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Dear Bowling Athletic Administrators and Coaches:

The bowling season will start to wind down next week as the State Qualifying Meets will be held next Thursday, February 14. We want to share some final information with you as the season concludes.

State Qualifying Tournaments – The sites and assignments for the State Qualifying Tournaments are posted on both websites. Please check the websites to confirm your location and time. Due to the availability of facilities and the size of facilities, tournaments have different starting times and the boys and girls may not be bowling together at the same time. The different starting times are difficult to control. In the future, depending on the member schools that indicate they are willing to host, and the size of the facility they use, we hope to have enough lanes available for the boys and girls to bowl at the same time. Please remember, lane assignments will not be pre-determined and coaches will draw for their lane assignments when they arrive for the tournament. The “Conduct Counts” policies of both the IHSAA and the IGHSAA will be in place for these tournaments. The two most important things to remember are that signs and artificial noisemakers will not be allowed. The format for the State Qualifying Tournaments and the method of qualifying for the State Tournaments has not been changed. **Individual Qualifiers** - The tournament individual champion will advance along with the next eight (8) highest individual scores (based on the two individual games scores) state wide. There will be a minimum of sixteen (16) qualifiers. All ties will qualify. **Team Qualifiers** – The tournament team champion will advance along with the next two (2) highest pin count totals statewide. There will be a minimum of ten (10) qualifiers. All ties will qualify. **Admission** – Admission for State Qualifying Tournaments is \$6.00.

State Tournament – The State Tournament will be held at Plaza Lanes in Des Moines. The Class 1A State Tournament will be on Thursday, February 21. The Class 2A State Tournament will be held on Friday, February 22. Both tournaments will begin at 1:00 pm. Doors will open at 12:00 noon. Admission for the State Tournament is \$8.00. **Format Change** – At the conclusion of regular play the individual champion and place winners will be determined. The two game totals will determine the champion and place winners. Individual awards will be given before the Baker games begin. Team awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Baker games. As at the State Qualifying Tournaments, “Conduct Counts” policies will be in place.

Quik Stats Iowa – We will be doing our final check today, February 12, for compliance with the entries of scores into Quik Stats Iowa. It appears that most schools have made their entries. We do apologize for the confusion on the team records. It appears that some schools have not corrected their records as we asked them to do. We will change the way the system works next year so that no team will show a record with more than 24 matches. This needs to be consistent for all sports. A team records reflects head to head competition. By winning a multiple team tournament over seven

other opponents the record is not 7-0. The record is 0-0 with a tournament win. This is the same format used for records in track and field, wrestling and swimming.

Approach and Delivery – We have had some inquires about how long do I wait to approach and deliver. We have been notified that some teams are waiting until their opponent completes their frame before bowling. If opponents are on the approach at the same time, the courtesy of waiting for each other is very common. However, waiting until an opponent has completed their frame before bowling lengthens the competition and can be considered “gamesmanship.” We will discuss this with the Bowling Advisory Committee before the beginning of next season.

We are looking forward to the State Qualifying and State Tournaments. The conduct and sportsmanship of our bowlers in the past has been exemplary. We have those same expectations for the 2103 tournaments. If you have questions or concerns as we enter the post-season, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Bowl well in the tournaments.

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