

SECTION VII HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING BY-LAWS

RULE 1 SPORT

BOWLING: GIRLS/BOYS VARSITY ---SCRATCH LEAGUE

RULE 2 MANAGEMENT

CVAC BOWLING LEAGUE SHALL CONSIST OF A GIRLS AND BOYS COORDINATORS AND HIGH SCHOOL COACHES, ACTING AS THE LEAGUES BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE COORDINATORS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL ADOPT ALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS, WITH A MAJORITY VOTE.

RULE 3 PLAYING RULES

BOWLING SHALL OPERATE WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NYSPHSAA, CVAC AND SECTION VII, TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS (USBC) PLAYING RULES.

RULE 4 TIME OF CONTEST

ALL MATCHES WILL START PROMPTLY AT 3:30PM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MORIAH'S HOME MATCHES, WHICH WILL START AT 3:00 PM. IF ANY TIMES ARE CHANGED, BOTH SCHOOLS MUST BE NOTIFIED AND A LEAGUE COORDINATOR. PRACTICE WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 5 MINUTES, BUT NOT LONGER THAN 10 MINUTES. TARDY TEAMS OR BOWLERS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BOWL, PROVIDING THE 1ST BALL OF THE 4TH FRAME HAS NOT BEEN BOWLED. COACHES MAY EXTEND A COURTESY TIME, BUT NOT TO EXCEED THE 1ST BALL OF THE 5TH FRAME OF ANY GAME. TARDY BOWLERS MUST THEN WAIT TO THE START OF THE NEXT GAME.

RULE 5 OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT

ONLY USBC APPROVED BOWLING BALLS SHALL BE USED AND ONLY AUTHORIZED BOWLING SHOES WILL BE WORN. AS A COURTESY, ONE BALL PER BOWLER WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE LANE RACK. ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT, WILL BE STORED UNDER THE SEATS OR IN AUTHORIZED AREAS.

RULE 6 UNIFORM/CLOTHING

SCHOOL SHIRTS MUST BE WORN WHEN PROVIDED, SOME APPROPRIATE CLOTHING WILL BE ALLOWED, BUT NO HATS, NO SHORTS AND NO SHIRTS WITH DEROGATORY OR INAPPROPRIATE PICTURES OR WORDING

RULE 7 ELIGIBILITY

A STUDENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION IN GRADES 9, 10, 11 AND 12 UNTIL HIS/HERS NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY. IF THE AGE OF NINETEEN YEARS IS REACHED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, THE STUDENT MAY CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN ALL SPORTS. STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE REGARDLESS OF AGE OR GRADE IF THEY'VE BEEN APPROVED THROUGH THE STATE EDUCATION SELECTION/CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM. THE 15 YEAR OLD BELOW THE 9TH GRADE NEEDS ONLY TO MEET THE ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS MATURITY STANDARDS TO BE ELIGIBLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. AN ATHLETE IS ONLY ELIGIBLE TO PLAY ON A VARSITY TEAM FOR FOUR YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS

RULE 8 LEGAL LINE-UP

VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST A PLAYING STRENGTH OF 5 BOWLERS. A VARSITY ROSTER WILL CONSIST OF ANY ATHLETE IN GRADES 9 THRU 12 AND 7TH & 8TH GRADE ATHLETES THAT MEET NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS. ANY BOWLER ON THE ROSTER CAN BE MOVED UP AT ANY TIME DURING THE SEASON BASED ON THEIR AVERAGE. A LEGAL LINE-UP SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF 3 BOWLERS.

RULE 9 SCORING

VARSITY BOWLERS WILL COMPLETE FOR POINTS FOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP. VARSITY TEAMS (BOYS & GIRLS) IN A 3 GAME SERIES, SHALL SCORE 1 POINT PER GAME AND 1 POINT FOR THE TEAM WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL PINS, FOR A 4 POINT TOTAL. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR GAME OR SERIES, ½ POINT WILL AWARDED TO EACH TEAM.

RULE 10 ABSENTEE & VACANCY SCORES

ABSENTEE SCORES SHALL BE ALLOWED WHEN A TEAM HAS A LEGAL LINE-UP OF 3 OR MORE BOWLERS, BUT LESS THAN A FULL LINE-UP AT THE START OF ANY GAME. IN ANY GAME THE ABSENTEE BOWLER WILL RECEIVE A PENALTY OF MINUS 10 PINS PER GAME MISSED

VACANCY SCORES SHALL BE USED, WHEN A TEAM HAS A LEGAL LINE-UP OF 3 BOWLERS, BUT NOT ENOUGH ROSTER BOWLERS TO COMPLETE A TEAM. IN THIS CASE, THE TEAM WITH THE VACANCY WILL USE 125 FOR BOYS AND 100 FOR GIRLS.

RULE 11 SUBSTITUTES

WITH AN ABSENCE, THE COACH CAN REPLACE THE BOWLER WITH ANY MEMBER FROM THE TEAMS ROSTER. IN THIS CASE THE ABSENTEE RULE MUST BE USED (RULE 10).

NOTE* COACHES ARE ALOUD TO SUBSTITUTE 1 BOWLER PRYOR TO THE START OF THE GAME OR ANY TIME DURING A GAME.

RULE 12 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BOWLERS (ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS)

FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS TO QUALIFY FOR VARSITY STATUS IN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING THEY MUST BE IN THE TOP 8 HIGHEST AVERAGE FOR BOYS/GIRLS, AT THE END OF PRE-SEASON PRACTICE SESSIONS, UTILIZING 3 CONSECUTIVE PRACTICE SESSIONS (9 GAMES) TO ESTABLISH HIS/HER AVERAGE. HIS/HER AVERAGE MUST BE ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE START OF LEAGUE PLAY, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF BOWLERS JOINING THE TEAM AFTER THE START OF LEAGUE PLAY, THEN THE FIRST NINE GAMES OF PRACTICE WILL BE USED TO ESTABLISH HIS/HER AVERAGE.

RULE 13 AVERAGES

AVERAGES USED FOR LEAGUE PLAY WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY A BOWLER WHEN HE OR SHE COMPLETES THE FIRST 3 LEAGUE MATCHES (9 GAMES) OR WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL COMPLETES HIS OR HER FIRST 3 LEAGUE MATCHES (9 GAMES). CVAC "ALL COMPOSITE TEAM" AVERAGES SHALL CONSIST OF ONLY LEAGUE GAMES, NO PRACTICE GAMES OR SCRIMMAGES WILL BE INCLUDED

MOST IMPROVED AVERAGE IS FIGURED FROM A BOWLERS ESTABLISHED AVERAGE AFTER HIS OR HER FIRST 3 MATCH GAMES AND HIS/HER FINAL LEAGUE AVERAGE.

RULE 14 HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITE OF THE LEAGUE MATCHES. THEY ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESS REPUBLICAN OF SCORES AND TEAM RESULTS. THEY WILL UTILIZE THE PRESSES WEBSITE

FORMAT NO PHONE CALLS.....USE THE NEWSPAPER WEB SITE.... AT PRESSREPUBLICAN.COM, THEN CLICK ON "COACHES CORNER" AND FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.

RULE 15 POSTPONEMENTS & CANCELLATIONS

SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE OPPOSING SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE MATCH TIMES, IF A POSTPONEMENT IS REQUIRED.

RULE 16 OFFICIALS

DURING LEAGUE MATCHES, BOTH COACHES SHALL ACT AS GAME OFFICIALS

RULE 17 TIE BREAKERS

LEAGUE GAMES: A TIE FOR A GAME DURING LEAGUE PLAY, EACH TEAM WILL BE AWARDED ½ POINT FOR THAT GAME. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE IN SERIES ½ POINT WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO EACH TEAM.

CONFERENCE GAMES: IF A TIE EXISTS BETWEEN 2 OR MORE SCHOOLS AT THE END OF CONFERENCE PLAY, THEN CO-CHAMPIONS WILL BE DECLARED.

SECTIONALS: IF A TIE EXISTS, THEN THE "BAKER SYSTEM" WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE WINNER
BOWLER #1 WILL BOWL FRAMES 1 AND 6
BOWLER #2 WILL BOWL FRAMES 2 AND 7
BOWLER #3 WILL BOWL FRAMES 3 AND 8
BOWLER #4 WILL BOWL FRAMES 4 AND 9
BOWLER #5 WILL BOWL FRAMES 5 AND 10

THE HIGHER SCORE WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER, IF A TIE EXISTS, THEN A SECOND GAME WILL BE UTILIZED.

RULE 18 COACHES MEETING

BOYS & GIRLS COORDINATORS WILL CONDUCT TWO MEETINGS PER SEASON, ONE PRESEASON MEETING PRIOR TO START OF THE SEASON, TO REVIEW BY-LAWS, SCHEDULING AND LEAGUE CHANGES. THE SECOND MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT TEAM SECTIONALS, TO ESTABLISH LANE ASSIGNMENTS AND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION. COACHES ATTENDING THE STATE COMPETITION, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A COACHES MEETING, THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE START OF STATE COMPETITION.

RULE 19 SELECTION PROCESS FOR CVAC TEAMS FOR STATES

THE CVAC "ALL COMPOSITE TEAMS" SHALL CONSIST OF SIX BOYS AND SIX GIRLS, DETERMINED BY HAVING THE TOP SIX HIGHEST AVERAGES, CREATED DURING LEAGUE PLAY. THESE BOWLERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SECTIONALS, AFTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED. ALTERNATES WILL BE SELECTED BY THE NEXT HIGHEST AVERAGE.

NOTE ALTERNATES CAN ONLY BOWL, IF A PLAYER IS INJURED, SICKNESS, OR FOR A RULE INFRACTION PRIOR.

RULE 20 PROTEST COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS COORDINATOR AND 2 RANDOM SELECTED COACH NOT INVOLVED IN THE PROTEST. IF ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER IS INVOLVED IN THE PROTEST, THEN ANOTHER COACH WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED. IF ONLY THE TWO COACHES ARE AVAILABLE, THEN THE PROTEST MUST BE RESOLVED BY THESE TWO COACHES.

NOTE* PROTEST IS ONLY A RULES INFRACTION, NOT BASED ON JUDGEMENT OR OPINION.

RULE 21 ADDITIONAL

A BOWLER MUST COMPETE IN A MINIMUM OF 6 LEAGUE CONTEST TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR POST SEASON PLAY (ex. SECTIONALS/STATES).

GIRLS CAN COMMIT TO BOWL ON A BOYS TEAM, ONCE COMMITTED SHE MAY NOT RETURN TO ANY GIRLS TEAM. SHE IS ALSO NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE ON THE GIRLS ALL COMPOSITE TEAM.

THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING, TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND NO DRINKING OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE COMPETITION AREA.

BOWLERS MUST REMAIN IN THE PIT AREA DURING LEAGUE PLAY, IF A PLAYER MUST LEAVE, PERMISSION FROM A COACH IS REQUIRED.

USE OF CELL PHONES OR ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED DURING LEAGUE PLAY

“VIOLATION OF RULES”:

1ST OFFENSE – WARNING

2ND OFFENSE – “0” PINS FOR THAT FRAME

RULE 22 OTHER

SECTIONALS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE GIRLS AND BOYS COORDINATORS, WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SECTION VII EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS APPROVAL. MAKE-UP DATE WILL ALSO BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON.

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