signage for spectators as a reminder.

### **Q. How are tryouts run?**

A. Tryouts are held the same as any other sport, and are scheduled for a determined number of days for coaches to decide who will be Junior Varsity or Varsity based on their skill level during tryouts.

### **Q. When does the season start and end?**

A. The HSBC follows the WIAA winter schedule with the dates coinciding with the start of girls' and boys' basketball season respectively, with both ending the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March at the state tournament.

### **Q. How many students/teams are involved in Districts/State?**

A. We currently have 12 districts and 2,500 students participating in the state.

### **Q. How does the state tournament work?**

A. Each district sends teams based on 15-20% of their top teams after completion of the district competitions. There are team and singles events.

### **Q. How many years has the HSBC been operating?**

A. The HSBC has been in operation for 15 years with the 16th annual state tournament being held in March, 2012. There have been individual clubs or districts operating in Wisconsin for as long as 30 years prior to the organization of the HSBC.

### **Q. Obtaining a qualified coach?**

A. We would like a teacher or volunteer from the school district to coach. Often, a parent of a team member or the bowling center will assist in finding a coach.

### **Q. What are the coaches' qualifications?**

A. The HSBC would like to see all coaches be bronze certified by the United States Bowling Congress. As of this time not all coaches are certified. However, currently many coaches are certified either at Level 1 or Level 2- Beginning this fall 2012 all coaches will have to be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP). The USBC Coaching Certification and Development team also announced that current coaches will need to be approved through RVP as part of their continuing education process. It will benefit coaches because parents and proprietors will know that USBC certified coaches have gone through the proper background screening. It adds integrity to our certification process, the game and our coaches.

### **Q. Does the state have a website?**

A. Yes, the state website is [wihsbowlclub.com](http://wihsbowlclub.com).

### **Q. What do you need from the high school?**

A. The use of the school name, your cooperation in making announcements and consideration as club sport. We also need a long term commitment from the high school for the athletes and we only ask that bowling athletes be treated as all other lifetime sports and be afforded the same opportunities, i.e. golf, tennis, swimming and cross country. Bowling to be recognized as a lettered sport.