



Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association

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Constitution

(as adopted by the OHSBCA Board of Directors - June, 2010)

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Article I - Name

The name of the organization shall be the Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association (OHSBCA).

Article II - Authority

The Association shall be established beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year. The Association filed to incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation (1854733) with the State of Ohio on 29 April, 2009.

Article III – Mission

The mission of this Association shall be:

- A. To unify all the high school boys and girls bowling coaches in the State of Ohio.
- B. To create an official line of communication with the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- C. To assist the OHSAA, as requested, in the operation of the State Tournament.
- D. To foster higher standards of coaching proficiency and ethics.
- E. To work in harmony with members of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio (BCAO) serving as “host” centers.
- F. To recognize superior performance by Ohio High School bowling athletes.
- G. To assist college bowling coaches to identify athletes for academic advancement and scholarship.
- H. To promote Ohio youth boys and girls bowling grades 1-12.

Article IV – Membership

Section I - Classifications

There will be two (2) classes of membership. The classes are ACTIVE and AFFILIATE. The Board of Directors shall reserve the right to determine the eligibility of any applicant for membership. Members are required to provide an E-mail address on their membership application.

Section II – Active Membership

The Active Membership will consist of:

- A. Head coaches, assistant head coaches, and volunteer assistant coaches actively engaged as a high school bowling coach and employed/approved by their Board of Education.
- B. Proprietor/members (and/or their designees) of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio.

Section III – Affiliate Membership

The Affiliate Membership will consist of:

- A. Administrators in OHSAA-member schools.
- B. USBC-certified non-high school bowling coaches.
- C. High school “club” team coaches.
- D. NCAA or USBC collegiate bowling coaches.
- E. OHSAA Tournament Managers.
- F. Ohio High School Conference Coordinators.
- G. Non-BCAO member proprietors.
- H. Past or retired members not eligible for Active Membership.

Section IV - Dues

Members of the Association shall pay annual membership dues as determined by the Board of Directors. The membership year will run from September 1 to August 31.

Section V – Non-Discrimination

It shall be the policy of the Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association (OHSBCA) to conduct all business free of all forms of unlawful discrimination. Business shall be conducted without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, disability, national origin, or other criteria protected by law and in compliance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Article V – Board of Directors

Section I - Establishment

The first Board of Directors was appointed for two (2) years based on contributions/service provided by selected individuals in the development of Ohio High School Bowling. The Board consists of seven (7) members, plus the Association Executive Director, a non-voting member. By classification, they will be elected as follows:

- A. Two (2) Active Members of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio with no more than one (1) member from any center(s) owned in full or in part by the same entity.
- B. Five (5) Active Member coaches, no less than one (1) from each OHSAA District that conducts a District Championship the previous season and no more than one (1) coach from any school.

Section II - Election

The active members of the Association will elect Board Members to two (2) year terms beginning with the 2010-2011 season and for successive two (2) year terms thereafter. Elections will be conducted in August via E-mail sent to active members. Any active member in good standing is eligible for election to the Board subject to the classification set forth in Section I. The two year term will run from September 1st of the election year through August 31st of the following year. Any resignation of a Board member in mid-term will be filled by the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section III - Duties

Members of the Board, by majority vote, shall elect the Board President, Vice President, and Treasurer for a two (2) year period concurrent with the term of the Board. Only Board members are eligible for election as Board President and Vice President. The Executive Director will serve as Association Secretary. The Board will determine the duties of its officers and members once assembled.

Section III - Meetings

The Board shall meet no less than one (1) time annually with the annual meeting being conducted in the Fall of each year. The Board President can call for additional meetings as needed.

Section IV – Amendments

The constitution shall be amended and recommendations of amendments will be determined by the Board of Directors with final passage determined by a majority plus one (5) of the members of the Board of Directors. The balloting will be conducted by the Executive Director, under the direction of the President, and may be conducted by telephone, E-mail, paper ballot, or at the annual meeting.

Section V – Communications

The Board will transact the official business of the Association and shall report its actions electronically through its website, <http://www.ohiohighschoolbowling.com> and/or by E-mail to active and affiliate members. Members are required as a condition of membership to provide an E-mail address that will be used as the primary vehicle of communication between The Board of Directors and Association membership.

Article VI – Association Services

Section I – Education & Activities

The Association may operate/manage bowling tournaments, camps, and/or provide educational opportunities for coaches in compliance with its Mission Statement at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section II – Awards

All-Ohio Teams –The Association will recognize fifteen (15) boys and fifteen (15) girls as members of the “All-Ohio” bowling teams. These bowlers will be identified as All-Ohio bowlers based on their individual performance at the OHSAA State Championships. The top five (5) individuals, based on their 3-game individual series, will be named members of the All-Ohio 1st Team. The next five (5) bowlers will be named members of the 2nd Team. The next five (5) bowlers will receive Honorable Mention Team membership. Any ties for team membership will be broken based on the high individual game rolled in the 3-game series at the State Championships. Team members will be issued a certificate by the Association

District Senior “Bowler of the Year” Scholarship Awards – Within thirty (30) days after the completion of the season, the Board may award a college scholarship to one (1) graduating senior boy and one (1) graduating senior girl in each OHSAA District which conducts an OHSAA District Tournament. The award will be called the OHSBCA / (co-sponsor’s name) District Senior Bowler of the Year Scholarship Award. Any Active member of the Association may nominate candidates for this award within their OHSAA district and an application with details about the award is posted on the website. The awarded scholarships will be administered through the Association’s USBC SMART Program account (#11600).

Academic All-Ohio Award – Any junior (11th grade) or senior (12th grade) with a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) who is a member of a school team coached by an Active Member of the Association is eligible to receive a certificate identifying them as an *Academic All-Ohio Bowler*. Active Association Member coaches are responsible to assure that those bowlers identified to receive this distinguished award have no less than the required GPA after the completion of no fewer than five (5) semesters of high school attendance. Active Association Member coaches may apply through the website to receive certificates for all eligible team members after the completion of the 1st semester of the current school year.

Section IV – Additional Services

The Association will operate the following:

- A. <http://www.ohiohighschoolbowling.com> website.
- B. An E-mail membership database.
- C. Ohio High School Bowling “Honor Roll”.
- D. A USBC SMART Program scholarship account (#11600).