

Tournament Format

We will run a tournament at the conclusion of local competition. It will be the two Saturdays prior to Memorial Day Weekend (**Regionals, May 12 and Finals May 19, 2012**). Everyone may bowl in the regional singles tournament. Tournament roster forms must be submitted by **May 1, 2012** to allow scheduling. The total number of bowlers in the program will determine the number of regionals. (We have scheduled **8** regionals in areas across the state where the program is being run. Additional sites may be added if needed.)

BOWLERS MUST WEAR THE OFFICIAL IMSB T-SHIRT AND SLACKS TO BOWL IN THE TOURNAMENT. CARGO PANTS, BLUE JEANS, SHORTS AND CAPRIS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Everyone will bowl 4 games, drop their low score and total the top 3 for their final score. **Bowlers will compete against their gender (boys against boys and girls against girls) in their school grade (6, 7 & 8). Bowlers must have at least 6 games on the final average sheet to compete in the regionals.** We will award medals to the top boy and top girl in each grade. There will be no stepladder finals. We will advance a ratio of 1 – 6, but with a maximum of 160 bowlers for the finals. We plan to use a 40-lane center in a central location for the finals. If we have a greater number than that we will award more prizes at the regionals. Home school students may participate, but cannot field a tournament team.

The top 4 bowlers' scores from each school (and each successive group of 4) will be totaled to recognize the school team champions (coed, boys or girls). We will plan to advance a ratio of 1 – 4 teams. If any member of an advancing team doesn't qualify for singles, he/she will advance to bowl team event only (again this number will be controlled by lane availability). We will award medals to winning team members as well as a trophy for the winning team(s). **Students must be in grades 6, 7 or 8. In tournament they must bowl for the school they attend. There will be no consolidation of school district schools. To form a team, all bowlers must come from the same school building.**

We will use the same format at the finals. At the finals we will award team trophies for the top 2 teams and medals for the team members. We will give medals to the top 4 singles (boys and girls) in each **grade**.

We will plan to make the finals an event, more than just the bowling. We plan to have food, music, etc.

Lineage will be set at \$3 per game for the regionals and finals. Bids will be received from participating centers. This fee is paid by initial entry fee. No fees will be charged for tournament. This program is run by the Indiana Bowling Centers Association.