

Minutes Rules Committee Conference Call 11/24/09

Attendees: Scott Devers, John Downing, Mark Schoch, Curt Morrison and Steve Kunkel.

Absent: Ken Howard, Tim McCoy, Nancy Hoover and Sue Kendall.

1. Tournament shot: We had previously decided to use a 'controlled shot' for our tournament, from regionals through finals. The After Action group, Rules Committee and IBCA Board approved it. We asked Kegel Corp to help us set up a 'modified house shot' that we could use at all 9 sites. They determined that their 'Beaten Path' was the most versatile and would allow all styles of bowlers to compete. We gave them the lane info from each site (surface, machine, conditioner and cleaner) and they gave us the machine settings to set up 'similar' playing shots at all sites. We decided to post the shot and graph on our website and also give a link to Kegel's site to allow coaches and centers the opportunity to set up a similar shot to practice. We will send the info to all participating centers and ask them to let us know dates and times that they will set up a 'similar shot'. We will post those dates and times for any and all HS bowlers to have the opportunity to practice on it.
2. Tournament routing: We approved the submitted tournament routing chart. We will use the same ratio that we have used the last few years to advance teams and singles from sectionals to regionals. Where that ratio advanced an odd number of teams, we will allow a 'wild card' from the entering sectionals to give us an even number of teams at each regional site. We planned 12 teams (boys and girls) and 36 (boys and girls) at each semi-state site. We figured that advancing ratio across the whole state and advanced that number of teams and singles. We rounded off the fractions to the nearest whole number. Again we advanced a 'wild card' team to have an even number of teams at each site. We will have 14 boys' and girls' teams in South Bend and 12 boys' and girls' teams in Richmond. Both sites will advance 4 teams to the finals. South Bend had a much larger singles number and we'll advance 10 boys and girls to the finals from SB and 8 boys and girls from Richmond. That again is the same ratio rounded off to the nearest whole number.
3. Shirt issues: We have a couple shirt issues created by our rules, Classic and the independent vendors. When Classic was our only vendor we didn't have or need shirt rules. What they sold and printed was ok. Since we have opened it up to independent vendors we have tried to write a rule that gave us a good looking program and covered the shirts we have been getting from Classic. We have said 'no advertising of any type' on the uniforms from the beginning of our program. A few coaches have asked to use shirts that bear the manufacturers' logo. We have said that was advertising and not permitted. Our rules also state that the shirts must have a butterfly collar or a mock turtleneck that measures 1" up on the neck. We have been told that Classic was not able to get an advertised shirt so they offered a Holloway shirt as an alternate. We have discovered that this shirt has a small "H" on the sleeve. We have decided that anyone who purchased this shirt will be accepted this year because it was our error. Coaches should contact the Commissioner (Steve Kunkel) to receive a written exception if they have this shirt. We also discovered that we allowed a team to compete in the tournament last year with 'crew neck' shirts that had collars that didn't

measure the 1" up the neck. They have been asked to correct the problem before this year's tournament. We will review these rules prior to next season.

4. Middle School Rules: We discussed our Middle School rules and came up with the following for this year's program. We feel we are still growing the program and want to make it as easy as we can for anyone and everyone to play.
  - a. We are again going to allow the local program to be set up as necessary: team, singles, scratch or handicap.
  - b. Everyone will need a USBC certification, either basic or standard. The local league can be set up as a Basic league since it will be 12 weeks or less and new bowlers will only have to pay \$5. Bowlers that already have a standard membership will not need any additional fees.
  - c. This year we will allow each center to decide the color of their T-Shirt. They will be sent a flyer from Classic with the available colors. Each center's order will be processed as soon as their monies are received. They won't have to wait for everyone to pay this year. Bowlers may wear either khaki or black slacks. The uniforms are optional for local play; it's up to the local authorities. Everyone must be in uniform for the tournament.
  - d. Coaches are encouraged to enroll in the USBC Registered Volunteer Program and wear their lanyards for all competitions. They will be asked to wear 'business casual' dress or matching T-Shirts/slacks. T-Shirts are available to the coaches for just \$5. Coaches will be given name badges for tournament play.
  - e. Tournament play again will be set up as a singles competition with the top 4 scores and each additional set of 4 per school qualifying for that school's team score(s). If the 6, 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students aren't in the same building; the team will be determined by the school district. We will follow the 'flow' of students into their HS.
  - f. We will again have 3 average brackets for the tournament. Bowlers will need at least 8 local games for a tournament average. The brackets for the boys will be: 109 and under, 110 – 149 and 150 and above. The girls' brackets will be 99 and under, 100 – 139 and 140 and above. This would have made even sized brackets last year.
  - g. Random draw works best for the regionals. The teams will bowl together at the finals and the singles will draw for lanes.
  - h. The finals format will be similar to last year's: bowling, lunch, cosmic bowling and awards.
  - i. Centers participating in the program will be eligible to bid for the tournament.
5. Non-IHSB Events: The IBCA Board has determined not to endorse events outside IHSB conference and tournament play, but will advertise them on our website. This issue can be addressed again next spring. Petitions for the endorsement must show the benefits to the IBCA and IHSB.
6. The Woodland Pro Am is on February 21 & 22 this year, one day after our State Finals. We will not be able to use it to recognize our All State Teams. It was suggested that we see if we could recognize the teams prior to the PBA TV Finals on February 28. The commissioner (Steve Kunkel) will be checking with the Royal Pin management to see if this is a possibility.