

# WISCONSIN MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

November, 2011

### 1. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in bowling will be held for all participating Middle schools.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES

Where applicable, the WIMS Bowling Club shall abide by United State Bowling Congress (USBC Youth) and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) eligibility rules. The WIMS Bowling Club shall be certified with the USBC Youth Middle School Division each year to insure competition is conducted within the rules of the game as set forth by the sport's national governing body at State Tournament in the singles division. The WIMS Bowling Club District Commissioners shall receive, before the first conference meet, the names of all individuals of each club team. The WIMS Bowling Club strongly recommends that all bowlers be USBC Youth Sanctioned. Student participation and scholarship tournaments fees will be determined by each district. These fees will be paid in accordance with district policy.

To bowl on a middle school team, all students must be in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are eligible for 3 years of Middle school bowling. Middle school bowlers are eligible to participate in the singles event at state as long as they meet all eligibility requirements.

#### A. Home Schooled

1. A home school student is eligible for a middle school team by applying for a coop with proof of the Middle school for which the student would attend based on residency requirements for that Middle school.
2. Student must fill out home school residency form and must be sent to BCAW office, 2 weeks prior to start of district competition.

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### 3. DISTRICT COMPETITION STRUCTURE

A. Each individual school shall field as many boys or girls teams as desired

B. District competition will follow the dates of November 1, 2011 - April 30, 2012. With the State Tournament held on May 5, 2012.

### 4. DISTRICT COMPETITION RULES

#### A. Team Structure

1. A full team consists of five (5) bowlers, only 10 players maybe on each roster and allowed in bowling area.
2. A legal lineup consists of three (3) bowlers.
3. Girls will be allowed to bowl on the boys team ONLY if their school does not have a girls team. If a school has six girls trying out for a team, you must form a girls team.
4. 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.
5. If a school has a girls team, that school cannot have girls on their boys team.
6. Team name shall be the name of the Middle School or Schools in the case of a co-op, or the name of the city or cities if not recognized by the Middle School.
7. Schools may have multiple boys or girls teams.
8. If a team has a sub from another school, the team forfeits the team and baker points but the individuals scores count toward averages.

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 (10) minutes practice on their scheduled lanes before competition.
3. Teams will bowl in open play format alternating lanes every other game.  
Teams will bowl 5 to 9 baker games.
4. 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 (0) for their score during baker competition.
5. 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 10<sup>th</sup> frame bowler only counts frame 10 (11 & 12 do not count).
8. Substitutes: A legal lineup consists of five (5) bowlers with unlimited alternates within the roster of 10. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> frame of that game for that position if the substitution was not properly done.
9. Conduct of Coaches and Players (Players must abide by his/her School District Athletic code)
  - 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, 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 a large center a 4 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 abuse of equipment and facilities is prohibited. Coaches or center officials will have the authority to remove anyone from competition for any of the above reasons from their teams.
  - f. Conduct Enforcement Policy: Coaches of all participating schools are responsible for the enforcement of the following penalties. The commissioner 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.  
Violation 2: Will be removal or said bowler from all competition. 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. A maximum of 7 people will be allowed in the settee area plus the coach, during the match.
10. Food and Beverage: All food or beverage must be purchased from the bowling establishment. No carry-ins of food or beverage will be permitted.
11. Scorekeeping: Scorekeeping will be performed by the players or coach if not automatic. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to verify that scores are complete and accurate. I also will be the team captain's responsibility to make sure his/her team contributions are fair share of time to the score keeping function.

C. Point System – District can determine point system.

We recommend two options:

1. Match point – 1 point each baker game.
2. Total games – best of total games.  
Example: 5 baker games – 1<sup>st</sup> team to win 3 games wins match point.

## 5. BOWLING PRACTICE

- A. At a Meet or Tournament 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 will not be eligible to compete in the given event that day.
- B. Prior to Start of Match and Tournament: Ten (10) 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.
- C. Required Practice Sessions: It is the responsibility of each head coach to conduct at least one (1) formal practice session each week during the WIMS Bowling Club season. These sessions will be at no cost to the school or student and must be pre-arranged with the participating bowling center to insure lanes are reserved and available.

## 6. UNIFORMS

Team competitors and coaches shall appear in uniforms approved by the Commissioner for all matches and tournaments. No blue jeans, caps or cutoffs will be allowed. Black, tan or other colored jeans or causal slacks are allowed. The entire team must wear the same color uniform (pants and shirts). First offense in violation of uniform requirements be a verbal warning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense the bowler would be unable to bowl. Coaches in violation will not be allowed in the settee area.

Teams to have the same color and style shirts and same color and style pants ( t-shirts allowed), sponsor logo's on left sleeve ONLY. No Bars, but can have bowling centers, restaurants OK, as long as it doesn't say Joe's Bar & Grill, tavern, anything with implications to bars, taverns, smoking, etc. On left sleeve, approx. 3 ½ inch in diameter, keep printing tactful & small. Allow advertising to be on shirts not to include any alcohol or tobacco on left sleeve. State logo not be required on shirt, city or school name can be on shirt on back or front. Sponsors must exclude bar, tavern, al house, tobacco products, cocktails, etc. Shirts can be numbered but start with 11, bowlers name optional.

## 7. TRANSPORTATION

It will be the responsibility of each participant in the WIMS Bowling Club 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 WIMS Bowling Club activities. This policy will not supercede any school district travel policy. Transportation will be provided in accordance with the school district's policy.

## 8. TEAM & INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

- A. To be eligible for individual awards and All-Conference selection, bowlers must bowl in 75% of all matches bowled by his or her team. The bowler also must participate in at least 60% of the games bowled by his or her team.
- B. Teams will bowl a minimum of six (6) matches within their conference.
- C. District competition will follow the dates of November 1, 2011 - April 30, 2012. Practice and organizational meetings can begin October 1<sup>st</sup>, and continue right up to day of State Tournament.
- D. To qualify a team for the state tournament in 2012 a team must have no more than 1 school represented on said team. The only exception would require a petition to the WIMS Bowling Board of Control. All applications for cooperative Middle school 2012 bowling teams must be sent to the BCAW Office, **two weeks prior to the start of the first district competition.**

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- E. Exceptions will also be made for home school children. Please follow the same steps as in Rule 8D.
- F. To be eligible for team or singles, all teams and players must fill out the required state event package and return it no later than two weeks prior to the state tournament event.

## 9. CO-OPERATIVE TEAM RULES

- A. Teams from up to 5 different Middle schools can apply for a co-op team. No team applying for a co-op can have students from their school on any other team or co-op. All students from the same school must bowl on the same co-op. Co-op students are eligible for state tournament team and singles events.
- B. All co-op applications MUST be in BCAW's office 2 weeks Prior to the start of your districts competition.

- C. The agreement for a co-op team is for one bowling season. No team will be grandfathered from year to year.
- D. A co-op's division is determined by the adding of all the schools student populations together. Not applicable for 2011 season.
- E. Copies of team co-op applications will be sent to district commissioners for their review and input before BCAW approval.
- F. Co-op applications must include all Middle School team rosters from the schools involved in the application request.
- G. Co-op teams rules apply to all teams
- H. All schools must be within the same district when applying for a co-op.
- I. Co-op team names will include names of all schools/cities involved.
- J. Two separate teams with a maximum of 6 players each from the same district may combine and apply for co-ops for the sole purpose to form a separate girls and boys team.
  - 1. Middle School Teams
    - A. No school can cut or deny any student(s) a roster spot
    - B. If a school has 7 eligible students from the same school you are not eligible to apply for a Middle School team co-op.
    - C. To bowl on a Middle School team all students must be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - 2. Middle School Second Team
    - A. Middle School teams with students from other school must submit a co-op application.
    - B. Middle School teams with more than 7 students can form a co-op team with another school. Top 7 players from each school must remain on first team.

### 10. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded and issued in accordance with all NCAA, USBC and BCAW rules.

### 11. CONTINGENCIES

Any situation arising which is not covered by the WIMS Bowling Club Policies and Procedures, shall be governed by the Board of Control with advisory from USBC Rules, USBC Middle School Guide, the WIMS Bowling Club Advisory Committee, and/or WIAA Official Handbook.

### 12. DISTRICT AMENDMENTS

District Amendments must be sent to Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin yearly. If a district wants to have a rule(s) different than the BCAW Policies and Procedures for their district they must submit those rules 4 weeks prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> week of competition. BCAW will review the rule(s) and approve or deny them to be then put on file.

## STATE TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. All girls are eligible whether bowling in the boys or girls division. To qualify for singles: girls averages from both boys and girls division will determine advancing players in the girls' singles.
- B. If a team is going to substitute a bowler mid game/frame during TV finals, 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.
- C. Singles event has three average divisions for both boys and girl :

	BOYS	GIRLS
<b>A</b>	170 >	150 >
<b>B</b>	126 -169	116 -149
<b>C</b>	125 <	115 <

### Eligibility Rules: To be eligible to compete at the 2012 State Tournament a team or bowler must:

- 1. Teams must have competed in at least 6 BCAW organized bowling matches in their district. To be eligible for singles event, bowlers must bowl in 75% of all matches bowled by his or her team, also must participate in at least 60% of the games.
- 2. All State qualifiers must be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 3. All complete rosters, BIOs and monies must be in the BCAW office by April 30, 2012. If turned in after April 30<sup>th</sup> you will be ineligible for state competition.
- 4. Each District will cover the costs of individual and team competition.
  - A. BCAW member center is \$75.00 per team / \$15.00 per individual
  - B. Non BCAW member center is \$250.00 per team / \$50.00 per individual
- 5. Only one team from a Middle school can be admitted to the state tournament.

### Rules:

1. 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 1<sup>st</sup>** competition to BCAW office. Up to 10 (ten) players on a roster. No more than 10 roster players and 2 Coaches in the bowlers' area. A team cannot have more than 10 players in the bowling area for qualifying and finals, plus 2 coaches.
2. Bowlers will receive 10 minutes of practice before the start of competition. For TV finals bowlers a minimum of 2 balls per lane on the starting pair of lanes or as allowed by the camera and announcing crew. (After bowling on a warm up pair.)
3. If less than a full team is present and no subs are available or eligible the team will receive zero (0) for the absent bowler.
4. Team event ties for roll-off spots:  
 For 1st - 4th: The last qualifying middle game will determine the middle spot.  
 A tie for 5th and 6th for the TV finals: There will be a 2 game roll off.  
 This roll-off will be Sunday morning.  
 A tie in the TV finals: There will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off.  
  
Singles event ties for roll-off spots:  
 For 1st - 4th: The last qualifying middle game will determine the middle spot.  
 A tie for 5th & 6th spot for the TV finals: A one (1) game roll off after Saturday competition to determine 5th place.  
 A tie in the TV finals: There will be a 9th and 10th frame roll off.
5. **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 a team is going to substitute a bowler mid game/frame during TV finals, 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.
6. **Conduct of Coaches and Players:**
  - A. No coach or player may use alcoholic beverages or any tobacco products 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 bowlers 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.
    3. Violation One: Will result in a verbal warning.
    4. Violation Two: Will be removal of said bowler from all competition. Coaches may substitute a roster bowler for any player removed for conduct violations.
7. All food and beverages must be purchased from the bowling center. No carry-ins are allowed. Food & drinks are not allowed in the bowlers' sette area.
8. All bowlers are allowed 2 bowling balls in the bowler area. All extra equipment must remain outside the bowlers area.
9. All score corrections will be done by BCAW staff, all score sheets must be verified by a coach on an opposing pair & signed.
10. All **bowlers** must wear same color team shirt and same color dress or casual dress (khaki type) pants during ALL competition including singles event (no blue jeans will be allowed). All **coaches** must have a school colored shirt. No hats or head wear are allowed. If you're in doubt get a ruling by a tournament director before competition starts. Violating dress code will result in a disqualification of that individual. Coaches co-ordinate their apparel with team colors.
12. No practice will be allowed in the host center on the day of competition.
13. Bowling equipment must meet USBC specifications, no abrasives are allowed during competition.
14. All other rules will be followed in accordance with USBC YOUTH rules.

15. The Tournament will not refund entry fees for missing teams or singles.
16. 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 players coach or district commissioner, that decision is final. Schedule time is defined by the times printed in the program booklet and website.
17. No flash photos will be allowed during tournament competition.
18. Leave score sheets on scoring unit at all times.
19. The Middle School Bowling Club and the Bowling Center are not responsible for lost or stolen apparel or equipment.

**TV FINALS FORMAT:**

**SINGLES: First event**

- Individuals get one frame of practice on each lane
- League play mode
- Boys on one pair, Girls on the other
- Middle qualifier has choice of starting lane & whether to start match or finish it.
- If the individual starts first, they will finish last.
- First bowler bowls one frame, second bowler bowls two frames. From then on each bowler bowls 2 frames each to end of game.
- Bowls 1 game, winner of match advances to next match or wins. Ties, there will be a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.

**TEAM: Second event**

- Individuals get one ball of practice per lane
- Open play mode
- Middle qualifier has choice of starting lane & whether to start match first.
- If team starts first game, they will go second the second game.
- Changes lanes each game
- Bowl two games and total pins advances to next match or wins.
- Bowlers alternate bowling back & forth regardless of what frame each team is in.
- Ties, there will be a 6<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off.
- Teams will sit/stand in designated areas.
- Individual may have only two (2) balls on rack when it's their turn, otherwise one (1).

**RECOMMENDED STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

- Saturday – 15 baker games – cut to top number of teams to be determined.
- Two divisions, coed and girls.
- Cost: \$75.00 per advancing team.