

## **MHSIBCA Weekend Update #16**

Weekend Update – 2-16-09

### **Last Day for MHSIBCA Membership:**

Athletes will not be eligible for All State or other MHSIBCA Awards unless a coach from their school has joined MHSIBCA by today, February 16. A list of Non-Member Schools will be posted on [www.mhsibca.com](http://www.mhsibca.com) today. A Member School list is currently posted. Any coach or school not listed should contact The Bowl Swami immediately.

### **Kegel Broadway Oil Pattern:**

Many rumors seem to have been floating around in regard to the Broadway Oil Pattern chosen for the post season competition. As a member of the MHSAA Bowling Committee which chose the pattern, The Bowl Swami remembers the biggest concern on the Committee was the ability for athletes to **practice** the pattern before the post season. It was suggested that coaches encourage their Host Centers to put it out during **practice** just prior to the post season. It was also stated that the use of the Broadway Pattern would be explored during Invitational Tournaments to provide practice for some schools whose center might not be able to lay down the pattern. Invitational Tournament Managers were informed to post such a decision on our web site so all would know.

The 2009 MHSAA Coaching Manual states that schools may elect to use it or a different condition “...**during the regular season competition, although such use is not mandatory.**” The complete rule is listed below this article. However, to set the pattern out during regular season competition for an entire Conference without prior notification to all schools involved invites some problems. Athletes need an opportunity to PRACTICE a different lane condition and not be expected to PRACTICE during a competition. All scores bowled during the regular season and recorded by coaches become a part of an athlete,s individual record and average. Those averages are a part of the statistics for All State consideration. They are also used for the Golden Pin Award. The MHSAA does not distribute

individual awards. It does keep a record of individual games and series from their post season events but awards are not given.

Everyone needs to know that this is only the fifth year for High School Bowling to be a varsity sport. Other varsity sports have been in existence for 30-50 years. They, too, had to learn what is best, but they, too, make yearly suggestions and changes to improve their sport. So, High School Bowling will continue to have a Committee meet after each season to review and make suggestions for improvement. Coaches with concerns or strong beliefs for improvement are encouraged to send same to the MHSAA prior to the MHSAA Bowling Committee Meeting on March 25, 2009. Those suggestions and concerns are presented to all Committee Members at the Meeting. As always, The Bowl Swami states: Keep the Faith!

**LANE CONDITIONS** – As recommended by the MHSAA Bowling Committee and approved by the Representative Council, the MHSAA Tournament Lane Condition will be selected each year from the “Kegel Challenge Series” of lane conditions. In September, one of the four Challenge Series conditions will be chosen as the MHSAA Tournament lane oil pattern. Schools may elect to use the same or different condition for regular season competition, although such use is not mandatory.

**Note:** Coaches, students and parents should be advised that although the chosen “Challenge Series” condition for the MHSAA Tournament will be applied at all tournament centers, there may be variations to the condition due to humidity, lane surface, lane machine characteristics and oil type. While we will strive for the most consistent application of the condition as possible, the condition is not an absolute and expectations should be managed accordingly.

### **The Golden Pin – Top Averages for Season:**

The 2009 Golden Pin Form posted last week did not have the Form inserted. That has been corrected. Please read the 2009 Criteria before filling out the Form. Coaches with questions should Email The Bowl Swami

### **Top Guns To Soon Carry Only Team Baker Averages:**

Top Guns (Top Averages for Conferences) has been posted to allow teams and athletes recognition from coaches who would take the time to submit. Unfortunately, it required coaches, or better yet, statisticians to make weekly submissions to update as the season progressed. Only a handful of coaches

were dedicated enough to continue the process. Next week, coaches and statisticians will be preparing the Golden Pin (Individual Averages) for submissions. With that in place, individual averages will disappear from Top Guns.

### **The Shadow Predictions:**

Each day another list of potential candidates for the State Finals will be posted. Remember, Coaches wishing to tout an individual, or their school, should Email The Bowl Swami. The Bowl Swami may be All Seeing and All Knowing, but he does rely on submissions to be keep that persona.

### **Tournaments:**

Milford won the Varsity and L'Anse Creuse North won the Junior Varsity portion of the *Bowl Swami Heart Breaker Baker*. The Utica/Eisenhower Doubles did not report by press time. The the Invitational tournament scheduled for this weekend is *The Ninth Annual Michigan Junior Varsity Championship*. There will be 57 schools represented this year.

### **The Bowl Swami:**

The Bowl Swami will be extremely busy this week preparing for a theatrical opening, as well as preparing for the Michigan Junior Varsity Championship. Theatrical shows produced "live" require many weeks of rehearsing to learn lines and movement. However it usually requires a week of technical rehearsals on a stage just prior to an opening to fine tune all other aspects (set construction and dressing, lighting and sound, to name a few). The costumes and make up is applied while all props and necessary items are finally in place. It can be grueling, but BS loves it. Anyone wishing more information about The Bowl Swami's acting adventures should read his blog. As always, "Keep the Faith!"

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