

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

**Bowling Committee Meeting Minutes**

East Lansing, March 23, 2016

9:30 a.m.

**Members Present**

Deb Alexander, Flint (MHSBCA)  
Brian Bannasch, Rogers City  
Chris Ceresa, Milford  
Rick Dodick, Bay City Western  
Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock (Finals Manager)  
Greg Gumtow, Clarkston, (Finals Manager)  
Judy Jaeger, Livonia, (Finals Manager)  
Dave Kowalski, Bay City  
Troy Lynch, Bay City

Patrick Mitchell, Grand Haven  
Eric Painter, Flat Rock (MIAAA)  
Roger Schildroth, Grand Rapids  
Cody Smith, Macomb  
Jim Valentine, Mason  
Sheri Yanik, Pontiac

**Staff Member**

Cody Inglis

The MHSAA Bowling Committee met at the MHSAA office to review policies and procedures for boys and girls bowling. Agenda items included correspondence received, staff input and items from the Michigan HS Bowling Coaches Association.

**TOURNAMENT REVIEW**

The committee reviewed MHSAA Tournament policies and procedures in both the Regional and Finals venues. This included format, participant policies, time and date schedules, venue locations, coaching privileges review, dress code, entry materials and school divisions.

Regional and Final Tournament formats were reviewed; discussion centered on changing the number of bowlers that can represent a school in both team and individual rounds at regionals. After much discussion a proposal was forwarded to the Representative Council that would decrease the number of team members on the roster at regionals and finals from 8 to 7. A review of the 2016 proposal to allow the higher seeded team and singles player throughout the finals team and singles portion the choice of lanes in the pair was done. The consensus of the committee indicated that after several games of qualifying that this was an earned option for those higher seeded teams and singles players. Use of this process was again supported for the 2017 finals tournament and additional supporting language will be added to the managers manual and discussed with the finals management teams.

A review of the "Allen Pattern" was discussed and approved for continued use in MHSAA tournament play in 2017 and beyond. Continued communication with school coaches, bowling centers and proprietors will be needed to ensure that proper Kegel text files are available for all types of oil machines as well as information on the MHSAA bowling website. Tournament management will indicate the lane conditions in communication with schools and coaches.

The committee was updated on plans for Regional and Final sites for 2017. This included two new sites that were used this year. Continued negotiations will occur to ensure our sites for next school year bowling finals. The committee was updated on the regional site selection process and the reasons why certain regionals may be less in numbers than others. Reasons for regionals being different sizes include geography, additions or deletions of teams and the challenge of finding host sites.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS/UPDATES**

Several topics regarding overall regular season regulations were reviewed. Suggestions for changes and clarifications for the Coaches Manual included better direction for injury sustained during play, emphasis on both coaches and players following the dress code during regular and postseason competition, substitution rules, injury sustained during competition, using school affiliated uniforms, coaching duties and responsibilities and competition format. The out of season coaching regulations and amateur status regulations were reviewed. Two handed bowler requirements were reviewed and the committee reviewed and discussed the USBC ruling moving forward for governance of two handed bowlers. The committee was updated on MHSAA CAP requirement starting in 2016-17 for all newly hired coaches (after July 31, 2016) and the impacts that this will have on the bowling programs in the state of Michigan. The Limited Team Membership rule restricting outside events during the school season was also analyzed and reviewed by the committee.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

#1. Set the MHSAA Bowling Regional and Finals roster for the team portion to no more than 7 total bowlers. (14-1) Rationale: Allows teams to have two extra substitutes while reducing the amount of extra bowlers (5 are bowling per team) the extra student-athletes are rarely being used in the state finals. This reduction will also have an impact on the space at the state finals in the bowling centers that are used.

#2. Modify the Bowling substitution rule to a re-entry rule similar to baseball in that a bowler on the roster can be replaced with a substitute and that any time after the substitute bowls one complete frame the original bowler (starter) may come back in to replace the substitute during that game. (8-7) Rationale: It allows coaches the ability to use more bowlers on their roster, have more control over their lineups and more experimentation with rosters during matches.