

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bowling Committee Meeting Minutes

East Lansing, March 27, 2013

Members Present

Deb Alexander, Flint (MHSBCA)
Greg Ambrose, Westland (MIAAA)
Kathy Bondsteel, Jonesville
Dave Derocher, Reese
Rick Dodick, Bay City
Judy Jaeger, Livonia (Finals Manager)
Keith Krueger, Hemlock
Tracy Long, New Lothrop (Finals Manager)

Eric Painter, Flat Rock
Ryan Portenga, Muskegon
Mike Roach, Battle Creek
Dan Scott (MASSP)
Randy Shank, Sterling Heights (BCAM)
Jim Valentine, Mason

Staff Member

Randy Allen (recorder)

The MHSAA Bowling Committee met at the MHSAA office 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.

TOURNAMENT REVIEW

The committee reviewed MHSAA Tournament policies and procedures. New language with additional clarifications will be developed for the Coaches Manual and Managers Manual including restrictions on electronic devices for coaching purposes, ball cleaning and surface alteration, coaching privileges and restrictions, dress code, bowling ball limits in the competition area, substitution rules, match game lane choices and slide aids. A sign-in procedure for coaches at the Regional and Final events was suggested so tournament managers may better identify designated school coaches. A revision was approved for the MHSAA Finals limiting a school to one coach in the singles event if they have one bowler, and a maximum of two coaches if more than one bowler. It was agreed that the penalty for coaching violations be a warning followed by loss of coaching privileges. The language updates will reflect clarification, penalty and procedure, not substantive change in existing policies and regulations.

Regional and Final Tournament formats were reviewed, no changes were proposed. It was agreed to maintain the Kegel "Middle Road" pattern as the lane condition for the 2014 MHSAA tournament. The committee was updated on plans for Regional and Final sites for 2014.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS/UPDATES

Regular season issues were discussed. It was agreed that other formats for multiple team events such as invitational events continue to be allowed as long as the dual meet format of two Baker games/two team games/30 point system is followed. Season and tournament dates were reviewed, no changes recommended.

The committee expressed general satisfaction with existing tournament policies and procedures, competition format and overall administration, with an emphasis on more clarity and better compliance and enforcement at the regular season and tournament level. The 2013 on-line rules meetings for coaches will focus on these subjects. The committee was updated on consideration for a change in out of season coaching rules for bowling coaches which will be in effect for 2013-14 if approved by the Representative Council and included in the on-line rules meeting review of MHSAA regulations. Also reviewed was the Limited Team Membership rule restricting outside events during the school season, and state and national commitments to revised scholarship criteria to comply with MHSAA Amateur Status rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

No proposals from the committee.