

# **2020-21 ONLINE BOWLING RULES MEETING**

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# **BOWLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- **Lyle Fedders, Des Moines East, Chairperson (2023)**
- **Dale Helgevold (2020) – Clarke, Osceola**
- **Xan Taylor- Johnston, (2021)**
- **Mike Mellecker- Iowa City, West, (2022)**
- **Matthew Schneider (Exempt-IBCA)**
- **Randy Thompson - Iowa High School Bowling Federation**



## **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**

- Each year each student shall present to the student's superintendent a certificate signed by a licensed physician that the student has been examined and may safely engage in athletic competition.
- The student and student's parent or guardian shall sign and return the concussion and brain injury information sheet to the student's school prior to the student's participation in any interscholastic activity for grades seven through twelve.



# Coach-Athlete Contact Rule

- High School Coaches at all levels can only have contact with their student athletes during the school year during the bowling season.
- If a bowler and a coach are in the same non-school bowling league they may not compete against each other.



# **CLASSIFICATIONS**

**Top 30 Schools: Class 3A**

**Next 30 Schools: Class 2A**

**Remaining Schools: Class 1A**

**It is possible, but doubtful that a boys  
and girls program from the same  
school could be in different classes.**

# **IHSAA/IGHSAU SEASON INFORMATION**



## **FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE**

**Week 19 – November 9, 2020**

## **FIRST COMPETITION DATE**

**Week 21 – November 23, 2020**

## **NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS**

**12 Playing Dates**

**2 Team Matches Per Day / 6 Individual Games Per Day**





# NUMBER OF MATCHES THAT CAN BE POSTED ON QUIKSTATS

YOU ARE ALLOWED 12 PLAYING DATES  
YOU ARE ALLOWED 2 MATCHES PER DAY

**12 PLAYING DATES x 2 MATCHES PER DAY =  
24 MATCHES**

On QuikStats for multiple team tournaments you will select “Multiple Team Tournament” as the opponent. Your record will not change as a result of winning the tournament.



A background image of bowling pins arranged in a triangular formation, slightly blurred.

# **BOWLING RULES**

- **RULES OF PLAY ARE GOVERNED BY THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION RULE BOOK - A copy can be found at:**

**[https://www.bowl.com/Rules/Rules\\_Home/USBC\\_Playing\\_Rules/](https://www.bowl.com/Rules/Rules_Home/USBC_Playing_Rules/)**

**SPECIFICS TO THE FORMAT OF PLAY AND TEAM COMPOSITION ARE GOVERNED BY IHSAA AND IGHSAA POLICIES – These rules and regulations can be found on our websites.**



# 2020-21 USBC Rules Changes

## Equipment Changes – Bowling Balls

1. No balance holes will be permitted
2. All holes must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery
3. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball.



## **Rule 18**

### **Rubbing Alcohol on Bowling Ball Surface**

The USBC is temporarily allowing the use of rubbing alcohol on the outer surface of the ball at any time during competition.



# **2021 Bowling Advisory Committee Recommendations**

A seventh substitute position may now be added on the joint qualifying meet/state meet roster. The substitute would be permitted to compete in individual games due to injury only and permitted competition in baker games at the coach's prerogative.



# Non-School Competition

- If approved by the school, it is permissible for student-athletes to participate in youth and/or adult bowling leagues during the bowling season. Student-athletes are never to accept cash while participating in these leagues, but may receive merchandise from the bowling proprietor. Student-athletes are responsible for knowing the rules regarding potential violations and their amateur status in the sport of bowling.



# BOWLING RULES

## Gamesmanship

- We have always praised the sportsmanship shown by our bowlers and coaches. The respect shown to other players and coaches has always been exemplary. However, the Bowling Advisory Committee discussed how “gamesmanship” has entered our sport. The IHSAA and the IGHS AU will not tolerate this type of behavior and the following rule has been adopted at the recommendation of your advisory committee.





# BOWLING RULES

- “Coaches shall remain two feet behind the approach area and not be in a position that impedes the competitive bowlers.”
- There is no reason why coaches or non-competitors should be in any position to disrupt bowlers. We will monitor this practice and stricter restrictions may be imposed. Coaches, take care of this so your governing bodies won't have to impose further restrictions.





# UNIFORMS

## Player Attire

- Pants - Shall be a long pant or skirt, similar in color (no blue jeans).
- Shirts
  - a. Shall be identical
  - b. Shall have a collar – mock turtle necks allowed
  - c. Shall have no advertising

## Coaches Attire

Coaches are reminded that they are also representing their school and community when they are coaching. Please be appropriate in your attire at meets.

# UNIFORMS

- d. Identification on the front can be either the participant's first or last name, or school name or nickname if owned by the school.
- e. Identification on the back of shirt may be school name/nickname. The first and/or last name of the bowler is **NOW** permitted on the back of the shirt.
- Note: The IBF logo is permitted on the front of the shirt.
- Hats - no hats are allowed.



# DEFINITIONS

- **Roster:** Your roster is defined as the student-athletes eligible to compete at any level on that respective day.
- **Line-Up:** Your line-up is defined as the student-athletes designated to compete at a particular level on that respective day.
- **Varsity:** The highest level of competition offered by one school or school district against the highest level of competition offered by an opposing school or school district.



# Team Structure

1. A Varsity or Junior Varsity team shall consist of no more than 6 bowlers. A team may have an unlimited number of reserve bowlers. Each of the six team members will bowl each individual game with the best 5 two game total pin scores being used to determine the team individual total.
2. A legal lineup may consist of a minimum of 3 bowlers and 2 vacancies or subs.



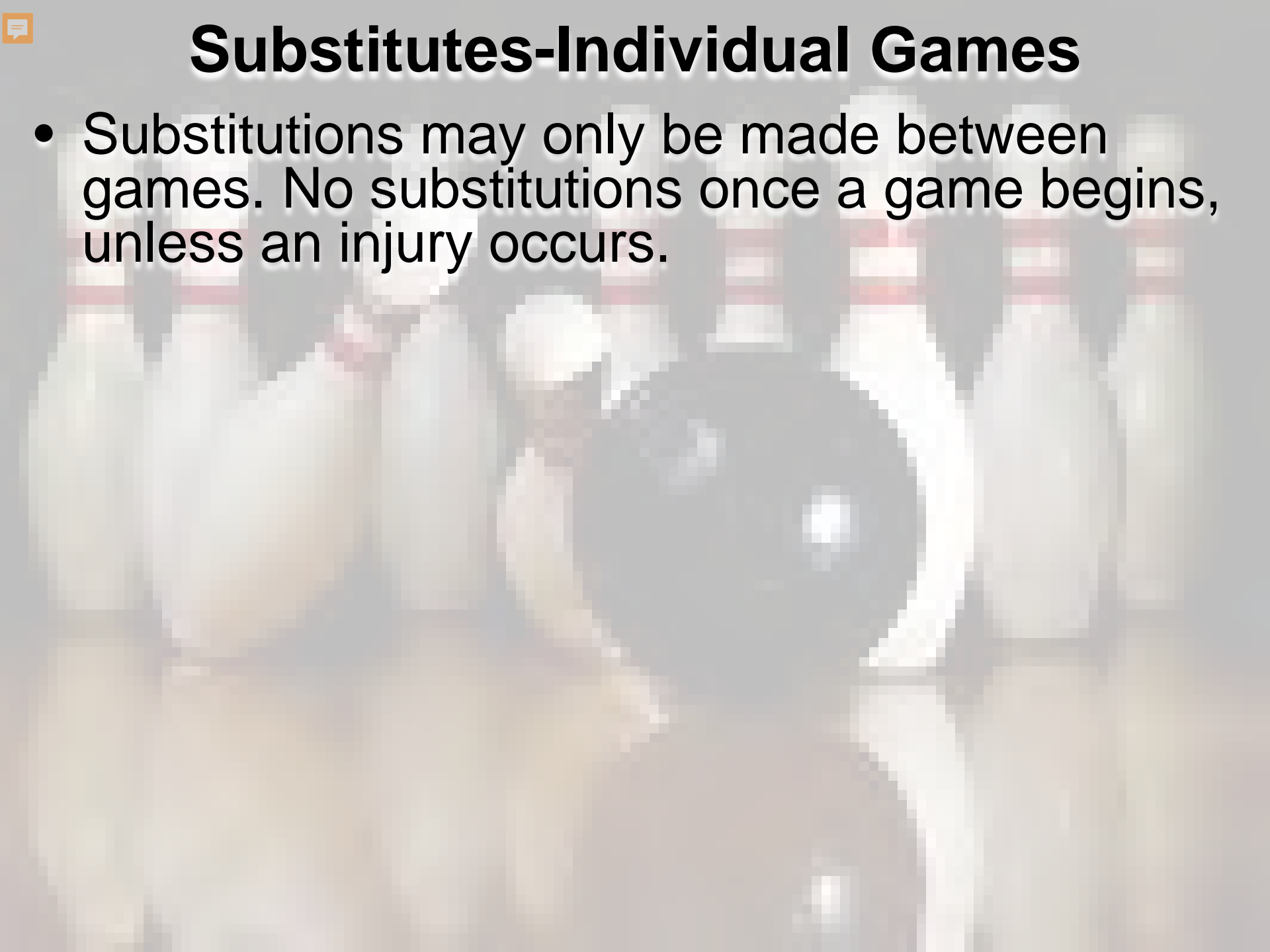
# Team Structure

3. Coaches may change player(s) on a team after a game but not in the middle of a game.
4. Six (6) bowlers will bowl two regular games of competition and five (5) bowlers 5 games (one equivalent game) of 5 person Baker Format.



# Substitutes-Individual Games

- Substitutions may only be made between games. No substitutions once a game begins, unless an injury occurs.







# Substitutes-Baker Games

- Substitutions AND BOWLING ORDER CHANGES may be made in this round BETWEEN GAMES.

Coaches will have the opportunity to create a new bowling order prior to each Baker game. For example: Todd Tharp could be the first bowler in game #1, the second bowler in game #2, not bowl in game #3, be the third bowler in game #4, and be the fourth bowler in game #5.

The bowling advisory committee hopes that this change will provide coaches with more flexibility regarding rotating bowlers during the Baker games.





# Competition Format

- Round 1 (approximately 35 minutes) Two Games: Six (6) players bowl straight individual 10 frame scoring. Between rounds, both teams assemble on one pair of lanes. The top five (5) two game total pins from Round 1 are added to each team's first frame of Round 2. (If scoring units will not accept total pins from Round 1, enter the difference between both teams total for Round 1.) Cross-lane bowling procedures will be used for Round 1.



# Competition Format

- Round 2 (approximately 45 minutes) Five Games Baker format (one equivalent game): As games progress, total pins are always visible on the scorer. Teams will bowl all frames of each Baker game on one lane, switching lanes only between games.



# Competition Format

- Total combined pin fall of both rounds wins the match. In case of a tie, there will be a roll-off consisting of one Baker game to determine the winner.



# Competition Format- Regular Season

- There has been some discussion as to whether or not all six bowlers from each team must bowl on the same lane. The answer is “no.” To speed up the event two or three bowlers from each team may bowl together on different lanes.



# Authorized Personnel

The host school is responsible for designating a bowler's area during the match.

The coach(es), participating bowlers and bowling center staff as needed, are the only persons authorized to be in the bowler's area during a match. Substitutes and other interested parties must remain behind the area defined as the bowler's area.





# STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

1. Due to COVID Considerations, there will be two state qualifying dates in 2021. Boys state qualifying meets will be held Monday, Feb. 15. Girls state qualifying meets will take place Tuesday, Feb. 16.
2. Class 3A- 5 Joint qualifying sites with 6 teams at each site. 8 teams will qualify for the state meet. The 5 teams with the highest pin count at each qualifying meet will be an automatic qualifier for the state meet. The 3 at-large qualifiers will be based on the highest pin count of the remaining teams from all 5 joint qualifying meets.
3. Class 2A- 5 Joint qualifying sites with 6 teams at each site. 8 teams will qualify for the state meet. The 5 teams with the highest pin count at each qualifying meet will be an automatic qualifier for the state meet. The 3 at-large qualifiers will be based on the highest pin count of the remaining teams from all 5 joint qualifying meets.



# STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

4. Class 1A- 7 Joint qualifying sites with 6-8 teams at each site depending on the number of schools. 8 teams will qualify for the state meet. The 7 teams with the highest pin count at each qualifying meet will be an automatic qualifier for the state meet. The 1 at-large qualifier will be based on the highest pin count of the remaining teams from all 7 joint qualifying meets.
5. A team champion will advance from each state qualifying tournament.
6. The state qualifying tournament individual champion will advance from each state qualifying tournament along with the next five (5) highest pin total count (based on the two individual game scores) state wide. There will be a minimum of twelve (12) individual qualifiers from each class. All ties will qualify.
7. State Qualifying Tournaments: Admission price is \$6.00.





# STATE QUALIFYING SITES LINEAGE FEES

The Board of Directors of the IHSAA and IGHSAAU approved that state qualifying hosting sites will receive a lineage fee per gender team(\$50 for boys teams & \$50 per girls team) to be paid by each school to the assigned host facility of each state qualifying meet.

The hope is that this will serve as an incentive for bowling venues to consider hosting state qualifying meets.

Please share this information with your local bowling proprietor.

If you wish to be considered as a state qualifying host school, be sure you AD fills out the site availability form found in the IGHSAAU online forms section of the Varsity Bound/QuikStats website. Contact Jason Eslinger if you need help filling out this form.



# STATE TOURNAMENT

1. COVID-19 has led to changes for the 2021 State Bowling Meet. This year's meets will not be co-ed. There will be two sessions per day at Waterloo's Cadillac Lanes

## **MONDAY, FEB. 22**

8:30 a.m. – 1A Girls State Meet

2:00 p.m. – 2A Girls State Meet

## **TUESDAY, FEB. 23**

8:30 a.m. – 3A Girls State Meet

2:00 p.m. – 3A Boys State Meet

## **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24**

8:30 a.m. – 2A Boys State Meet

2:00 p.m. – 1A Boys State Meet



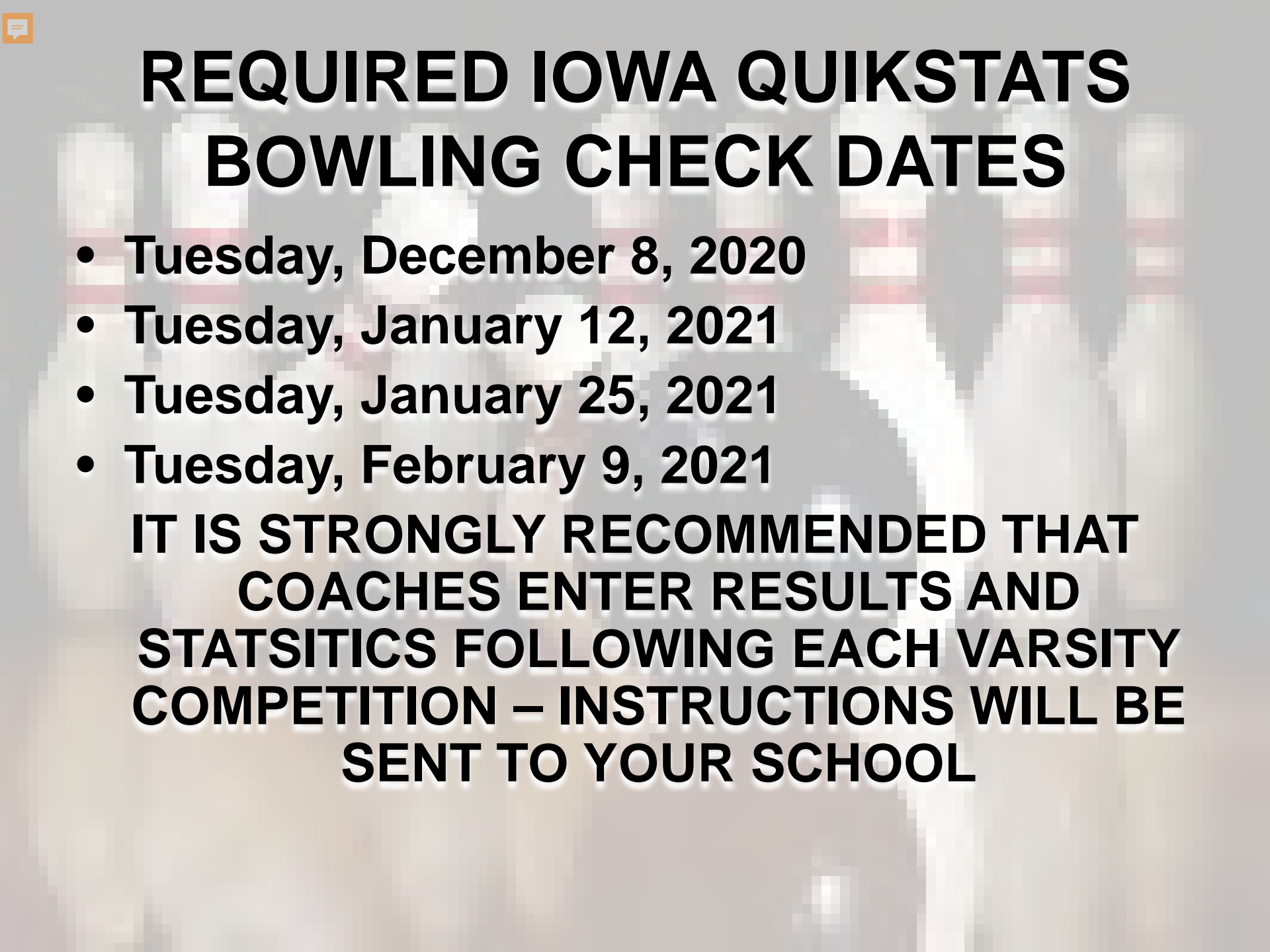
# STATE TOURNAMENT

1. A team champion will be awarded based on the highest pin total count.
  2. An individual champion will be awarded upon completion of the two individual games. Everyone will be eligible for the individual award.
  3. Individual and team awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Baker games.
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3. State Tournament: Adults & Students--\$10.00



# IOWA QUIKSTATS

- COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO POST STATISTICS TO IOWA QUIKSTATS. FAILURE TO DO SO HAS CONSEQUENCES FROM BOTH THE GIRLS UNION AND THE BOYS ASSOCIATION.
- STAFF WILL CHECK TO SEE IF STATISTICS HAVE BEEN POSTED IN A TIMELY MANNER
- STAFF WILL CHECK TO MAKE SURE SCHOOLS ARE IN COMPLIANCE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.



# **REQUIRED IOWA QUIKSTATS BOWLING CHECK DATES**

- **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**
- **Tuesday, January 12, 2021**
- **Tuesday, January 25, 2021**
- **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT  
COACHES ENTER RESULTS AND  
STATISTICS FOLLOWING EACH VARSITY  
COMPETITION – INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE  
SENT TO YOUR SCHOOL**

# WEBSITES

**INFORMATION AND TOURNAMENT  
ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR  
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