

## BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

### BOWLING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each team will consist of five male varsity and five female bowlers and four junior-varsity bowlers of each gender. Each varsity competitor will bowl two games per match. Each junior-varsity bowler will bowl two games per match.
2. The format for scoring will be as follows: 2 points per game, 1 point for total pin fall. 5 total points possible.
3. Matches will begin as close to 3:45pm as possible. Matches will not start after 4:30pm; Teams not arriving in time will have to postpone and reschedule with the opposing team.
4. All bowlers will wear a school issued bowling shirt whenever possible.
5. Each team must begin a match with five bowlers. If a team does not have five bowlers available then that team must use a blind score
6. Blinds:
  - a. No blind scores will be permitted on the varsity level if a junior varsity bowler is available.
  - b. No more than one blind shall be permitted on the varsity level. If a team cannot field a team of three bowlers they will forfeit the game and/or match.
  - c. Late arriving bowlers will receive 1/10 of the blind score for the missed frames up to three frames. These frames cannot be made-up. Once the fourth frame begins the blind score will be used for that complete game.
  - d. A bowler that is unable to finish a game must be substituted for. If no substitutes are available, 1/10 of the blind score will be assigned to each frame missed.
  - e. Blind scores for conference competition will be as follows:  
Boys - 100                  Girls - 70
7. Practice balls will not be allowed once a game begins. If a substitution is made between games, he/she is entitled to one practice ball on each lane.
8. During a match the varsity matches will take place at four adjacent lanes; the junior varsity matches will take place on the two adjacent lanes on either side of the varsity competition.
9. Conference bowling will be conducted at a "scratch" level. No handicaps will be permitted.
10. United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules shall govern all play.
11. A player who intentionally fouls will receive a score of zero for that frame as per USBC regulations.
12. Divisions within the Conference will be determined by the Athletics Directors of the Big North Conference.

13. Bowlers must compete in a minimum of 50% of his/her scheduled matches to be considered for all-division consideration. If an extenuating circumstance prevents a competitor from meeting this criterion, the coaches committee for that division may vote to grant an exception for that student-athlete. The eight top bowlers will be named for "first team" recognition. The next eight bowlers will be named for "second-team" recognition. Each school will select one bowler for "honorable mention" recognition.
14. To qualify for "high-game" and "high-series" recognition a competitor must bowl on the varsity level.
15. Bowlers will not be allowed to "bowl out". Bowling sequence will be followed to completion of the game.
16. In order for a match to count in the standings, it must be bowled individually. No match shall count twice in the standings.
17. Each division will have coaches committee consisting of one coach from each divisional school. A chairperson for this committee will be elected each year prior to the start of the competition season. This committee will function to hear extenuating circumstances and rules violations within divisional play.
18. A divisional championship will be awarded to the team with the highest point total versus the team in the division.

#### Rules of Procedure and Etiquette

- A. Electronic devices of any sort are strictly prohibited from the pit area. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, i-pods and cameras.
- B. Consumption of alcohol by school personnel is strictly forbidden. Food and drinks are not permitted in the pit area.
- C. A coach or certified faculty member must be present for a team to bowl.
- D. Coaches are responsible for the conduct and etiquette of their teams and should inform students of all bowling regulations whenever necessary to insure the most competitive and sportsmanlike environment possible.
- E. Head wear of any sort is not permitted unless required by religious or cultural background.
- F. Coaches are to notify the alley or the opposing coach as soon as possible if their team is delayed or unable to attend a scheduled match. Failure to notify in this circumstance could result in forfeiting the match.
- G. No pictures or flash photography will be permitted after 3:45pm on the day of a match.