

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bowling Committee Meeting Minutes

East Lansing, March 30, 2011

Members Present:

Deb Alexander, Flint (MHSBCA)
Tim Bauer, Bay City
Karl Bosman, Trenton
Greg Gumtow, Clarkston (Finals Manager)
Tracy Long, New Lothrop
Pat Mitchell, Grand Haven
Eric Painter, Flat Rock
Kim Rawski, Macomb
Ann Roznowski, Bay City

Mike Sarandrea, Taylor
Randy Shank, Sterling Heights (BCAM)
Deb Van Kuiken, Holly (MIAAA)
Mel Wolf, Jackson (Finals Manager)

Members Absent:

Bonnie Henry, Coloma

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (recorder)

The MHSAA Bowling Committee met at the MHSAA to review policies and procedures for boys and girls bowling. Agenda items were compiled from correspondence, staff, committee members and the Michigan HS Bowling Coaches Association.

MHSAA BOWLING UPDATE

The committee was updated on the efforts by the MHSAA to work with local, state and national bowling industry leadership to bring scholarship programs into compliance with MHSAA Amateur Status Regulations. Several meetings and consultations with a leadership group consisting of proprietors, youth organizations, state and national organizations resulted in a commitment to change bowling scholarship programs that comply with MHSAA Regulations. No specific dollar amounts will be awarded to students, additional academic and citizenship criteria will be required for scholarship grants and a strong communications plan will be adopted so all facets of the bowling industry are in compliance and support the changes. The committee also heard a report stating that the MHSAA Representative Council agreed to continue sponsoring boys and girls bowling as a tournament sport for 2011-12 provided compliance takes place on scholarship issues, out of season coaching and outside competition rules and that there will be a review and report given to the Council at its March, 2012 meeting on all compliance issues.

TOURNAMENT REVIEW

All aspects of the MHSAA tournament were reviewed. The committee discussed the current format, dates, time schedule, tiebreaker and advancement formula for the Regional and Finals Tournaments with no changes recommended. It was confirmed that seed position will determine the starting choice for both the singles and team match game round at the Finals. Regarding lane conditions, although other patterns were discussed it was unanimously agreed that the Kegel "Middle Road" lane oil pattern be retained for use in the MHSAA Tournament in 2012, with additional technical language to be added to the tournament Managers Manual for instructions on how to best apply the pattern at tournament locations.

Clarifications were suggested for the Managers Manual and PSTI regarding ball cleaning, coaching privileges, dress code, tournament entry materials, starting choice for Finals match games, match game procedures and pace of play for singles and the substitution rule. It was agreed that a maximum of two substitutions be allowed for a specific player in his/her game and for the substitution rules to be updated with examples to reflect the restriction. It was also agreed that for the MHSAA Tournament a team shall consist of five players with a minimum of three players for tournament entry and that pacers not be allowed during the MHSAA Tournament. Regional and Finals tournament locations were reviewed with the MHSAA to consider new sites for Regionals and Finals should bowling centers and/or schools make application or facility issues necessitate different locations.

REGULAR SEASON POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Several topics regarding overall regular season regulations were reviewed. Suggestions for changes and clarifications for the Coaches Manual included better direction on use of the MHSAA Web site for rosters and entry materials, emphasis on both coaches and players following the dress code, substitution rules, coaching duties and responsibilities, postponed or re-scheduled meets, competition format and limits on participation in multiple levels on the same day. The committee strongly supported limiting use of school dates of competition to only meets, contests or invitational events with other school teams and a motion was passed unanimously to

reflect such a restriction to be in complete compliance with the MHSAA Limited Team Membership regulation.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding out of season coaching regulations as it relates to bowling coaches. With many coaches involved in youth programs on a voluntary basis, the committee moved to support the changes to the three/four player first advanced by the volleyball committee. As applied to bowling coaches it would allow a school coach to be in a bowling center as a volunteer coach for youth programs when more than three students from his/her school are present as long as the school coach gives instruction to a maximum of three students during the session and no other school coaches are giving instruction.

The committee also moved to eliminate the weekly limits on regular season meets to give school more flexibility in rescheduling meets due to weather cancellations and facility availability.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

#1. Eliminate the current weekly limit for bowling contests. Late season weather issues force many cancellations. Rationale: In a very compact season with limited access to bowling centers rescheduling is very difficult. Meets are conducted after school or on Saturdays with minimal loss of school time. (9-0)

#2. The 24 dates of competition may be used only for meets with MHSAA member schools or out of state competition with schools that are members in good standing with their state associations. The two outside event provision still applies. Rationale: This tightens the use of school dates correcting abuses of past years and clearly defines how school teams use their allowed dates of competition. (9-0)

#3. Support the volleyball recommendation as adapted to bowling coaches that would allow a coach involved with out of season youth programs to coach a maximum of three students from his/her school when other students from his/her school may be in the facility. No other school coaches may give instruction to other students and coaching may involve maximum of three students in grades 7-12 during the entire session. (9-0)