



MHSIBCA Weekly Update

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Your next weekend update will be sent out on November 8th

Only 22 days until try-out's in the lower peninsula and 18 days until try-out's in the upper peninsula!

Amateur Status/Awards

I have been asked to remind all coaches in the state of Michigan the rules on amateur status. Per Randy Allen from the MHSAA, Any athlete in an MHSAA sport is governed by the awards and amateur status regulations. They state that symbolic awards such as trophies, medals, plaques, and rings may not exceed \$25 in value. Students may never accept cash or merchandise. If students receive merchandise such as balls, bags, and shoes for winning or advancing it would be a violation of MHSAA regulations and result in loss of eligibility. Participation in adult leagues with prize funds is a violation of the rules. Signing the USBC waiver does not change the rules here in Michigan. This does not apply just to high school bowling, it applies to all sports recognized by the MHSAA. Scholarship awards must be post graduation and must have an academic criteria component. They cannot be based only on bowling performance. Coaches please remind your bowlers that it is up to each bowler to protect their own amateur status and eligibility.

MHSAA Changes for 2009-1010

First practice/try out date is earlier this year than in the past. MHSAA Tournament has expanded to 4 divisions and now has 6 Regionals in each Division. Schools are now allowed six Regional singles entries instead of five. Singles match games in State Finals are now 2 games only with total pins for 2 games determining the winner. Academic standards have increased- Students must now pass 66% of full class load for current & previous semester to be eligible to participate.

Try-Outs are Coming, Get your Physicals!

Please remind your student athletes that they must have a current physical card on file before they will be allowed to try out for a high school sport. The physical must be current and the student must meet all MHSAA and school academic standards before they should be allowed to try out.

Pay For Your Coaching Membership Using PayPal Now Available



It is now available on the website to re-new or join the MHSIBCA coaching association by filling out an online application and paying for your application using PayPal. The cost to do this using PayPal will be \$36.50, the extra \$1.50 charge is to cover the cost of using PayPal. You can also still renew your membership by mailing your application to Tracy Long. As of this mailing only 56 of 324 coaches have renewed their membership for 2009-2010.

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TWO-HANDED BOWLER JASON BELMONTE TAKES HIS SHOW ON THE ROAD

ARLINGTON, Texas - Australia's Jason Belmonte has gained worldwide notoriety for his revolutionary two-handed bowling style, and now, the 26-year-old will be showcasing his skills in four cities across the United States as part of The Next Revolution, a United States Bowling Congress program.

The Next Revolution was created to give coaches and bowling fans a closer look at the unique two-handed style that is sweeping the globe, while also giving participants a chance to revolutionize their own games with help from some of the sport's biggest stars.

Belmonte, the 2008-09 Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year, will roll into Detroit (Oct. 31), Chicago (Nov. 1), Houston (Nov. 7) and Dallas (Nov. 8) for a series of exhibitions and clinics and will be joined (one per location) by Team USA members Kim Terrell-Kearney and Diandra Asbaty, Colombian standout Clara Guerrero and PBA star Chris Barnes, respectively.

Although the events may vary slightly, each will include on-lane instruction, bowling ball demonstrations from ball manufacturers, a question and answer period and a chance to meet the stars and get their autographs. The highlight of each event will be a head-to-head match between Belmonte and his friends to determine once and for all if two hands are indeed better than one.

"Two-handed bowling is changing the look of the sport, and Jason Belmonte is recognized across the world as one of the pioneers of this unique style," said Pete Tredwell, USBC Vice President of Media. "The Next Revolution is our chance to spread the word about this phenomenon and give bowlers and fans the chance to see it first-hand and get up close and personal with Jason."

In the two-handed approach, the bowler swings the ball with both hands through the whole approach up until the release point. This style generates considerably more revolutions as the ball rolls down the lane, resulting in increased pin action.

During his career, Belmonte has competed on six continents and posted wins on four. He has bowled in more than 30 countries and been named World Bowler of the Year on two occasions.

In his first year on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour, Belmonte became the first two-handed bowler to win a Tour event by capturing The Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic.

The schedule for The Next Revolution events (prices and entry fees have been set by the host bowling centers):

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

Merri-Bowl Lanes 9 a.m. - USBC Coaching class

30950 Five Mile Road Noon - The Next Revolution

Livonia, MI 48154 1:30 p.m. - The Next Revolution Scholarship
Tournament

(734) 427-2900 Featuring: Jason Belmonte and Kim Terrell-Kearney

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

Brunswick Zone Hawthorn (847) 367-1600

316 Center Drive 9 a.m. - USBC Coaching class

Vernon Hills, IL Noon - The Next Revolution

MHSAA Rules Meetings

The 1 remaining meeting's for coaches is scheduled for: Monday, October 26 – 6 p.m. at Sunnybrook Lanes, Sterling Heights. You will also be able to complete this meeting online at the MHSAA website. Check the MHSAA website if you have any questions. All coaches that are coaching a high school team should have attended a rules meeting either in person or completed it online at the MHSAA website.

2009-2010 Tournament Listings

This is the last reminder to coaches. If you are hosting a tournament and you want your tournament listed on the website, please fill out the proper forms and send them to [Dave Kowalski](#). Once the forms are received and approved they will be listed on the website. If Dave has not heard from anyone about a tournament, it will be **removed** from the website by November 1st. Check the [Tournament Listings](#) on the website, this page will be updated regularly. New for this season, we will list the type of oil pattern for the tournament on the website.

\$100,000 NORTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL EVENT RETURNS TO INDY

ARLINGTON, Texas - The North Pointe Insurance Group \$100,000 High School Singles Tournament will return to Indianapolis in 2010 with Hindel Bowl to play host July 17-19.

"The North Pointe Insurance High School Singles tournament is one of the top high school bowling events of the year," said Wendy Jones, Tournaments Coordinator for the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. "This event always brings in the top high school bowlers in the nation and we expect to have another great tournament in Indianapolis in 2010."

Entering its fifth year, the tournament is open to bowlers who are high school students during the 2009-2010 school year. Participants must be a United States Bowling Congress certified youth bowler. The entry fee is \$60.

Last year marked the first time the field was open to all high school students.

Christopher Via of Springfield, Ohio, captured the boys' title while Pauline Harris of Winter Park, Fla., won the title in the girls' division. Via and Harris each collected a \$15,000 scholarship for winning their division in the tournament.

For more information about the event or for an entry form, please visit the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Web site at www.bpaa.com or e-mail wendy@bpaa.com.

About the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America

Founded in 1932 and headquartered in Arlington, Texas, BPAA represents the business interests of bowling center owners worldwide. BPAA's mission is to enhance the profitability of its member centers and its vision is to be an essential resource to bowling centers and to lead a united, growing, more prosperous and highly regarded bowling industry.

Thanks to Matt Fiorito for the information on the North Pointe Tournament and the Two Handed Bowler articles.