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Dear Bowling Athletic Administrators and Coaches:

The 2011-12 Bowling season is nearly half completed. We wanted to share some information with you as we finish the season and progress towards the tournament series.

State Qualifying Meet Sites and Assignments – The two staffs have met and made preliminary decisions regarding the sites and assignments for our state qualifying tournaments. We plan to post those sites and assignments on our websites on Monday, January 16. Sites and assignments will not be mailed to member schools. Starting times for each tournament will also be posted. Please understand that these tournaments are held at non-school facilities and starting times are dictated by the facility availability. Those websites are www.iahsaa.org (IHSAA) and www.ighsau.org (IGHSAU).

State Meet Information – There was some discussion about the site and the format for the 2012 State Championship Tournament. The issues have been resolved and the State Tournament will be held at Plaza Lanes in Des Moines. Class 1A will compete on Thursday, February 23. Class 2A will compete on Friday, February 24. Competition each day will begin at 1:00 pm. The tournament will continue using the coeducational format with both boys and girls competing together.

Bowlers Standing During Competition – As you know, at our state qualifying tournaments and at the state tournament, we require bowlers to be seated in the approach area. Bowlers being seated allow for coaches and spectators to observe the competition without competitors standing in front of them. We understand that there will be spontaneous excitement about the performances of the competitors and that competitors will stand to acknowledge performances and congratulate teammates. That is to be expected. It is also expected that as the next competitor is up on the lane ready to bowl that others should then be seated. Right now doing so is a courtesy and an expectation. If we continue to get concerns about bowlers standing during the competition there will be discussion at the Bowling Advisory Committee regarding this concern and the possibility of a rule requiring bowlers to be seated.

Bowling Format – Neither the IHSAA or IGHSAU Bowling Manuals is specific in regards to the procedure for Round 1 – the six players bowling two games. It is a common practice to split the six bowlers from each team using four lanes rather than two lanes. Usually the top three bowlers from each team share two lanes and the next three bowlers from each team share two lanes. This is done to help reduce the amount of time necessary to complete Round 1 of the Competition Format. The two staffs have discussed this common practice and believe that is allowed by our rules.

Quik Stats Iowa – At the recommendation of the Joint Bowling Advisory Committee a bowling component was added to Quik Stats Iowa. It was developed using a format suggested by the committee. The committee also recommended and the Board of Control of the IHSAA and the Board of Directors of the IGHSAU approved a requirement that all varsity competition results must be posted on Quik Stats Iowa. Information about posting results was included in the online rules

meeting and procedures for doing so are on our websites. There is a requirement to post results and there is also a consequence for failing to do so. The next date that all posting should be up to date is January 17, 2012. We will be checking on that date to make sure our bowling schools are in compliance.

Awards – We have had several calls and emails regarding what awards students can accept in non-school bowling events. We have also had communication with the United States Bowling Congress about how awards are handled. A student can never receive cash. However, if cash is awarded in a non-school event the student can have that cash prize placed in their USBC SMART account. The Iowa Administrative Code has raised the value of an award to \$50. If you have questions or concerns about your students receiving awards for school or non-school participation please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to our state qualifying tournaments and the state tournaments. If you have any questions or concerns as the season progresses please do not hesitate to contact either organization.

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