

Weekend Update – 1-12-09

First Ranking/Polls Comes out January 15:

Coaches must wake up and send information to the Team Ranking Committee Members no later than January 13th in order for their school to be considered for Ranking. The committee will be looking for information on Standing Sheets, but all should realize that more than half the Conference Standing Sheets are still not posted.

When sending your data, please include the Wins-Losses, Team Averages (both Regular Games and Baker Games), Invitational Tournament placements. Look on www.mhsibca.com for the Committee Member handling your Division.

Membership:

Schools must have a MHSIBCA Member coach by February 16, 2009 in order for athletes to be eligible for MHSIBCA scholarships and awards. If you know of a school who is not on the School List for MHSIBCA Members, please talk to that coach about the importance of joining our association. Membership is now \$50.00. The web site list was updated on January 1, 2009, and all former member's names were removed. If you submitted an invoice to your school, and it was not processed in time or your name is not listed in **RED** on www.mhsibca.com, but you feel it should be, please Email the Bowl Swami today!

Tournaments:

The Bowl Swami Challenge Tournament on Saturday February 7 still has openings for Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams. Coaches who have not reserved spots in other Invitational Tournaments may miss out, as several are all ready FULL with waiting lists. Check the Tournament Page, as it is often updated without announcements.

The **LCN Bowl Swami Bakers Dozen** results are posted. Richmond won the Girls Championship (2 years-in-a-row) while L'Anse Creuse North took down the Boys Championship. As of this writing, **nothing was heard** from the **Ladywood Holiday Tournament** or the **St. Louis Baker Invitational**. The Invitational tournaments scheduled for this weekend are the **Romeo Team**

Invitational, Bowl Swami's Battle of the Baker, and the Macomb County Championship (JV Division).

The Bowl Swami challenges any and all to outwit him in predicting the results of Invitational Tournaments in his Weekend Challenge. Last week, because of the Russian Mafia, the Bowl Swami was undone by CD Be Playin' in the Challenge. This week, the Romeo Team Challenge is all ready posted. Give it a try to help bolster interest for your athletes and high school bowling!

Annual Awards Banquet:

Please circle April 19th on your calendars, as that is the date for the MHSIBCA Annual Awards Banquet. Once again, it is scheduled to take place at Royal Scot Lanes Banquet Center in Lansing, Michigan. Don't miss this one...as we will be inviting a celebrity to speak...and maybe The Bowl Swami will make another appearance.

Top Scores and Top Guns:

There are numerous Top Scores and Top Guns who could be posted, but coaches have failed to submit their athletes. All submissions must be sent by the MHSIBCA Member Coach of the school or athlete. Member coaches who have a stats person or other designated person they wish to submit scores should contact The Bowl Swami via Email or phone to advise him, or the scores will not be accepted. It has been made public that a 300 game was bowled (in the Michigan Mega Conference) but the school has still not become a member of MHSIBCA. Hopefully, that will change.

Post Season – Regional and State Finals Info:

The Regional Assignments and State Finals Info is posted on our site, as well as the MHSAA site. Please check it to note where your school will be competing. This year, there are 7 Regional Sites per Division, while last year there were only 6 sites. Therefore, several schools are going to a different location.

The Bowl Swami:

The Bowl Swami talked about an “Unsung Hero” in his last blog...check it out...and if you know of someone else who should be mentioned, please let BS know. BS has been too busy updating the site and rehearsing for a theatrical production to play any poker tournaments...so nothing to report in that category. He has, however, had time to answer...or respond to...about 150+ Emails this past week, but only about 20 phone calls. It will get heavier as the season goes on, as last year saw BS one day put in over 16 hours in front of the computer as Emails came in faster than he could answer...if ye have to wait a bit for an answer...Keep the Faith...as he will eventually get a Round Tuit!

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