

## STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT MANUAL

**State Qualifying Meets:** The bowling state qualifying meets serve as both individual and team tournaments. The state qualifying meets are a one-day meet taking place on Monday, February 2.

### SCHEDULE FOR STATE QUALIFYING MEETS

#### Team Qualifying

15 Baker Games to determine team qualifiers (2.5 hours estimated time needed)

30-minute break (minimum)

#### Individual Qualifying

3 Individual Games (2.5 hours estimated time needed)

The state qualifying meet serves as both an individual and a team tournament and is a one-day meet.

#### **ADMISSION:**

**All ticketing is done through Bound. Admission to IGHS AU state qualifying meets is \$8.00**

#### **WHO CAN BOWL?**

Each team entering the state qualifying meet will be allowed to enter six (6) individual bowlers and one (1) reserve (only used in case of injury or illness before start of competition) for the meet. Additionally, each of the eight (8) teams that qualify for the state tournament will be allowed to enter six (6) individual bowlers and one (1) reserve (only used in the event of injury or illness before start of competition) for the meet. The expectation is that there is only one roster containing six bowlers who will bowl as determined in both the Baker and individual events at the state qualifying meets.

#### **STATE QUALIFYING TEAM ENTRY FEE**

**Each school** shall pay a \$100 lineage fee to the assigned host facility for each qualifying meet. Each team entering the state qualifying meet may enter six bowlers, plus one reserve (used only in the event of injury or illness before the start of competition). **SCHOOLS ARE URGED TO PAY LINEAGE FEES BEFORE THE STATE QUALIFYING MEET.**

#### **STATE QUALIFYING RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. It is preferred that lanes be drawn as the schools arrive at the site.
2. The host school cannot draw a lane until one other school has arrived.
3. Oil pattern is shared with participating schools.
4. If possible, lanes should be re-oiled between the team and individual competitions.
5. Allow two practice balls per lane before each playing format (2 before Individual and 2 before Baker).

## **TEAM STATE QUALIFYING MEET**

Teams will bowl 15 baker games, and the team with the highest total pins will advance to the State Meet. Class 3A and 2A state qualifying meets are held at four sites, with eight teams at each, and the top two teams at each site qualify for the State Team Tournament. Class 1A has eight sites with 6-to-8 teams at each site. The champion at each site would qualify for the state team meet.

## **INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFYING MEETS**

Individuals at the state qualifying meet bowl three games. The top **eight** scores from each Class 3A/2A site qualify for the state individual tournament for a total of 32 individual qualifiers. The top **four** scores from the eight 1A state qualifying meets qualify for the State Tournament for a total of 32 individual qualifiers.

**Lane Rotation for Qualifying Tournaments and State Tournament: Move one pair to the right every 5 games for Baker, and after every game for the Individual tournament/meet.**

## **Breaking of Ties at State Qualifying Meets**

**Individual** ties are a 9th-10th frame tiebreaker. **Tiebreakers will only be used to determine overall champions and who advances to the State Tournament.**

**Team** ties would bowl a half-game using frames 6-10. If a tie still exists after that, then a shootout would occur with one player and one ball from each team (5 bowlers). **Team tiebreakers only need to be used to determine overall champions and in case of who advances to the State Tournament.**

## **AWARDS**

**Team champions** will receive a banner, "Ticket Punched" poster, and six individual medals. State qualifiers will receive state qualifying banners and "Ticket Punched" posters. **Individual champions** will receive a champion medal and a "Ticket Punched" poster. Individual qualifiers will receive "Ticket Punched" posters.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, host administrators should plan any time/date changes with the host bowling establishment. You must also contact Jason Eslinger at the IGHS AU (Phone: 515-240-7649) to confirm any changes. If a state qualifying meet is postponed due to weather, the expectation is that it will be made up the following day.

## **SPECTATORS**

All spectators at state-sponsored tournaments shall wear shirts and shoes. Shirts shall extend to the waist area.

Use of “laser light” pens by a spectator shall result in immediate ejection from the facility.

With the understanding that a state qualifying contest is held within the educational environment, the IGHS AU Board of Directors has adopted the following policies. It is the expectation that the host school enforces these rules regarding unacceptable behavior:

- Disrespectful conduct, including profanity, obscene gestures or comments, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, or other actions that demean individuals or the event. Penalty—Ejection
- Throwing articles onto the contest area. Penalty—Ejection
- Entering the contest area in protest or celebration. Penalty—Ejection
- Physical confrontation involving contest officials, coaches/directors, contestants, or spectators. Penalty—Ejection
- Spectator interference with the event. Penalty—Ejection
- Jumping up and down on the bleachers. Penalty—Warning/Ejection
- Use of artificial noisemakers, signs, or banners. Penalty—Warning/Ejection
- Chants or cheers directed at the opponent. Penalty—Warning/Ejection

## **ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY**

No alcohol or tobacco is to be sold or consumed on the grounds of any state tournament venue leased or provided to the Athletic Union for the purpose of conducting a State Championship. Section 123.46 of the Iowa Code States: A person shall not possess or consume alcoholic liquors, wine, or beer on public school property or while attending a public or private school-related function. A person shall not be intoxicated or simulate intoxication in a public place. A person violating this subsection is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

## **PETS/ANIMALS PROHIBITED**

No pets are permitted at IGHS AU-sanctioned events. Any person with a pet will be asked to leave. This policy shall comply with the provisions of Iowa Code 216c, which state that a person with a disability or a person training an assisted animal has the right to be accompanied by a service dog or an assisted animal under control. The person is liable for damage done to any premises or facility by a service dog or assisted animal.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Jason Eslinger ([jasoneslinger@ighsau.org](mailto:jasoneslinger@ighsau.org) or 515-240-7649) if you have any questions.