

## **KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Governing Bowling Tournaments**

*(Adopted by the Board of Control)*

*(Case situations refer to rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions which can be found in the next section of the Handbook)*

#### **I) Assignment of Schools to Regions**

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in bowling for boys and girls, provided that ten (10) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to March 1. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control. Newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.

As of August 15, 2011, the alignment in bowling is under review and will be released to the schools when final.

#### **II) Dates and Sites for Tournaments**

The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the regional and state tournaments. All tournaments will be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved in writing by the Commissioner.

Schools interested in hosting a regional tournament shall submit their request in writing prior to October 1 of the tournament year. The applicant shall supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. Application forms for hosting tournaments in all sports are provided to each member school by the Association via the KHSAA website.

The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

#### **III) Tournament Managers**

The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the regional tournaments shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. It is the duty of each tournament manager to notify the regional schools of the time and place of the tournament, to supply the proper entry blanks, to invite the participation of all of the schools, and to make all arrangements for the tournament. It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The Board of Control has approved the policy that the receipts of a tournament can be assessed (a fine levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

#### **IV) Eligibility to Enter Tournament Play**

A contestant shall have competed in at least four (4) high school dates on a team representing a member school to be eligible to participate in postseason play.

#### **V) Contestants**

A school may list entrants using the entry form provided by the Association which is to be submitted to the manager of the regional tournament by the deadline published in the tournament instructions.

This list shall include all names of anyone who is to be eligible to participate in the postseason as additions to the list are not allowed, with the exception of a documented clerical error as referred to in Bylaw 14. Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the list to future rounds of tournament play.

Any player whose name is on the official roster may be substituted on a team prior to the time of the draw for the regional tournament. After the draw is final, the regional tournament manager may allow substitution if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances due to injury/illness. No advantage may be gained by a substitution or it will not be permitted.

The champion and runner-up shall qualify for the team State Tournaments (top 2 finishers from each region).

The top four individual finishers from each region shall advance to the State Tournament,

The Commissioner's office will issue full instructions to all teams on any additional qualifying procedures.

Players shall participate in regional tournament play to be eligible for the state tournaments.

#### **VII) Champion - Team Tournament Format**

##### **A) Region**

1) Teams will bowl one game with two teams of four bowlers, dropping the low score on each lane. That six bowler total will be used to seed the team into a bracket. The team will then bowl whichever team they are seeded to bowl in a match. A match will consist of baker games. The first team to win three games will be the winner. The winner will advance to the next round.

2) Rounds will continue until a winner and runner-up are established. Regional winners and runners-up will advance to the state tournament.

##### **B) State**

1) Teams will bowl one game with two teams of four bowlers, dropping the low score on each lane. That six bowler total will be used to seed the team into a bracket. The team will then bowl whichever team they are seeded to bowl in a match. A match will be consist of baker games. The first team to win three games will be the winner. The winner will advance to the next round.

2) Rounds will continue until a champion, runner-up and semifinalist are established.

#### **VIII) Champion - Individual Tournament Format**

##### **A) Region**

1) Individuals shall be entered to the region by designation of their coach. Each school may enter their top 4 individual bowlers. Bowlers shall bowl 3 games and the top eight will advance to the semi-finals where they will bowl two additional games. At the conclusion of the two semi-final round games their 5 game total will be used to determine the top five bowlers who will be seeded into a stepladder final. This will also establish the sixth through eight place finishers. From that point on the bowlers will bowl a ladder tournament until a champion is determined, and the stepladder final will establish the first through fifth place finishers. The top four bowlers will advance to the state tournament.

##### **B) State**

1) Four individuals will advance from the regional tournament. Bowlers shall bowl 3 games and the top eight will advance to the semi-finals where they will bowl two additional games. At the conclusion of the two semi-finals round games their 5 game total will be used to determine the top five bowlers who will be seeded into a stepladder final. This will also establish the sixth through eight place finishers. From that point on the bowlers will bowl a ladder tournament until a champion is determined, and the stepladder final will establish the first through fifth place finishers.

#### **IX) Trophies and Awards**

##### **A) Region**

1) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.

2) Awards will be given to top four (4) individuals at each regional meet.

3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the regional meet.

##### **B) State**

1) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state tournament.

2) Awards will be given to the top eight (8) individual finishers at the state tournament.

3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

#### **X) Finances**

##### **A) Region**

1) The finances of the regional tournament will be managed at the regional level.

2) The regional competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared.

B) State

- 1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
- 2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state tournament.

**XI) Special Tournament and Regular Season Rules**

A) Dress Code

- 1) It is recommended that players wear school uniforms during play. The following shall NOT be allowed during tournament play:
  - a) All bowlers must wear similar team collared shirts. Bowlers must also wear full length slacks. These slacks may be of any color as long as they are similar to that of the rest of the team and do not have any tears or holes in them. Bowlers may NOT wear shorts, or jeans. Bowlers out of uniform will not be allowed to bowl until they are able to comply with the rules.
  - b) Any garment or hat advertising alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or other inappropriate items deemed objectionable by the KHSAA State Tournament Director.
  - c) Objectionable permanent body markings (tattoos) shall be covered; non-permanent body markings (temporary tattoos or body paint) shall be prohibited.
  - d) Proper shoes are required.

B) Additional Rules for Contests

Additional rules developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

**XII) School Personnel to Accompany Team**

In accordance with Bylaw 20, each school having participants in a KHSAA event shall send a school designee to accompany the team. This person should be designated in writing by the Principal and approved by the local Board of Education.

*(Case situations related to this sport appear following the Tournament Rules section)*