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The Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association

Constitution

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Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association (OHSBCA)

Article I - Name

The name of the organization shall be The Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association, Inc. It is referred to as the OHSBCA, The Ohio High School Bowling Program (OHSB), or as the Association.

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 three (3) classes of membership. The classes are HEAD COACH, ASSISTANT COACH (also known as Junior Varsity Coach) 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 and cell phone number on their membership application.

Section II – Head Coach Membership

The Head Coach Membership will consist of:

- A. Coaches actively engaged as a high school head bowling coach and employed/approved to serve in that role 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.

SECTION III – Assistant or Junior Varsity Coach Membership

The Assistant or Junior Varsity Coach Membership shall consist of coaches actively engaged as an assistant head coach or junior varsity coach and employed/approved to serve in that role by their Board of Education or similar governing body.

Section IV – 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, NAIA, or USBC collegiate bowling coaches.
- E. Ohio High School Bowling Conference Managers
- F. OHSAA State/District Board of Directors Members
- G. Past or retired members.

Section V - Dues

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

Section VI – Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment

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. Further, it shall be the policy of the OHSBCA to have a zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment and is obligated to report any claims of such to the appropriate authorities for adjudication.

Article V – Board of Directors

Section I - Composition

The Board will consist of eight (8) 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. Up to two (2) 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. Up to Six (6) head coach members, no less than one (1) from each OHSAA District that conducted a District Championship the previous season and no more than one (1) coach from any school. OHSAA Tournament managers may be included in this number.
- C. A proprietor member who is also a head coach member will be designated to serve on the Board as classified by the Executive Director.

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 July 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 August 1st of the election year through July 31st of the next election year. Any resignation of a Board member in mid-term will be filled by agreement between the President and Executive Director 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 Secretary 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 shall manage and conduct the day-to-day activities of the Association. The Board may select a non-Board member to serve as Secretary and or Treasurer. The Board will determine the duties of its officers and members once assembled.

Section IV - Meetings

The Board shall meet no less than one (1) time annually. The meeting date, time, and location will be posted on the Association website and Board Members notified by e-mail and/or by telephone. The Board President and/or Executive Director can call for additional meetings as needed.

Section V – 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 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 VI – Communications

The Board will transact the official business of the Association and can make available its actions electronically through its website, WWW.OHSB.ORG and/or by E-mail to all 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 and youth bowlers 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.

State “Bowler of the Year” Scholarship Awards – Within sixty (60) days after the completion of the season, the Board may award a college scholarship to one boy and one girl in both Division 1 and Division 2. The award will be called the OHSBCA / (co-sponsor’s name) Bowler of the Year Scholarship Award. Any Head Coach member of the Association may nominate candidates for this award. Nominees must be members of a school team coached by the Head Coach member of the same team. 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 a Head Coach or Assistant Coach member of the Association is eligible to receive a certificate identifying them as an *Academic All-Ohio Bowler*. Nominating 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. 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 III – Additional Services

The Association will operate the following:

- A. The Association website: WWW.OHSB.ORG
- B. An E-mail membership database.
- C. Ohio High School Bowling “Honor Roll”.
- D. A USBC SMART Program scholarship account (#11600).