

MHSIBCA Weekend Update #17

Weekend Update – 3-2-09

Broadway Pattern:

Numerous concerns have been sent to The Bowl Swami about the use of the Kegel Broadway Pattern during the regular season and post season. Some are against, while others are in favor. For the past three years, the MHSAA Bowling Committee decided to put out a more challenging opportunity for athletes at the Regional and State Finals Events. This decision was based on trying to provide a learning experience and strengthening of athletes' abilities. Many of the complaints that were sent addressed the inability of many athletes, teams and coaches to not have an opportunity to practice and/or prepare to deal with the challenging lane condition. Others have stated that it appears to be unfair as scores seem extremely high in some places and not in others. MHSIBCA has adjusted some individual awards where it deemed necessary.

The MHSAA Bowling Committee will once again be addressing the issue of lane conditioning. So, if you wish to express your opinion, please do so by sending an Email to The Bowl Swami. He will make certain that all Emails sent are shared with the Committee. Please understand that the Committee has always tried to do what is best for High School Bowling as a sport and will continue to do so. So, Keep the Faith!

All State, Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame:

The deadline for All State, Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame Applications is March 5th. Coaches unable to meet that deadline must contact the Awards Committee or The Bowl Swami. All forms are posted at www.mhsibca.com.

The Golden Pin Replaces Top Guns:

The Top Averages posted under Top Guns is being moved to the Golden Pin Page. Coaches who have submitted averages for individuals on Top Guns must send in a Golden Pin Form that includes: MHSIBCA Approved Invitational Tournament games (see list at www.mhsibca.com) and Incomplete

(fractional) games from Conference competition. Coaches who have questions about the Golden Pin Form or any aspect of that award should contact The Bowl Swami.

Fourth Ranking/Polls – Posted last Thursday:

The Fourth Rankings was posted last Thursday. The Ranking Committee put in many hours of work diligently going over all of the Coach and Coordinator Reports sent, poring over Standing Sheets that were posted or faxed, and still some schools were not listed that might have been...because some reports or data was not sent. Kudos to the Committee and all coaches who sent reports or aided in providing data.

MHSAA Regional Events:

Complete results of all MHSAA Regional Assignments has been requested for posting at www.mhsibca.com. However, many regions have still not sent data for posting. Keep the Faith, and The Bowl Swami will continue the pursuit.

The Bowl Swami:

The Bowl Swami has continued to change hats and become a Romantic Poet in his own Broadway (just a little bit removed) Production of *The Underpants* at Grosse Pointe Theatre (SEE THE BOWL SWAMI BLOG). He was able to visit Region 5 for a short period of time and will be at Sunnybrook Lanes for the Division 2 State Finals. Good luck to all teams and athletes involved!

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