



*Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association*

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# Constitution

(revision as adopted by the OHSBCA Board of Directors – March 23, 2012)

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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 Executive Director 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 or similar governing body.
- B. Proprietor/members (and/or their designees) of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio.
- C. OHSAA Tournament Managers.
- D. Ohio High School Conference Coordinators.

### **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 non-interscholastic "club" team coaches.
- D. NCAA or USBC collegiate bowling coaches.
- E. 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 - Composition**

The Board will consist of eight (8) active members, plus the Association Executive Director. The Executive Director will be a non-voting member except to break ties in votes by the Board. By classification, they will be elected as follows:

- A. Two (2) active proprietor 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. Six (6) active non-proprietor members, 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 composition set forth in Section I. The two year term will run from September 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the next election year. Any resignation of a Board member in mid-term will be filled by the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term subject to the composition established in Section I.

### **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 meeting conducted in the Spring of each year. The meeting date, time, and location will be posted on [www.ohiohighschoolbowling.com](http://www.ohiohighschoolbowling.com). 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 (6) 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 can make available 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, clinics, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Team. The next five (5) bowlers will be named members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Nominees must be members of a school team coached by an active Association member. 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 (11<sup>th</sup> grade) or senior (12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).