

Nebraska High School Bowling Coaches

Rules

Amended August 2018

Athlete Eligibility:

A. Varsity Level

- a. Players must be in grades 9th through 12th, or have an approved Varsity competition waiver on file.
- b. Players must be an 20 and under of age.
- c. Players must be in good academic standing and attending either a Nebraska High School, registered Nebraska Home Study program, or a Nebraska registered GED program that has been approved by the NHSBCA board.
- d. Players that are in a grade below 9th grade may complete a Varsity waiver form to compete at the Varsity level. The coach, player, and parent must sign the waiver form. The waiver must be approved by the NHSBCA board. IF approved the player will not be allowed to return to the JV level of competition in the future.
- e. All students must be attending or be a midterm graduate.

B. JV Level

- a. Players must be in grade 3rd through 12th.
- b. Players must be an 20 and under of age.
- c. Players must be in good academic standing and attending a Nebraska High School, Nebraska Junior High School, Nebraska Middle School, Nebraska Grade School, registered Nebraska Home Study program, or a Nebraska registered GED program that has been approved by the NHSBCA board.
- d. All students must be attending or be a midterm graduate.

Team Composition:

A. Varsity Level

- a. Teams are composed of students all from the same high school.
- b. Multiple varsity teams from one high school are allowed in both the boys and girls division with a maximum of two teams in either division from a particular high school.
- c. Schools must field Varsity Team before fielding a JV team.
 - i. If a school has at least 3 Boys with an average of 150 or better or at least 3 girls with an average of 130 or better, who are in grades 9th -12th, the school must field a Varsity Team. NHSBCA averages will be used to determine this rule if the previous participation exists. If no NHSBCA average is available then the previous year's book average will be used. If previous years book average is not available then previous years league average or current league average whichever is highest.
- d. Players may participate for a different school if their home school does not have a team participating in the current NHSBCA season.
 - i. The player's home school must not have a team participating in the current NHSBCA season.
 - ii. Petitions must be completed and submitted to the NHSBCA for approval. Only 1 petition will be permitted per bowler per season.
 - iii. Bowlers must have an submitted petition on file with the NHSBCA prior their first event to being eligible to participate.

- e. Mixed teams are allowed to compete in the Boys division. The female scores will be scored against the boy's scores, no separation in gender. Rule Team Composition A.C supersedes this rule, as team must field a girls team if possible.
 - f. Any player who bowls more than 12 games during varsity tournaments cannot go back to JV status. This includes any eligibility for JV state awards.
 - g. Coaches are responsible for keeping track of number of varsity games bowler bowls for Varsity eligibility status.
- B. JV Level
- a. Teams are encouraged to be comprised of students who all will be or are currently attending the same high school.
 - b. Multiple JV teams from one high school are allowed in both the boys and girls division with no limit to the number of teams.
 - c. Mixed teams are allowed to compete in the Boys division. The female scores will be scored against the boy's scores, no separation in gender. Rule Team Composition B.B supersedes this rule, as team must field a girls team if possible.
 - d. Players can bowl any number of games during JV tournament and still bowl varsity. Refer to Team Composition, Varsity Level, and Section E for Varsity Level status limitations.
 - e. Coaches are responsible for keeping track of number of varsity games a bowler bowls for JV eligibility status.

Tournament Rules:

- A. Tournament Directors are responsible for determining format for their event.
- B. Tournaments will be USBC certified.
- C. Players must be USBC sanctioned.
- D. Only USBC approved equipment can be used during competition.
- E. Unless otherwise noted in tournament rules, all USBC rules will be followed for tournaments.
- F. Teams will be comprised of five male members for boy's events and four female members for girl's events.
- G. Tournament directors will determine what awards and scholarships will be awarded.
- H. Players may only participate for one team during any event.
- I. Bowler must be enrolled in a Nebraska High School, Nebraska Junior High School, Nebraska Middle School, Nebraska Grade School, registered Nebraska Home Study program, or a Nebraska registered GED program that has been approved by the NHSBCA board to eligible to receive scholarships.
- J. Players are not allowed to participate in both the JV and varsity event at the same tournament. The same tournament is defined as the same weekend event.
- K. If a team is short players, the team may borrow from other teams or combine with another team(s) to form a full team with the approval of the tournament director.
- L. If a team is short a bowler tournaments will use the blind score, refer to the Absentee Bowler Rules.
- M. If a tournament has less than 6 girls teams
 - a. Tournament director can run the tournament with the participating teams as planned.
 - b. Tournament director can let the girls bowl with the boys, using the finishing positions of the girl's teams for the finishing standing and scholarships.
- N. Tournaments will provide certificates for 1st Team and 2nd Team All-Tournament teams.
- O. 1st Team All-Tournament teams will consist of the top five boys and top four girls. If there is a tie for the final spot on the team an additional member will be awarded. 2nd Team All-Tournament will consist of positions 6 through 10 for boys and 5 through 8 for girls unless there are ties present.
- P. Tournaments will pay the NHSBCA \$5 per team that participates in their event.

Absentee Bowler Rules:

- A. If a team is short players they may still bowl qualifying utilizing the blind score from the Absent Bowler Chart for each bowler that is absent.

Absent Bowler Chart

Per Missing Bowler

Division	Score
JV Boys	140
JV Girls	100
Var. Boys	150
Var. Girls	130

- B. If a team is short players in bakers play the team will utilize the baker's blind score for each absent player.
- Absent bowlers will use 4-5 for each absent bowler
 - If only one absent bowler for boys, the absent bowler will bowl in the 1st and 6th frames. If two absent bowlers for the boys, the absent bowlers will bowl in the 1st, 2nd, 6th, and 7th frames.
 - If only one absent bowler for the girls, the absent bowler will bowl in the 3rd and 7th frames. If two absent bowlers for the girls, the absent bowlers will bowl in the 3rd, 4th, 7th, and 8th frames.

Coaches:

- All coaches should use good coaching ethics.
- It is encouraged that coaches be certified USBC coaches.
- It is encouraged that coaches be members of the USBC RVP program.

All-State Rankings:

- Team Points
 - Points will only be given for the tournaments conducted during the season excluding State tournament.
 - All-State awards will be awarded during the State event.
 - Team ranking points will be distributed in the following fashion and based on the numbers of team participating in the event. All teams participating will receive points from the event.
 - If 10 teams are participating, the first place team after the qualifying round will be provided with 10 points, the second place team will be provided 9 points, and on down to 10th place which will receive 1 point.
 - If there is a tie, each team will get the high place point value. Example a tie for 3rd place, each team will get 8 points. The fifth place team will get the 5th place points of 6 points.
- Individual Points
 - Points will only be given for the tournaments conducted during the season excluding State tournament.
 - All-State awards will be awarded during the State event

- c. Individual ranking points will be distributed in the following fashion and based on the two all-tournament teams for both boys and girls events for high series.
- d. In the boys division 1st place will be awarded 10 points, 2nd place will be awarded 9 points, and on down to 10th place which will be awarded 1 point.
 - i. In the event of a tie for any position, each individual will be awarded the highest place value. Example a tie for 3rd place, each individual will be awarded 8 points. The fifth place individual will be awarded the 5th place points of 6 points.
 - ii. No more than 10 individuals will be awarded points unless there is a tie for the final position of 10th.
- e. In the girls division 1st place will be awarded 8 points, 2nd place will be awarded 7 points, and on down to 8th place which will be awarded 1 point.
 - i. In the event of a tie for any position, each individual will be awarded the highest place value. Example a tie for 3rd place, each individual will be awarded 6 points. The fifth place individual will be awarded the 5th place points of 4 points.
 - ii. No more than 8 individuals will be awarded points unless there is a tie for the final position of 8th.
- f. No individual points will be awarded for High Game

State Qualifying:

- A. All teams must participate in a majority of the events in their division to qualify for the State tournament.

State Tournament Bids:

- A. Both JV and Varsity State tournaments will be put out for bid annually.
- B. Both the JV and Varsity State tournaments can be held at the same bowling center.
- C. If the scheduling permits, both the JV and Varsity State tournaments can be held on the same weekend.
- D. Only tournament hosting and practice bowling centers are eligible to bid for either JV or Varsity State tournament.
- E. NHSBCA will run both the JV and Varsity State tournaments.
- F. NHSBCA will be responsible for the purchase of both the JV and Varsity State tournament awards.
- G. The hosting bowling center or club for either the JV or Varsity State tournament is required to donate \$500 toward the scholarship funds to be distributed during the event.
- H. NHSBCA will handle the distribution of the scholarship funds through is USBC SMART account.

Officers:

- A. President
 - a. Two year terms
 - b. Elected on odd numbered years
- B. Vice-President
 - a. Two year terms
 - b. Elected on even numbered years
- C. Sargent of Arms
 - a. Two year terms
 - b. Elected on odd numbered years
- D. Secretary/Treasurer

- a. Two year terms
 - b. Elected on even numbered years
- E. If for any reason an officers leaves office during his/her term. A new election will occur to serve out the remaining of the original term.