

TO: OHSAA Member School Bowling Coaches

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RE: Bowling Coaches Manual and 2015-16 Rules Meetings

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Coaches, welcome to another season of interscholastic bowling. The OHSAA will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of bowling when coaching and tryouts begin on October 30, 2015. Bowling is one of the fastest growing high school sports and its popularity in Ohio has resulted in the OHSAA sponsoring state tournaments in two divisions, Division I and Division II. We moved to two divisions for the 2014 State Bowling Championships.

There were 'growing pains' as we attempted to educate our coaches and member school administrators on rules such as girls participating on boy's teams, the non-interscholastic rule and uniform requirements. During this past decade there continued to be issues in regard to girls participating on boy's teams and whether girls who do so had to remain as part of the boy's team during the OHSAA post-season tournament or if they could compete as individuals on the girl's team during the tournament. Uniform issues were also of continuous concern.

The information that governs interscholastic bowling has always been part of your Coaches Manual and information that should be disseminated during a rules meeting, whether in person or on-line. Your school's athletic administrator is also available to assist you.

Let's make this the best year yet for high school bowling in Ohio as we celebrate our 10 year anniversary. Print off and review the coach's manual which will be available no later than September 7, 2015 on the Bowling Page of the OHSAA website, www.ohsaa.org. In this manual is information about this year's rules meetings as well as additional information to assist you with the interscholastic sport of bowling. Pay particular attention to the bowling calendar, the number of permissible contests, the regulation regarding electronic devices and uniform requirements. Also remember it is the school's responsibility, not bowling proprietors to ensure that students do not violate the regulation related to practice in the bowling center prior to an interscholastic contest.

Take the time to be a more informed coach!

Best Wishes for a successful season!

Roxanne