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TO: Bowling Athletic Directors
Bowling Coaches

Just a quick reminder to coaches and athletic administrators regarding a few items before the holiday break. Both the IHSAA and the IGHSAU offices will be closed from December 23 through January 1. Both of us will be out of state attending a national convention from December 13 through December 18. We will monitor our email so don't hesitate to contact us if you have bowling questions or concerns.

IOWA QUIKSTATS – The first check date for Iowa QuikStats for bowling will be Tuesday, December 17, 2013. With both of us being out of state on that date we will actually review QuikStats participation on Thursday, December 19, 2013. Remember, you are required to update your roster, complete your schedule, and enter the results of your competitions. As of today there are approximately 20 boys and girls schools that have no QuikStats entries. About half have entered a roster and schedule. Some of those schools have not yet competed. All schools should have updated their rosters and entered their schedules by now. Don't be out of compliance on the December 19 check date. There are consequences for schools that do not meet the requirements to enter your information and results.

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 are 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.

HOSTING STATE QUALIFYING MEETS – We are in the process of selecting our qualifying meet host sites. You should have updated the information regarding your facility on both the IHSAA and the IGHSAU websites if you wanted to be considered as a host site. We will post the host sites as soon as all the schools selected confirm their willingness to host. Actual tournament assignments will not be posted until a later date.

SUBSTITUTIONS – We have been asked a question about substitutes during Round 1, the 10 frame scoring. It is permissible to have a substitute bowl during this round. With that said, remember that you score the top five (5) two game totals. Two game totals must come from the same bowler. The score for bowler A bowling game 1 and bowler B bowling game two cannot be combined as a scoring two game total. This type of substitution is allowed to give students an opportunity to compete, but you are giving up access to one of your six two game totals.

NO HOLIDAY COMPETITION – Please be reminded that neither the IHSAA nor the IGHS AU allow interscholastic competition from December 24 – January 1. There is no restriction on practice during this time as holiday practice is determined by local school policy.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – The bowling rules published by the IHSAA and the IGHS AU state the following: “No electronic use (cell phone, iPod, mp3 player, etc, is permitted in competition area during warm-up or competition. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification of bowler and a score of 0 for the game.” Other National Federation sports are in the process of reviewing and changing rules regarding the use of electronic devices by coaches. Our current rule restricts the use of electronic devices in the “competition area.” There is no restriction on coaches using devices outside of the competition area however any interruption or delay of the competition caused by the use of electronic devices will be subject to the penalty. As other sports are redefining their rules we will take this issue to the Bowling Advisory Committee following the completion of the 2013-14 season for further revision and clarification.

We both want to wish you all a happy holiday season. If you have any questions or concerns regarding bowling please let us know. Questions and concerns we receive from you will be used in future memos to coaches and athletic administrators.



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