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Dear Bowling Athletic Administrators and Coaches:

The 2012-13 bowling season is in full swing. Neither office has had many telephone calls or emails regarding concerns. If you have questions or concerns, please let us know and we will try to address those issues in future administrator and coaches' letters.

Position of Coaches and Coach and Player Coach Conduct – In the last letter, we shared with you a new rule implemented this year regarding the position of coaches. The new rule, recommended by the Bowling Advisory Committee and approved by both the Board of Control of the IHSAA and the Board of Directors of the IGHSAA states: **Coaches shall remain two feet behind the approach area and not be in a position that impedes the competitive bowlers.** The purpose of this rule was to reduce “gamesmanship” in our sport. We have had two instances reported to our offices about coaches' conduct during competition. What has been reported, and is being investigated by both organizations, is coaches addressing opposing teams' bowlers while they are bowling. **This type of conduct will not be tolerated.** We have praised the sportsmanship of our bowlers and bowling coaches in front of our boards and the public. We will put in place strict conduct requirements and severe consequences for violating those requirements if we are forced to do so. Administrators and coaches, take care of this. Do not force the governing bodies to create rules for everyone because of the acts of a few. If you observe unsportsmanlike conduct from students or coaches address it when it happens. Coaches, report this type of conduct to your athletic administrators so it can be addressed at the local level.

Quik Stats Iowa – The first check date to see if schools are entering their match results is Tuesday, December 18. As of the writing of this letter, there are six boys' teams and eight girls' teams that have not entered any results. This should be done following each match. Don't wait until the final day. We will be checking next week and schools not in compliance will receive notices.

We are addressing two other issues in Quik Stats.

- 1) The first issue deals with the number of matches showing up in the records. Here is what is happening. A number of you have been involved in a tournament setting. You have entered all of the names of the participating teams as opponents. If you have won the tournament, your record shows a victory over every team. We are working on fixing this. Please know that the scores of that event are only being figured once in the team and individual averages.
- 2) The second issue deals with a tie. Our rules indicate that if the match ends in a tie, the tie will be broken by bowling one additional Baker game. Quik Stats currently has no way to enter a tie breaking Baker score. The loser can “fudge” by giving their opponent one additional pin in the team total. The winner cannot do that as the system will send an error saying that the reported score does equal the individual and Baker scores entered. We are working on fixing this as well.

State Qualifying Meet Assignments – Shortly after returning from the holiday break, we will determine the qualifying meet sites. Once the sites are determined we will make the team assignments. If you are willing to host, please make certain that your information is updated in the IHSAA database and you have indicated your willingness host. Coaches, this is an administrative function. Please contact your AD to see if your school has indicated a willingness to host. AD's, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either office.

IBPA Information – We have been informed by the Iowa Bowling Proprietors Association that some of you and some of the bowling centers have requested forms dealing with Bowling Meet Score Tracker, High School Meet Admission Posters and High School Meet Recap. If you have need for any of these forms, they can be found on the Federation website at: <http://iowabpa.com/bowling.asp?Page=Federation>. You can also contact Jenny at the Iowa PBA. Her telephone number is 515-255-0808.

We both hope that you have a great holiday. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either organization. Those questions and concerns will be addressed in future correspondence.



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