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TO: Athletic Directors
Bowling Coaches

We are making preparations for the 2013-14 bowling season. There is some information we need to share with you as athletic administrators and coaches.

DATABASE INFORMATION – Athletic administrators, it is very important that you update your coaches' information in the IHSAA database. Both the IHSAA and the IGHS AU use this information to communicate with your coaches both by email and telephone. We have at least 6 schools missing bowling coach information in the school directory information. That means that your coaches are not receiving this email letter and you need to share this information with them. We will be contacting each school individually that still need to complete this information. The IHSAA and the IGHS AU will soon start preparing tournament assignments, specifically, looking at host sites. It is very important that if your school is willing to host a bowling state qualifying tournament that you make certain host information is updated in the IHSAA database.

IMPORTANT DATES – **Bowling practice officially begins next Monday, November 11. The first date of competition is November 25, 2013.** The dates for the state qualifying tournaments and the state tournaments have changed this year. You need to be aware of these new dates. **The state qualifying meets for both classes will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. The state tournament for Class 1A will be Monday, February 24, 2014. The state tournament for Class 2A will be Tuesday, February 25, 2014.**

ONLINE RULES MEETING – The online bowling rules meeting has been available for viewing since October 21. The meeting will remain available through November 14. All head coaches are required to view this video. As of today (11/5) there are 15 coaches who have not viewed the meeting. There is a consequence for the school and coach if this requirement is not met. Coaches, if you have not viewed the meeting you need to get this done.

ONLINE CONCUSSION COURSE - As coaches, you must view the online concussion course before the first day of practice. This requirement is through legislative action and is being administered by the IHSAA and the IGHS AU. This is a requirement of the head coach in all sports. Effective August 28, the Board of Educational Examiners is now requiring the course for all new coaching authorizations and all renewals. Your school has been receiving weekly reminders if the bowling coach has not completed this requirement. I believe that as of today (11/5) we have 4 schools whose coaches have not met this requirement. You will not be allowed to conduct practice if you have not viewed this video.

IOWA QUIKSTATS – Iowa QuikStats is now open and ready for the entering of your rosters and schedules. If you were a bowling school last year, your roster should have rolled over and the grade of your students

advanced one year. Please check the accuracy of this information and edit the information if necessary. After discussion with the Bowling Advisory Committee there is a change in how you enter opponents in your schedule this year. If you are bowling in a multiple team tournament and the scores being used to place teams in a finish order you should select Multiple Team Tournament as your opponent. Doing so will include your scores in the team and individual averages but will not show a victory or loss in your record. If you participate in a triangular or double dual you may enter two opponents. In this scenario you can be credited with 2 wins, 2 losses, or a win and a loss for your team record. As always, head to head competition requires you to enter the opponent in your schedule and either a win or loss will be recorded in your team record.

FINDING NEW PLAYERS – We were reminded in a telephone call this past week from a strong advocate of high school bowling that now is the time for coaches to be actively seeking players for your teams. He, and the IHSAA and the IGHS AU believe there are students in your school who would benefit greatly from participating in high school bowling. Take a look around your school, check out the students who are participating in leagues, and see if you can find some bowlers to add to your squad.

If you have questions or concerns as the bowling season begins, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Let us know about situation that arise during your competitions and we will include those items in future letters to coaches and athletic administrators.



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