

Berks County Interscholastic Bowling League By-laws (REVISED)

- (1) All matches should begin at **3:45 PM** with a brief period preceding in which each player is accorded **two (2) practice balls** on each lane of the assigned pair of lanes.
- (2) All requirements of the PIAA, as well as rulings contained herein, will be strictly observed in operation of the league. General playing rules will be in accordance with those adopted by the **United States Bowling Congress. As per USBC rules, all bowlers must be USBC sanctioned.**
- (3) Each participating member of the league shall have a minimum of five (5) members present at the start of the match. **A legal lineup consists of at least 3 bowlers. A team must bowl 5 bowlers if ample bowlers are available.**
- (4) **Absentee(s) Score shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The blind score(s) allotted shall be: GIRLS – 110, BOYS – 125.**
- (5) It shall be each coach's responsibility to submit **one (1) copy** of a roster containing the full names of the members to the league statistician(s) **the Friday before the league starting date. Each member of the team must also fill out a USBC sanctioning card, which must also be submitted to the league statistician.**
- (6) A league statistician shall be appointed annually, upon recommendation of the Coach's Chairperson, and be paid a fee established by the BCIAA.
- (7) All matches will be bowled on a scratch (actual) pin fall basis.
- (8) A total of three (3) points will be accorded each match, one (1) for each game won.
- (9) Tie games: Each of the concerned team will be accorded ½ point won and ½ point lost.
- (10) League standings will be determined by the total points using **8 and 9** above.
- (11) **SUBSTITUTION:** After a game has started, no change shall be made in the order during such games. The coach, however, may replace any of his/her players by a qualified substitute during the game.
 - (A) When a **substitution** is made during the game, the score of such game shall be credited to the starting player.
 - (B) A player once removed from a game cannot return to bowl in the same game.
 - (C) When a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury, or emergency and a qualified substitute is not available to bowl, the team of which he/she is a member shall count his/her actual score for each of the frames bowled in the game total, plus twelve (12) pins in each remaining frame of the game for boys and eleven (11) pins in each of the remaining frames of the game for girls. The score shall be credited to the starting player.
 - (D) Practice bowling will be allowed by substitutes on one adjoining **pair of lanes**. The home team will absorb the costs for such practice.
 - (E) A coach may change his/her line up at the end of each game.
- (12) The home team will be responsible for providing the official scorer.
- (13) In the event of a tie for a League (**or Division**) Championship, a roll-off between the concerned teams will be held.
 - (A) The roll-off will be a three (3) game series with total pin fall determining the winner.
 - (B) The roll-off competition shall be conducted in a neutral bowling establishment considered a participant in this program.
 - (C) The site for any roll-off competition will be determined by mutual agreement between those schools involved.
- (14) All situations not covered by the rules of the PIAA, the **United States Bowling Congress**, or this league, will be determined by the Board of Directors.

- (15) One set of bowling score books will be kept to record County Championship Matches.
- (16) A paid official adult scorer will score all County Championship matches. This adult is to be paid (10) dollars and is responsible for informing the league statistician of the results.
- (17) If a **singles** tournament is held for boys and girls, it will be held in the same week on different days.
- (18) On the day of a scheduled or rescheduled match, no open bowling for team members is permitted after 3:00 PM.
- (19) The duties of the statistician are to compile and distribute weekly standings to the Chairperson of the Coaches group for both team and individual standings. **League standings will be posted on leaguesecretary.com using the following league ID numbers: BOYS VARSITY 7778, GIRLS VARSITY 7779, BOYS JV 7780, and GIRLS JV 7781**
- (20) In the county singles tournament, each player must move **three (3) pairs** to the right following the completion of each game. This will help counteract the positive and negative effect of the same ally on their scores.
- (21) Trophies paid by the coaches will be presented to the high single, high triple, **and high average** earned during the season. **The host house for the singles tournament will provide the team trophies for the individual tournament.**
- (22) Championship Playoff: Four team roll-off bracket consisting of the 3 Sectional Winner plus a wildcard. Wildcard is a divisional runner-up with the best record **or winning percentage.**
SEMIFINALS:
- Division Winner with best record versus Wildcard
 - Division Winner with second best record versus Division Winner with third best record.
- NOTE: If Wildcard and Division Winner with best record are from the same section, the Wildcard team will then bowl the team with next best record or winning percentage.
- (23) Wildcard team is the second place team with the best winning percentage. **The Division Winner with best record or winning percentage will be assigned the number one seed.** In case of a tie, BCIAA playoff criteria will be used to break the tie.
- If the teams met during the season, either inside or outside the league schedule, the winner of that game or games would advance.**
 - The team with best winning percentage against the other members within their section would advance. Ties count as ½ win and ½ lost. NOTE: Cross-over games are not included.
 - The team with best winning percentage against its sectional Champion would advance.
 - The team with the best winning percentage against all common opponents outside their section would advance.
 - If they met during a 3-way competition, the winner of that contest would advance.
 - If a tie still remain, a **three (3) game roll-off** will be scheduled to break the tie.
- ** In the case of a three (3) way tie, if by using the above criteria, if one team is eliminated, the remaining two (2) teams will go back to the first criteria and down the list.