

Constitution of the Stark County High School Bowling Conference

Article One

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Stark County High School Bowling Conference (SCHSBC).

Article Two

Membership

Schools located in Stark County, Ohio and surrounding counties may seek membership in the SCHSBC. Schools will be accepted into membership in the SCHSBC by majority vote of member head coaches. Petitions to join the SCHSBC must be received by the end of the previous school year (May 15th) so that the schedule may be set to aid the member schools in planning for the next season.

The SCHSBC membership for the 2010-11 season will include the following schools:

Alliance (AL), Carrollton (CR), Central Catholic (CC), GlenOak (GO), Heritage Christian (HC), Hoover (NC), Jackson (JK), Lake (LK), Massillon (MS), McKinley (MK), Minerva (MN), Perry (PR), Sandy Valley (SV), St. Thomas Aquinas (ST), Timken (TM) & Wooster (WS)

Article Three

Mission

The mission of the SCHSBC shall be to provide high school students with an environment to learn the game of bowling and to experience the spirit of team competition while playing for the honor of their school, for the recognition of their community, and for their personal satisfaction and distinction.

The SCHSBC shall administer competition in keeping with all rules and regulations defined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). No conference rules shall be in conflict with those of the OHSAA.

The SCHSBC shall coordinate the competition on behalf of the participating schools. The athletic directors of those schools are responsible for proper application of the OHSAA rules, for selecting coaches and players, and for setting participation standards such as the awarding of letters.

Article Four

Officers & Advisory Committee

The SCHSBC shall elect Officers to conduct conference business. Those officers shall include a President, Vice-President and Commissioner.

The President shall perform and be responsible for the following:

- Overseeing all conference activities including conducting the organizational and other meetings as necessary
- Collecting all required conference fees
- Organizing the conference awards banquet

The Vice-President shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:

- Overseeing all committees
- Administering competition and application of OHSAA and conference rules
- Organizing the conference awards

The President and Vice-President will be unpaid positions.

The Commissioner shall be responsible for the following:

- Developing the conference schedule
- Organizing the coaches' contact information and maintaining communication vehicles such as the conference e-mail address and website
- Collecting and compiling rosters for the various varsity, boys and girls squads.
- Collecting, compiling and publishing match results and standings including those necessary to determine conference awards
- Administering the conference finances
- Overseeing the matches and competition interfacing with the designated OHSAA Rules Interpreter as necessary

The Commissioner's position will be paid at a rate of \$100 per member school.

Representatives from each of three bowling centers will form an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee and Officers will be responsible for the following:

- Setting general direction for the SCHSBC
- Developing a financial plan for the conference
- Developing a plan to provide center access for practice and competition

Specific agreements between a school and its host center for access and sponsorship and contracts between the member schools and their coaches will be the responsibility of the school without involvement of the SCHSBC.

The Officers and Advisory Members will be elected annually by vote of the head coaches. Nominations will be made through the Nominating Committee as described below. All votes including elections will be by majority vote of head coaches provided a quorum (with at least half of member schools) is present.

Article Five

Special Committees

The SCHSBC may form Special Committees to perform specific functions. The Officers shall be ex officio members of the Special Committees which include the following:

- Awards, Affairs & Functions – responsible for organization of special events including the SCHSBC banquet
- Nominating – responsible for collecting nominations and searching for candidates as required

Article Six

Organization

An organizational meeting of the SCHSBC will be held prior to the start of the season. Attempts will be made to schedule this meeting after the local Rules Interpretation meeting organized by the OHSAA and before the approved first day for Coaching, tryouts and Instruction. The purpose of the SCHSBC meeting will be to introduce coaches and SCHSBC officers, review the OHSAA rules and the SCHSBC Constitution, review the calendar and schedule, and address any other pertinent issues.

The SCHSBC may choose to organize into divisions. In such an alignment, the schools will be grouped by their published enrollment. If there are an odd number of SCHSBC member schools, the division containing the schools with the larger enrollment will have the ‘extra’ team. The SCHSBC may also consider school proximity or other factors.

National Division (Larger Schools): GO, NC, JK, MS, MK, PR, TM, WS
American Division (Smaller Schools): AL, CR, CC, HC, LK, MN, SV, ST

The conference will develop a balanced SCHSBC Schedule while not exceeding twenty (20) contests against the current OHSAA limit of twenty-two (22). The schedule will be developed based on center availability within the prescribed competition dates specified by the OHSAA. Attempts will be made to have each school have one or two matches scheduled per week. The preferences of the coaches will be considered as much as possible. Additional, non-conference matches may be scheduled with any school or club (including SCHSBC members) at the discretion of the school’s administration or head coach.

The published schedule will be for both boys’ and girls’ varsity matches. Junior varsity matches will be held at the same time and site unless special arrangements are made by the teams involved. The home team will be responsible for notifying the SCHSBC of any schedule changes.

Article Seven

Competition

The SCHSBC specifies that a match will be comprised of two five-bowler individual games and four Baker-style composite games. In the event of time limitations or other circumstances, the individual games and at least two Baker games as required by the OHSAA must be completed for a match to be considered official.

Any match involving a school which has canceled classes due to weather will be considered canceled. That match may be contested as scheduled upon agreement of the administration of the two schools with notice being given to the SCHSBC. The rescheduling of a postponed match will be responsibility of the administrations of the schools involved. The home school will be responsible for notifying the SCHSBC.

Any match that is not started for any reason will be considered a no contest. Such a match may be rescheduled in the same way as a weather cancellation.

Article Eight

Coaches

The selection and qualification of the coaching staff will be the responsibility of each school. The names of all individuals designated as coaches must be presented at the beginning of the season to the SCHSBC. The head coach is responsible for communicating complete and accurate bowler roster information to the conference.

It is the role of the coaches is to ensure matches are contested according to OHSAA and SCHSBC rules. Each head coach is requested to submit to the conference officers the signed 'Respect the Game' sportsmanship pledge found on the OHSAA website. The home-standing head coach is designated as the match referee for regular season matches.

Interaction between the spectators and bowlers is not permitted by OHSAA rules once the match starts. By SCHSBC rule, a spectator may speak to a coach during a match, but only between games.

The head coach is responsible for reviewing and verifying the match results. Only those individuals designated as coaches (or the head coach) are permitted to sign the match summary sheets. The home-standing head coach is responsible for transmitting the match results in the specified form within one hour of completion.

Article Nine

Banquet

The SCHSBC may hold a banquet to recognize team and individual award winners. The banquet will be scheduled after the conclusion of the OHSAA tournaments and state finals.

The location, invitation list and guest ticket price will be determined by the banquet committee. Award winners and members of division winning teams and up to two (2) coaches will be invited to attend at no cost. The committee may extend invitations to the proprietors and league sponsors at no cost. All other attendees will be asked to purchase a ticket at a suggested limit of two (2) per bowler.

Article Ten

Awards

The SCHSBC will present team and individual awards. Only member schools and their individual bowlers will be eligible for awards from the SCHSBC. A bowler must be on the school's roster and eligible to compete at the end of the SCHSBC Schedule in order to receive awards. For award determination purposes, 'competed' as used in the criteria below shall mean bowled individual format games as defined by the OHSAA (i.e., allowing a fill ball by another bowler). Participation in composite or Baker format games does not count toward meeting the criteria.

Only those matches included in the SCHSBC Schedule will be used in computing team records and individual statistics. The whole number portion of averages (dropping the decimal portion, no rounding) will be used to rank bowlers for award purposes.

The team awards will include a traveling champion's trophy for the best record in all designated divisions. The SCHSBC may provide champion awards to teams for members who have competed in 25% of the individual games in SCHSBC Schedule matches which were contested.

The SCHSBC will make All-Conference awards to bowlers based on their individual average in SCHSBC Schedule matches. Bowlers must have competed in 50% of the individual games in SCHSBC contested matches to be eligible for individual awards.

The individual awards will include the following:

- Bowler of the Year – boy & girl in each Division with the highest average
- All-Conference – boys & girls with top eight (8) averages and ties in each Division
- High Game – boy & girl in each Division with the highest single game
- High Series – boy & girl in each Division with the highest two game series

In addition, the SCHSBC may award the following awards:

- 2nd Team – boys & girls with next eight (8) averages and ties in each Division

Duplicate awards will be given for ties for High Game or High Series.

Individual awards will be made by gender. If a girl competes on a boy's team because her school does not have a girl's team, she will be eligible for girl's awards. Per the OHSAA, if a coach decides to have a girl compete as boy and not on the school's girl's team, that girl will compete with the boys for individual awards.

The SCHSBC will present Coach-of-the-Year awards in each division for both boys and girls. The candidates will be the head boy's and head girl's coach designated by school. The award winner will be selected by a secret ballot with each school voting once for each of the four awards. The school's vote in each category will be communicated to the SCHSBC commissioner who will administer the voting. Ties will be broken by the conference officers.

Article Eleven

Finances

The expenses of the SCHSBC, namely the salary and administrative expenses of the Commissioner and the banquet and award expenses, will be funded by ticket sales for guests attending the banquet and by contributions from the proprietors of the host centers and through sponsoring donations from bowling associations, leagues, businesses and individuals.

Article Twelve

All-Star Match

The SCHSBC may conduct an All-Star match following the OHSAA state tournament. The site for the match will rotate among the participating centers. The schools will be organized as follows:

East: Carrollton, GlenOak, Minerva, McKinley, Hoover,
Sandy Valley, Heritage Christian & Alliance

West: Central Catholic, Jackson, Lake, Massillon,
Perry, St. Thomas Aquinas, Timken & Wooster

Boys and girls teams will be coached by an All-Star coach from the school having the best record (as determined by winning percentage) among the schools in the respective groups. An assistant coach may be selected by the All-Star coach.

The head coach of each school shall nominate a boy and girl to bowl in the match. The All-Star coach will select bowlers to complete the eight bowler roster.

The match will be comprised of two (2) five-bowler individual games and ten (10) Baker-style composite games. Substitutions may be made at any time.

The winning team will be the one scoring the most total pins. Awards will be presented to the members of the winning team and may be presented to the runners-up.