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Dear Bowling Athletic Administrators and Coaches:

We wanted to provide you with some additional bowling information.

**Conduct At Bowling Competitions** – In the last letter we addressed conduct of coaches, players and fans at our bowling competitions. We are still having communication from athletic administrators about coach and spectator conduct. Both organizations are dealing with these reports directly with the schools involved. We know that administrators and coaches have limited control over spectator behavior. We are asking that you help your fans understand the etiquette involved in bowling. When players are on the approach and beginning their attempt there should be respect shown to the competitors. This is not a time for loud shouting or other boisterous activities. In competition involving multiple teams on multiple lanes it is important that bowlers and fans be aware of others beginning their efforts. We know that cheers and yells may be directed at bowlers who are not competing, but in doing so bowlers and fans must need to be aware of others who are competing at that moment.

**State Qualifying Meets** – The staffs of both organizations have met and have determined which schools will receive invitations to host a State Qualifying Meet. Some of you athletic administrators will already have received an email from John Overton about hosting. Once we finalize the sites, we will make the final site assignments. You can expect to see those assignments the week of January 21. We will send an email to both the athletic administrators and coaches when the assignments are posted.

**Quik Stats Iowa** – We still have a couple of schools who have not entered any information on Quik Stats Iowa. We will be in contact with these individual schools. Posting of results is required and failure to do so has consequences for your program.

We addressed an issue in our last letter about reporting results from tournaments. If you have been in a tournament and entered all of the names of the participating teams as opponents the system reports numerous matches and makes your number of matches look incorrect. A couple of coaches have experimented with an alternate way of entering tournament results and it has been successful. **If you are involved in a multiple team tournament, not a dual or triangular meet, leave the opponent area blank and only enter your team and individual scores.** In doing this, your team averages and individual number of games and averages will be properly adjusted. The thing that will not change will be the team record and number of matches. We would strongly encourage those of you who have already been in a tournament to go back and change the results you previously entered. We want to thank Doug Zimmerman, a Bowling Advisory Committee member for taking the lead on this experimentation.

**Scoring Software** – We received this email from Coach Berry at Red Oak. Unfortunately, it was omitted from our last letter to you. Some of you may be interested in this Excel sheet and may want to contact Coach Berry. **For the past 2 years, I have been using an excel spreadsheet for completing duals and also tournament formats wherever we go with our teams. I am a teacher and bowling coach with the Red Oak School District. Coaches in this region are becoming more and more technological savvy and are carrying around laptops as I do to do scores at meets and are asking me what I use and if they can have a copy. I gladly offer it to anyone who thinks it will help them.** Coach Berry can be contacted at [berryd@roschools.com](mailto:berryd@roschools.com).

**IBPA Information** – We mentioned this in our last letter but are repeating this 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.

**Awards** – This is also a repeat item from the first letter, however, we continue to get calls and 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 hope that the one blizzard we had did not cause bowling postponements. As we enter the tournament season in multiple sports, including bowling we hope there will not be weather postponements. 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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