

Maine High School Bowling Coaches Meeting

September 28, 2014 – 11:00 AM

Sparetime Recreation, Augusta

1. Roll Call:

Bonnie Harzewski, North Coordinator
Darren Forkey Sr., South Coordinator, approved at meeting
Ron Ridley, Spruce Mountain and Western coach
Scott Pomroy, Casco Bay coach
Randy Murray, Skowhegan coach
Nicole Cunningham, Lawrence coach
Donna Bowden, Sparetime Augusta Manager
Randy Plummer, 2014 Casco Bay coach

2. Baker Invitational (name changed), Darren Forkey Sr., Manager
Dec 13 (Saturday), Waterville 3 PM
Can use subs to fill out team. Focus on participation.
3. Absences: Rules say 70% participation. We are allowing 3 absences to participate in both championships, slightly under 70%.
4. Bowling a vacancy: Changed rule to 10 pins under average instead of average for score to match, in line with absences of regular leagues. Would need to do same for Baker game. Subtract 10 after figuring team average for Baker.
5. Maximum number of bowlers on roster for team championships is 8. Only those 8 bowlers plus 1 coach are allowed in the settee area, to avoid over-crowding.
6. Champion round(s) of State Teams will remain best 3 out of 5.
7. Please remind bowlers of restrictions on language and electronics. They can be penalized for unsportsman-like conduct. Phones may only be used in case of emergency, as they have been disrupting the flow of the games.
8. Please let centers know by morning of match if your team cannot make the match, so they can oil lanes accordingly. Usually, the center should be told a week in advance how many lanes will be needed.
9. A 50/50 drawing will be held at the Baker Invitational and State Championships to raise money for trophies for State Championships.
10. Asked about lineage fees teams are paying centers. There is no standard, but most are paying something for practice.

11. Before the Coordinator was approved, there was some discussion about whether it is a conflict of interest for a coach to be Coordinator. The North region has had a coach as Coordinator the whole time. I do not see it as more of a conflict than any other league/tournament organizer within the youth bowling program being a parent of a bowler. We don't have enough volunteers to change this. We need to trust each other, and Coordinators must do their best to be impartial.
12. Travel matches were also discussed. I do not know if this matter has been settled.
13. Scores for South teams should be faxed to Waterville for Darren Forkey to receive. 207-873-7381
14. Handed out a procedure for participation in the Pepsi Tournament.

The meeting ran longer than usual. We did not stay on track as well as we could have, and also possibly due to having a new coordinator.