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By-laws/Policies and Procedures of the
WISCONSIN Middle SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB
DISTRICT 7A
2022-2023 Season

Wisconsin Middle School Bowling Club (WI MSBC) shall abide by United State Bowling Congress (USBC) Playing Rules. Any situation arising which is not covered by the WI MSBC Policies and Procedures, shall be governed by the BCAW MSBC Committee with advisory from USBC Rules. All rulings by the MSBC Committee are final.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Wisconsin Middle School (WMS) Bowling Club will be to provide middle school students an opportunity to experience the spirit of the team competition and community pride while participating in a sport they can enjoy for the rest of their lives, and to allow any bowler, without regard to race, sex, or physical challenge, an opportunity to participate within a team environment. It will provide sanctioned middle school bowling competition as defined by the USBC and will provide an opportunity for student bowlers to meet bowlers from other schools and travel to other bowling club facilities.

MISSION

Our mission is to increase the Middle School bowling organization membership and broaden the sport of bowling in Wisconsin.

ARTICLE I
NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be:

"Wisconsin Middle School Bowling Club – District 7A".

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

From year to year the membership may change based on the ability for the schools to compete. Teams are no longer required to be formed by schools. Team name shall be the name of the school district, town/village/city or center based and co-op team names will include names of all towns/villages/cities involved. The 2022-2023 season will have the following Middle schools and center membership:

Sheboygan Lakeshore Lanes: Farnsworth, Horace Mann, Urban, Bethlehem, George Warriner, Etude, Oostburg and Sheboygan Leadership Academy; Sheboygan Falls, Lake Country Academy

Sheboygan Falls Odyssey Fun Center: Plymouth

Ripon Plaza Bowl: Not participating

Elkhart Lake Anchor Lanes: Elkhart Lake/Kiel

Fond du Lac Ledgeview Lanes: Sabish, Thiesen, Stem, Woodworth, Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA)

El Dorado Generation Lanes: Laconia

Berlin Berlin Lanes: Berlin

All current and any new schools must commit by end of February each season.

ARTICLE III
RULES COMMITTEE

The BCAW MSBC Committee is a standing committee as per the BCAW bylaws. The three person committee shall be comprised of two BCAW member proprietors appointed by the BCAW President, who are actively involved in middle school bowling, plus the BCAW Executive Director or their staff designee. In cases where a member of the BCAW MSBC Committee is from a district involved in the protest/grievance, the member will abstain from voting on the issue. The current members are: Dick Zierke (Chair), Diane Mallow and Roger Dalkin. Where applicable, the Wisconsin Middle School Bowling Club (WI MSBC) shall abide by United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Playing Rules.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Bill Hilbert – Lakeshore Lanes - Sheboygan

The District Coordinator of the WI MS Bowling Club shall be elected by the Advisory Committee annually. **District Coordinator's job responsibilities** include but are not limited to: Coordination of personnel; management of policies and procedures; maintenance of the program and website scoring administration duties; and assistance in settlement of problems and disputes which may arise, attend meetings that pertain to districts within the state with the BCAW, as allowed. District coordinators are to send in a list of all teams competing in their district and the bowling center each team calls 'home' to BCAW for approval. **One week before competition he/she will send in all Co-op applications to BCAW to be approved. Once approved a coaches code will be given and a team set up on MS website.** He/she also will be responsible for the coordination and communication with the School Boards and Associations which will be involved in WI MS Bowling Club activities. District coordinators must advise the BCAW office of their scheduled playing season at least one week prior to the start of district competition.

ARTICLE V District Bylaws/Policies and Procedures

Section 1 – District Meetings

The District will conduct a minimum of 1 meeting yearly, one in fall to vote on the rules in this section of the bylaws to be run with high school's meeting. One representative in attendance at the meeting from each school gets one vote and one representative from each co-op team in attendance gets one vote no matter how many schools are involved with that team and the district coordinator gets one vote. There will be no proxy voting, for a vote to count the coach must be present at the meeting.

Prior to the season (at fall meeting for example), a change in the bylaws requires a majority vote of the schools in attendance. After the season begins, in order to change a bylaw 100% of the schools in District 7A must agree to the change.

All rule changes during the season must be submitted to the District 7A board for approval. There will be NO coaches meeting called at a meet to change rules.

Section 2 – Officers

Officers can be an active or past coach at any level. They will be elected annually by a majority vote of the schools attending a District 7A fall meeting.

President:

Dan Roerdink Sheboygan

1st Vice President

Cody Schmitt Elkhart Lake

2nd Vice President

Jeremy Brenner El Dorado/Laconia

Treasurer

Bets Olson Ripon

Secretary

Deb TenHaken-Ehren Sheboygan

President Job responsibilities: A voting member on the Executive Board. The president will run the meeting per the agenda created by the president to include but not limited to: Call to Order, Roll Call, Treasurer's report, previous meeting minutes, Old Business, any tabled items from previous meeting, New Business, dates for the meets for both HS and MS, the next meeting date and time and adjournment. Any extenuating circumstances should be inserted in the proper place in the agenda such as updates for rules in the By-laws. By-laws in District 7A are discussed in the fall meeting to be updated and then tweaked at the HS spring meeting. The president fields the problems coming in from the VPs from each league and determines if the whole board and/or coordinator need to be involved.

VP Job responsibilities: To relay any pertinent information from emails from the president or coordinator to the coaches at the meets. They are the first line of defense for anyone at the meet that has any complaints or notices a potential problem to bring to the President for discussion and resolution. The VP will check to be sure all coaches have an active RVP badge on or a letter of clearance from the governing body. The VP will check to be sure bowlers, coaches and statisticians are in proper uniform and no more than 2 coaches/statisticians in settee area at a time. They will keep a running tab throughout the season of any

bowler and their infractions so proper handling can be done. Bring all the other coaches from their respective constituent's ideas, complaints or requests for rule changes to the HS spring meeting. Each VP will have a copy of the District's By-laws & the State's current Policies and Procedures at every meet to clear up rule misunderstandings.

Secretary Job responsibilities: A voting member on the Executive Board. The secretary will keep a master list of all the coaches in the district in order to send mass emails out as needed. The secretary is responsible for taking the minutes at each meeting and updating the district's by-laws/policies and procedures, email both minutes and by-laws/policies and procedures to president and coordinator for approval, then emailing to all participating district coaches before the next meeting and/or distributing paper to all coaches at the next meeting. The secretary will read the previous meeting minutes at the next meeting. The secretary will upload the schedules and By-Laws/Policies and Procedures to the high school website www.wihsbowlclub.com and middle school website www.wimsbowlclub.com as soon as they and the website are ready. As an honorary stipend this position will get \$125 from HS program and \$125 from MS program to be paid at the spring meeting after the state tournaments.

Other offices needed to operate the club include the following. These individuals do not need to be an active or past coach of District 7A.

Schedulers: Deb TenHaken

Scheduler Job responsibilities: The scheduler will be responsible to get in touch with each house to determine who can host a meet and when. If the house has less lanes than there are teams the scheduler would be looking into using two smaller houses to accommodate all teams on the same date using the same oil pattern, no 'bowling-ahead' will be allowed. The houses used should be one that a team practices in for that league. Pull a schedule off of bowl.com for number of teams in each league. No team should play any team more than once unless there are more matches than teams available. The scheduler is responsible for putting the official schedule together and forward to the person who will put it on the website the week before the first meet at the latest. If need be these can be updated and then re-uploaded to website. The schedule should list each team and team number with team names to include all schools involved with any co-op team. The schedule will include: dates of each meet, day of the week, place, start time, the oil pattern for each week, and who each team bowls for each match. At the bottom should be the name of the team including all school names spelled out, center name and phone number along with their complete address for all to get to the meet. In the bottom left or right corner of the schedule the date the schedule was put together so if there are revisions it is easy to see which is the most current.

Section 3 – Executive Board

The Executive Board Members will consist of the president, vice presidents, secretary, treasurer and district coordinator and will be responsible for making decisions during the season that need to be resolved in a timely manner.

Section 4 – Finances

Treasurer Job responsibilities: A voting member on the Executive Board. The treasurer is responsible for sending out invoices for each center that shows the deadline (before 1st meet) to pay the registration, state participation and state tournament fees (by mid-March), the teams that center has and how much they owe per team by 1st meet each season. These can be emailed to each center by the treasurer or the secretary. The treasurer is responsible for collecting team participation fees, state fees when determined, and any other fees. One check shall be made to BCAW for team participation fees and one for state fees before each deadline that BCAW announces and one check to each center that held a meet for lineage. The treasurer is responsible for keeping a report of all monies coming in and going out, what they came from, where they went and what they were used for including check numbers, dates and amounts paid. The treasurer will read their report at the next meeting including most recent statement totals from the end of the previous month.

There is a team participation fee, a team lineage fee, a state registration team fee and a state tournament fee for team and singles in order to participate in Wisconsin Middle School Bowling. The fees for the season shown in heading above are as follows:

Participation Fee: Determined by each individual center per roster person. Lineage of \$10 per match per team will be paid to treasurer to be paid to each center hosting a meet along with the below state registration fees.

Middle school District registration fees* are determined by BCAW and are to be paid by the district treasurer due to BCAW after the first meet. Each middle school team must pay the fees to the HS treasurer **prior to the first meet**. The district/state fees are payable to **WHSBC – District 7A**. (Not to WMSBC)

District Registration Fee for a member Team (subject to change) \$50.00 per team plus \$60 lineage for 6 matches
District Registration Fee for a non-member Team (subject to change) \$75.00 per team plus \$60 lineage for 6 matches

State tournament fees are determined by BCAW and are to be paid by the district treasurer as soon as it is known who is going to state and coaches mail payment to him/her but not later than April 23, 2023. Treasurer will send 1 check to the BCAW. The District Coordinator will send in a list of all teams competing in their district and the bowling center each team bowls at. Treasurer will send a check made payable to the BCAW on time. The payment of this fee will be paid by each team each season and sent to the district treasurer. BCAW will not accept Payments from individual teams or bowling centers.

State Tournament Fees (subject to change annually):
Member center team/single \$100/\$20
Non-member center team/single \$250/\$50

Each team/center can run fund raisers of their choice to pay the above.

Payments will be **sent to the treasurer**. Bets Olson
406 Fenton St
Ripon, WI 54971

Two signatures are required for withdrawal. Those authorized to co-sign are president, district coordinator and treasurer. Two individuals from the same school cannot co-sign. An invoice will only be sent to a center/coach upon request to the treasurer. Failure to pay may cause forfeiture of future matches and individual fill counts.

Section 5 – Coaches Registered Volunteer Program (RVP)

Every coach/helper/assistant in District 7A working with the youth in the Middle School program will need to be a registered volunteer through BCAW's website. Cost each year is shown on the website for RVP and is per coach/helper/assistant, it is good for 2 years. Each school is required to make sure all their coaches and others working with the youth get registered through this program before the first practice, each team is responsible for paying the associated fees themselves. Any number of people helping with the youth will need to be registered, cost will be paid by the school, organization or individual and not through the high/middle school programs. Badges must be worn at meets, practices and post-season tournaments. If a coach/helper/assistant has/had their cost paid through another organization or is in the middle of the two years they will send a photocopy of their badge as proof they are registered to the Coordinator.

Section 5a – Coaches Responsibilities

Checklist:

2 weeks before the first meet – Duty of **coach**: have Co-op request in to Coordinator Bill Hilbert.

Scan and email to Bill Hilbert at bhilbert64@gmail.com Fax: 920-458-1369
Bill will send to BCAW fax number: 262-783-4590

1 week before first meet – Duty of District **Coordinator**: All co-op applications **MUST** be in BCAW's office one week prior to the start of their district's competition

1 week before first meet – Duty of **coach**: All team rosters must be on the WI MSBC website no later than seven days from their first district completion. If a team's complete roster is not on the website the team and individual players may be ineligible to compete at the WI MSBC State Tournament.

Required Practice Sessions: It is the responsibility of each head coach to conduct at least one formal practice session each week during the WI MSBC season. Practice may begin no earlier than 30 days prior to the official start of district competition.

Grades: It is the responsibility of the school's head coach to ensure all bowlers meet their school's eligibility requirements for athletic competition and that they attend the school they are representing. It shall be the head coach's responsibility to verify their bowlers continued academic eligibility at the end of each grading period.

Schools that bowl ineligible bowlers shall forfeit all matches in which the ineligible student competed from the date it is documented that the bowler was determined ineligible.

Conduct/Travel: It shall be the responsibility of the coaches to collect the signed Conduct/Waiver & Travel Authorization Forms and submit them to the district coordinator prior to the first meet.

COACHES SECTION

A. Depending upon the status, the host bowling center and/or middle school must approve coaches before they are eligible.

B. All head coaches must have attained the age of 21. HSBC bowlers may serve as assistant coaches.

C. Anyone currently suspended by the USBC is not eligible to coach a WI MSBC team.

D. Any coach caught falsifying scores may lead to an indefinite suspension from participating in the WI MSBC and the WI HSBC.

E. All coaches must be approved by the USBC (RVP) and wear their ID lanyards at all practices, matches and the WI MSBC State Championships Tournament. An exception is granted to school personnel who have an official school ID, where a background check has been performed. Anyone discovered not wearing their RVP credential or acceptable school issued ID will not be allowed to be in the settee area. All RVP holders must complete the full RVP process when their current RVP credential expires and comply with SafeSport requirements to retain their RVP status.

F. HSBC players, who are under the age of 18, do not have to comply with the USBC RVP requirement. At the point they turn 18, they must however, complete and be approved by the USBC under their Registered Volunteer Program to continue their involvement with the WI MSBC.

G. Coaches and other persons officially connected with the team may not consume alcohol immediately prior to or during competition. Smoking, or use of other tobacco products, is limited to outside before or after, but not during competition. Coaches convicted of any felony charges will not be allowed to coach.

H. Coaches allowed in the settee area: A maximum of two coaches are allowed in the bowling settee area during all matches and the WI MSBC State Championships (team event). For the singles event of the WI MSBC State Championships only one coach is allowed in the bowling settee area with the player. Coaches must be in uniform and be wearing their USBC RVP Badge or official school issued ID that meets with 4E above. A scorekeeper is considered a coach if in the settee area.

I. It is the responsibility of the school's head coach to ensure all bowlers meet their school's eligibility requirements for athletic competition and that they attend the school they are representing.

J. It is the responsibility of the school's head coach to ensure all students meet their school's eligibility requirements for athletic competition.

K. Schools that bowl ineligible bowlers shall forfeit all matches in which the ineligible student competed from the date it is documented that the bowler was determined ineligible.

L. It shall be the responsibility of the coaches to collect the signed Conduct/Waiver & Travel Authorization Forms and submit them to the district coordinator prior to the established deadline(s). THESE FORMS SHOULD BE COLLECTED PRIOR TO ALLOWING BOWLERS TO PRACTICE.

M. Within 3 days from a meet the coach shall have all the scores into the website. Attempt to verify the opposing team's scores also before the next meet. (Both teams must have scores in to be verified). It is VERY important that the scores are correct before verifying them. Affects team percentages. DO NOT verify scores if they are not correct! The opposing team may be attempting to get the score(s) corrected thru the administrator(s) or BCAW. Wait until all scores match what is on the opposing team's stats sheets given after each meet.

Section 6 Eligibility & responsibilities of the District

1. Participation ELIGIBILITY

Where applicable, the Wisconsin Middle School Bowling Club (WI MSBC) shall abide by United State Bowling Congress (USBC) Playing Rules. The WI MSBC strongly recommends that all bowlers be USBC members.

To bowl on a middle school team, all students must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade. MSBC will permit 4th & 5th grade students to participate in the MSBC Program, but such teams will be deemed ineligible to participate in the WI MSBC State Championships Tournament. **No student who bowls on a HSBC Junior Varsity team is eligible to bowl in the MSBC program.** Students on the team who are otherwise grade eligible (6th, 7th and 8th grade) will be allowed to qualify for the state tournament in the singles event. Students are eligible for three years of middle school bowling. Middle school students are eligible to participate in the singles event at the WI MSBC State Championships Tournament as long as they meet all eligibility requirements.

2. a. Students participating in home school or online education program are eligible with proof of the middle school for which the student would attend based on residency requirements for that middle school. Co-op forms are no longer required for these students (if applicable).

b. A completed home school or online education residency form must be sent to BCAW office, two weeks prior to start of district competition.

3. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Beginning in the 2021-22 season each district will be required to have the following administrative positions: District Coordinator, President, Vice President and Treasurer. Positions may not be combined. Each Individual must be approved through the USBC Registered Volunteer Program (RVP) and wear their ID lanyards at all WI MSBC activities, including practices, district matches and the WI MSBC State Championships Tournament. All RVP holders must complete the full RVP process when their current RVP credential expires and comply with SafeSport requirements to retain their RVP status.

B. Teams will remain in the same/host center and conference each year unless the BCAW MSBC Committee approves a move. If the team has reason to move centers, its representative must first petition the host center with the request to move along with the reasons. If that center agrees, that proprietor and the new proprietor simply sign a transfer form. If the original host proprietor does not consent, the district coordinator must arrange a meeting within two weeks. He will attend with a member of the BCAW MSBC Committee, the district coordinator, the host proprietor and the school representative to hear the reasons for the move and make a decision.

C. The BCAW MSBC Committee reserves the right to dictate realignment of districts. The BCAW Executive Director will work with the District Coordinators in areas seeking realignment. All realignments are subject to review and approval of request for realignment.

D. Matches, district schedulers shall do their best to schedule all matches in centers that have a team that practices out of that center.

E. District coordinator may allow exceptions due to religious beliefs. If the district coordinator approves an exception to a uniform rule, he must put it in writing and forward to all the coaches. The same procedures would apply if a bowler has a health issue where the district coordinator approves an exception to the uniform rule.

F. All team rosters must be on the WI MSBC website no later than seven days from their first district completion. If a team's complete roster is not on the website the team and individual players may be ineligible to compete at the WI MSBC State Tournament.

Section 7 – District Structure

Each school will be allowed an unlimited number of teams. Team roster/information sheet will be sent to the district coordinator before the first date of competition.

District competition will follow the dates of **November 1 thru 3rd Friday in April each season.**

Oil pattern- This will be decided each season based on state tournament pattern. If state uses a house shot, our season will use a house shot.

A. Districts must schedule a minimum of 6 matches and teams must bowl seven baker games per match, with the winner of four or more games receiving one point.

B. District competition is permitted November 1, **2022 –April 16, 2023**. Practice may begin no earlier than 30 days prior to the official start of district competition. With the state tournament held on May **6, 2023** at **Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley**.

C. District coordinators must advise the BCAW office of their scheduled playing season at least one week prior to the start of district competition.

D. **Conference ties between teams will be broken first based on head to head (played each other in conference) whomever won during the season would be the Conference Champions. If the teams did not**

bowl each other during the season then the tie would be broken by using the top 5 state eligible fill percentage bowlers on each of the tied teams. Those 5 percentages would be added together and averaged with the highest fill percentage being the tie breaker and declared Conference Champions.

Section 8: BOWLING PRACTICE

A. On practice lanes during competition: Only those individuals not bowling in the present game can practice on the practice lane. Once the bowler has been removed from the game, he/she may go to the practice lane. Any individual practicing on the practice lane while bowling in a game will subject their frame(s) to forfeiture, a zero. If their team is done with their match there is no more practicing.

B. Between matches when more than 1 match is bowled: Once your team's match is complete, the practice lanes are closed for your team. Any individual from a team that has completed their match found practicing will not be eligible to compete in the 2nd match that day

C. In center on day of competition host center: None of the bowling lanes within the bowling establishment may be used for practice by any team member or substitute on the day of any match or tournament except for sanctioned USBC YOUTH scheduled matches. A bowler that violates this provision 1st offense: verbal warning 2nd offense: will not be eligible to compete in the given event that day.

D. Prior to Start of Match and Tournament: Ten minutes of practice is allowed on each lane. (Exception: When a team is late for the match.) Tournament practice will be defined for each individual tournament.

Section 9: DISTRICT COMPETITION RULES

A. Team Structure

1. In areas where there are not at least five bowlers to form a team from either a single school district or town/village/city, a team may be formed with surrounding school districts or town/village/city, in order to form a legal team as defined below.
 - 1a. Teams may be formed by school district, or town/village/city or center based. There is no limit to the number of teams that may be formed within a school district, town/village/city or center based.
2. No team may cut or deny any student a roster spot.
3. Teams from the same district may combine and apply for co-ops for the sole purpose to form a separate girls and boys team.
4. All co-op applications MUST be in BCAW's office one week prior to the start of their district's competition.
5. Approval for a co-op team is for one bowling season. No team will be grandfathered from year to year.
6. Copies of team co-op applications must be sent to district coordinators for their review and input before BCAW approval.
7. Co-op team names will include names of all towns/villages/cities involved.
8. A legal team consists of five to ten bowlers. Up to ten players may be on each roster and allowed in the bowling area.
9. A legal lineup consists of three bowlers.
10. Girls will be allowed to bowl on the boys' team only if there is not a girls' team. If there are six girls trying out for a team, you must form a girls' team.
11. If there is a girls' team, there may not be girls on the boys' team.
12. If a student or team is ineligible to bowl on middle school team, said team or student cannot compete at the district or state competition.
13. Team name shall be the name of the school district, town/village/city or center based
14. If a team has a sub from another school, the team forfeits the team and baker points but the individual's scores count toward fill rates.
15. District must schedule and teams must bowl seven Baker games per match, with the winner of four or more games receiving one point. Teams must have competed in at least six BCAW organized bowling matches in their district to be eligible for a state berth.

B. Playing Format

1. A team is expected to present a legal lineup on the lanes at the scheduled time.
2. Bowlers will receive ten minutes practice on their scheduled lanes before competition.
3. All teams will bowl in competition with one other team. There is to be no group or pool play where multiple teams from one school compete with multiple teams from another school, taking the highest game from within the school group to determine match wins.
4. Teams will bowl in open play format alternating lanes every other game.

5. **Absentee:** If less than a full lineup and no subs are available, that team shall select the line-up order where they will receive a zero for their score during baker competition.

5a. **Forfeits:** A team which forfeits will lose all points for that game. When a game is declared forfeited, the team that is present must bowl as if the game was actually contested, and all scores will count toward individual averages and team points

6. **Ties:** Teams that tie for a game or series each team wins $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) of points earned averages.

7. Strike and fill percentages will be established the first session that a bowler participates. The 10th frame only counts as a single frame for fill percentage; (11th & 12th balls do not count).

8. **BYE:** Whenever there is a BYE the team bowling against the BYE must hit 90% of their team average in order to record the game as a win. Tying the team average for a game is a win for the team, a loss for the BYE. After the first match of the season is completed divide the total number of pins hit by the number of games played to find the average, then multiply by .90. After first match of the season the average is based on all games/matches bowled to date. Example: Team average is 100, must bowl 90 or above for a win.

9. **Substitutes:** A legal lineup consists of five bowlers with unlimited alternates within the roster of ten. A coach may remove a bowler during a game and put in an alternate. Once that bowler has been substituted for they may not be re-entered during that game. However, they may be re-entered during the next team game/baker game.

a. Substitute in **mid frame:** First bowlers get credit for the open or fill of frame.

b. Substitute in individual game: Bowler who starts the game will get credit for the game

c. Substitutions – You must notify the coach of the opposing lane or pair when substituting mid-frame or game. If notification is not made, a zero will be entered for that frame. The original bowler will go back in for the 2nd frame of that game for that position if the substitution was not properly done.

d. If a bowler is needed from another team they shall be **transferred** from one team to the other and NOT given a different spelling of their name. Instructions to do this are in the club's website. If unsure of how to do this, PLEASE ask Coordinator or Secretary for help.

10. **Lane Breakdown:** In the event of lane breakage, the bowling center will make every effort to fix the lanes in a timely fashion.

a. Should the lane not be repairable and other lanes are available, the teams will be moved to complete that game and finish the match.

b. Should lanes not be available, the team on the working lane shall finish their game and the team from the non-working lane shall finish on the working lane. Rescheduling the remainder of the match is permissible.

11. **Conduct of Coaches and Players** (Players must abide by his/her School District Athletic code) and the WI MSBC Athletic Code of Conduct.

a. No coach, player or other person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use any tobacco products on the bench or in the playing area. Bowling area consists of settee and concourse.

b. No consumption of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products by anyone in the settee or concourse area during practice or match play. Note: In larger centers a four lane buffer area on each side will be appropriate.

c. All bowlers will remain in the immediate bowling area while competition is in progress unless excused by coach.

d. Bowlers will be expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the lane to their right is clear.

e. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including deliberate fouling, unusually loud or vulgar language or physically bullying, pushing or shoving and hitting of people, equipment and facilities is prohibited. Coaches or center officials will have the authority to remove anyone from competition for any of the above reasons.

f. Conduct Enforcement Policy: Coaches of all participating schools are responsible for the enforcement of the following penalties. The district coordinator or assigned district official at the match shall have final say on enforcement, when the two coaches cannot agree on the penalty that should be handed down.

Violation 1: Will result in a verbal warning. If the offense is physical abuse the student shall be removed from all competition for the remainder of the day.

Violation 2: Will be removal of said bowler from all competition for the day. Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.

g. The coach(s), league officials and the bowlers bowling in a match are the only persons authorized to be in the bowlers' area during the match. Substitutes or any other interested parties must remain behind the area defined as the bowlers' area.

12. **Food and Beverage:** All food or beverage must be purchased from the bowling establishment. No carry-ins of food or beverage will be permitted.

13. Scorekeeping: Scorekeeping will be performed by the players or coach if there is no automatic scoring system in place. It will be the responsibility of each team coach to verify that scores are complete and accurate.

C. UNIFORMS

Teams must have the same color and style shirts and same color and style pants (t-shirts are allowed). All shirts must have finished sleeves for all competition. Females may wear a sleeveless shirt with a butterfly collar only if the sleeves are finished. All apparel worn by competitors shall be loose fitting and not made of Lycra/spandex-like material. No writing on or defacing of the bowling shirt will be permitted at any time. No head covering or sunglasses may be worn while practicing or competing (hats, caps, or bandannas, etc.). Headphones can only be used in the settee area and cannot be used while bowling. The WI MSBC State Championships Tournament Director must approve any/all exceptions prior to the event. Sponsor logos on either sleeve. No Bars, but can have bowling centers, restaurants are OK, as long as it doesn't say Bar & Grill, tavern, anything with implications to bars, taverns, smoking, etc. Logo must be approximately three and a half inches in diameter, keep printing tactful & small. We will allow advertising to be on shirts not to include any alcohol or tobacco. The WI MSBC logo is not required on shirts. The city or school name can be on shirt, on the back or front. Shirts can be numbered but start with 11, bowlers' name optional.

Male participants are required to wear loose fitting full length slacks. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. Yoga pants, leggings, blue denim jeans and athletic pants are not permitted.

Female participants are required to wear loose fitting full length slacks, skirts or skorts. Slacks must not contain drawstring waists or elastic bottoms. All skirts and skorts must be below the competitor's fingertips when they are standing and their arms are hanging loosely at their sides. Yoga pants, leggings, blue denim jeans, capris and athletic pants are not permitted.

Team competitors and coaches shall appear in uniforms approved by the district coordinator in accordance with WI MSBC guidelines for all matches and tournaments. USBC RVP badge and lanyard or a School ID, where a background check has been performed must be worn at all practices, matches and the WI MSBC State Championships. Anyone discovered not wearing their "ID" will not be allowed in the bowlers' area. The entire team, including coaches, must wear the same color uniform (pants and shirts). Bowlers out of uniform may not compete until they are in compliance. Coaches may not be in the bowler's area until they are in compliance. District Coordinator may allow exceptions due to religious beliefs. If the district coordinator approves an exception to a uniform rule, he must put it in writing and forward to all the coaches. The same procedures would apply if a bowler has a health issue where the district coordinator approves an exception to the uniform rule.

Consequences of violation of uniform requirements:

1st offense will be a verbal warning and the 2nd offense the bowler would be unable to bowl. Coaches in violation will not be allowed in the bowler's area.

9. TRANSPORTATION

A. It will be the responsibility of each participant in the WI MSBC to arrange for his/her own transportation to and from practices, matches and tournaments. It will be required that all participants sign waivers of liability, stating that they are assuming full responsibility for their transportation and will hold the school districts, coaches and bowling centers harmless for any actions arising as a result of travel in connection with WI MSBC activities.

B. This policy will not supersede any school district travel policy. Transportation may be provided in accordance with the school district's policy.

10. POLICY AND PROCEDURE RULE CHANGES

A. All MSBC policy and procedure changes brought before the BCAW MSBC Committee prior to June 1st will be reviewed for consideration with final decisions being effective for the following MSBC bowling season.

B. See Article III above

11. TEAM & INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

A. To be eligible for individual awards and all-district selection, bowlers must bowl in at least 50% of the games bowled by his or her team.

B. Teams will bowl a minimum of six matches within their district.

C. Formula is matches bowled x number of games x 2 frames. i.e., a team bowls 6 matches x 7 games x 2 frames = 84 frames. 50% of the frames = 42 frames, so the student would have to bowl 42 or more frames to meet the eligibility requirement.

D. A team is expected to present a legal line-up on the lanes at the scheduled time. Coaches must submit a team roster before **April 22, 2023** to the BCAW office. Up to ten players may be on the roster. A team cannot have more than ten students in the settee area for qualifying and finals, plus two coaches.

E. All WI MSBC State Championships Tournament qualifiers must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and be eligible as of **April 22, 2022** to participate in singles or team competition. Teams with 4th and/or 5th graders are ineligible.

13. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships (if awarded) will be in accordance with all NCAA, USBC and BCAW rules and will be deposited with SMART at USBC for administration.

14. CONTINGENCIES

Any situation arising which is not covered by the WI MSBC Policies and Procedures, shall be governed by the BCAW MSBC Committee with advisory from USBC Rules. All rulings by the MSBC Committee are final.

15. DISTRICT AMENDMENTS

Requests for approval of district specific policies and procedures must be submitted to BCAW one month prior to the start of district competition. In an effort to standardize competition throughout the WI MSBC, the BCAW MSBC Committee will be restrictive in terms of district policies that deviate from the WI MSBC Policies & Procedures.

16. STATE TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. All WI MSBC State Championships spots for teams and singles shall be awarded by districts based on full season district competitions; team standings for team and individual fill rate percentages for singles. No spots to the WI MSBC State Tournament (team or singles) may be awarded by districts as a result of end of season or other district competitions.

B. All girls are eligible whether bowling in the boys or girls division. To qualify for singles: girls fill percentage from both boys and girls division will determine advancing players in the girls' singles.

C. If a team is going to substitute a bowler mid game/frame a coach must tell designated tournament official before substitution is made. If an illegal substitution is made all balls thrown by illegal bowler will be considered "dead balls" and will follow USBC rule, (USBC Rule 8. Dead Ball or USBC Middle School Bowling Rules Art. 10 – Dead Ball), accordingly. A zero for the frame.

D. Ties for team spots qualifying for state will be determined by each district.

E. Singles' event at the WI MSBC State Championships Tournament is by gender.

Singles events have three divisions for boys' and girls', using the bowler's current fill ratio.

BOYS	GIRLS
A 75% and above	61% and above
B 74-60%	60-40%
C 59% and below	39% and below

Eligibility Rules: To be eligible to compete at the 2023 State Tournament

1. Teams must have competed in at least six BCAW organized bowling matches in their district. To be eligible for singles event, bowlers must bowl in at least 50% of the frames bowled by the team. Formula is matches bowled x number of games bowled x two frames. For example, a team bowls six matches x seven games x two frames = 84 frames. 50% of the frames = 42 frames, so a bowler would need to bowl 42 or more frames in this example to meet the eligibility requirement.
2. All state qualifiers must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Teams with 4th and/or 5th graders are ineligible.
3. All complete rosters and monies must be in the BCAW office by **April 23, 2023**. If turned in after April 23rd you will be ineligible for the WI MSBC State Championships Tournament.
4. BCAW will invoice districts for the cost of team and singles entries to the WI MSBC State Tournament.
 - A. BCAW member center is \$100 per team / \$20 per individual
 - B. Non BCAW member center is \$250.00 per team / \$50.00 per individual
 - C. Districts will be responsible for paying state tournament invoices by **April 23, 2023**. BCAW will not accept checks from individual teams, bowling center, etc.
5. All teams from a school district, town/village/city or center based are eligible to qualify to go to WI MSBC State Tournament.

Tournament Rules:

A. Each team will bowl 12 games of baker style to determine the final standings in each division.

B. Team Finals Format:

a. Competition will be bowled in two blocks of six games

b. Total pinfall will determine standings

1. A team is expected to present a legal line-up on the lanes at the scheduled time. Up to ten players on a roster. No more than ten roster players and two coaches in the bowlers' area. A team cannot have more than ten players in the bowling area for qualifying and finals, plus two coaches.

2. For the singles event, one coach per player may be in the bowlers' area. All coaches 18 years or older must be RVP approved and wearing their USBC RVP badge and lanyard.

3. Please refer to Section 4 Coaches, above, regarding RVP requirements.

4. In the event a team qualifies for the WI MSBC State Tournament and cannot field a team of five bowlers, the coach may add one bowler from a second middle school team from the same school district, town/village/city or center based. If that option is unavailable; the coach may add a player from another team from their MSBC district who has not qualified to go to state in the team competition. The coach will choose a player with a similar fill percentage (no greater than nine percentage points higher) as the player the coach is replacing.

5. Bowlers will receive ten minutes of practice before the start of competition.

6. If less than a full team is present the team will receive zero for the absent bowler(s).

7. **Team event ties:** In the event teams tie for first place where awards or medals are distributed; a 6th frame-10th frame baker game be bowled until the tie is broken. For all other position ties where awards or medals are distributed; the last qualifying game will break the tie. If tied again the next to last qualifying game bowled will break the tie and if tied again the next prior game bowled will be used to break the tie until the tie is broken.

Singles event ties: In the event bowlers tie for first place where awards or medals are distributed; a 9th and 10th game roll-off will be bowled to break the tie until the tie is broken. For all other position ties where awards or medals are distributed; the 3rd game score will be break the tie. In the event the 3rd game tie breaker results in a tie, the tie will be broken by the bowler's second game score and if a tie again, the first game score will be the tie breaker. If the bowlers are still tied, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be bowled.

8. **Substitutes:** A coach may remove a bowler during a game and use a roster bowler. Once a bowler has been substituted out that bowler may not re-enter that game, however the bowler may re-enter the next game. Substitutions can be made mid-frame. If an illegal substitution is made all balls thrown by illegal bowler will be considered "dead balls" and will follow USBC rule number 8, Dead Ball.

9. Conduct of Coaches and Players:

A. No coach or player may use alcoholic beverages or any tobacco products (to include vaping) on the bench, playing area, concourse or paddock room and/or use any equipment with alcohol or tobacco logos or names on it.

B. All bowlers will remain in the bowler's area or paddock room at all times during the competition.

C. Bowlers will be expected to follow the previous bowler promptly and will be required to bowl as soon as the lane is clear. (One lane courtesy only).

D. Non sportsmanship like conduct, including deliberate foul, usually loud or vulgar language or abuse of center equipment is prohibited.

1. Violation One: Will result in a verbal warning.

2. Violation Two: Will be removal of said bowler from all competition. Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.

10. All food and beverages must be purchased from the bowling center. No carry-ins are allowed. Food & drinks are not allowed in the bowlers' settee area.

11. All bowlers are allowed two bowling balls in the bowler area. All extra equipment, including bowling bags, must remain in the designated paddock area.

12. All score corrections will be done by a designated tournament official. All score sheets must be verified by a coach on an opposing pair & signed.

13. See WI MSBC P&P Section 8 regarding dress code for the WI MSBC State Tournament.

14. No practice will be allowed in the host center on the day of competition.

15. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications, no abrasives are allowed during competition.

16. All other rules will be followed in accordance with USBC Youth rules.

17. There will be no refunds of entry fees for missing teams or singles.

18. District's that are missing bowlers may substitute qualified bowlers from their district. If no qualified bowlers exist the spot will remain vacant. If a replacement bowler is chosen that selection is final after practice has started. Once a substitution is made by the missing player's coach or district coordinator, that decision is final.

19. No flash photos will be allowed during tournament competition.

20. Leave score sheets on scoring unit at all times unless directed otherwise by a tournament official.

21. BCAW, the WI MSBC and the bowling center are not responsible for lost or stolen apparel or equipment.

CURRENT STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Team & singles allocations calculated by BCAW staff based on roughly 40% of all teams, with four singles spots provided per team advancing to the WI MSBC State Tournament

WI MSBC State Tournament – Single Day (Saturday) Event

Morning – singles event bowlers to bowl 3 traditional games, total pinfall to determine standings/awards

Afternoon – team event with teams to bowl 12 baker games, total pinfall to determine standings/awards