

# 2023-2024 Constitution of the North Shore Bowling Conference

## Article One

### Name

The name of the organization shall be the North Shore Bowling Conference herein known as NSBC.

The logo of the organization shall be:



## Article Two

### Membership

Schools located in Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina Counties, Ohio and surrounding counties may seek membership in the NSBC. Schools will be accepted into membership in the NSBC by majority vote of member head coaches. Petitions to join the NSBC must be received by the end of the previous school year (May 1<sup>st</sup>) so that the schedule may be set to aid the member schools in planning for the next season.

The NSBC membership for the 2023-2024 season will include the following (24) schools:

- SWC - Avon (AV), Avon Lake (AL), Amherst Steele (AS), Berea-Midpark (BM), Elyria (EL), Midview (MV), North Ridgeville (NR), Olmsted Falls (OF)
- GLC - Buckeye (BU), Elyria Catholic (EC), North Olmsted (NO), Westlake (WL)
- LC8 - Black River (BR), Brookside (BS), Clearview (CV), Columbia (CO), Firelands (FL), Keystone (KS), Oberlin (OB), Wellington (WE)
- Independent - Fairview Park (FP), Lorain (LO), Lutheran West (LU), & Open Door(OD)

## Article Three

### Mission

The mission of the NSBC shall be to provide middle school & high school students with an environment to learn the game of bowling and to experience the spirit of team competition while playing for the honor of their school, for the recognition of their community, and for their personal satisfaction and distinction.

The NSBC shall administer competition in keeping with all rules and regulations defined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). No conference rules shall be in conflict with those of the OHSAA.

The NSBC shall coordinate competition on behalf of participating schools. The athletic directors of those schools are responsible for proper application of the OHSAA rules, for selecting coaches and players, and for setting participation standards such as the awarding of letters.

## **Article Four**

### **Officers & Advisory Committee**

The NSBC shall elect Officers to conduct conference business. Those positions shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, Affairs & Functions, All-Star, Middle School, Website and Commissioner.

#### **The President shall perform and be responsible for the following:**

Tom Hart, North Olmsted HS

- Oversee all conference activities including conducting organizational functions and other meetings as necessary.
- One of two Signatory on the NSBC account with an established financial institution.
- Oversee league financial reports on a monthly basis at a minimum during **2023-2024** season, bi-monthly in the off-season.
- Assist the **Commissioner** with creating a working HS Conference schedule.
- The President's position will be a 2-year commitment starting on an even-numbered season.
- The President's position will be an unpaid position.

#### **The Vice-President shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:**

Bill Gallagher, Avon Lake HS

- Oversee all committees.
- Administer competition and application of OHSAA and conference rules.
- Assist the Awards Officer in organizing the conference awards.
- Help run the All-Star Match at the end of season.
- The Vice-President's position will be a 2-year commitment starting on an odd-numbered season.
- The Vice-President's position will be an unpaid position.

#### **The Secretary shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:**

Chaz Velasquez, Avon Lake HS

- Record minutes of organized meetings pertaining to NSBC business where a quorum has been met.
- Receive final results of standings pertaining to the NSBC from the Commissioner for presentation at board meeting.
- Collect and compile rosters for the various varsity, JV, boys', and girls' squads.
- Collect, compile, and publish match results and standings including those necessary to determine conference awards.
- The Secretary's position will be a 2-year commitment starting on an even-numbered season.

- The Secretary's position will be paid at a rate of \$20 per member HS team (max \$80 per school.)

**The Treasurer shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:**

Kevin Minnich, Keystone HS

- Collect all dues and fees from NSBC member schools related to NSBC business.
- Responsible for paying all expenses related to NSBC business.
- Required to present league financials to the President monthly during the **2023-2024** season.
- One of two Signatory on the NSBC account with an established financial institution.
- The Treasurer's position will be a 2-year commitment starting on an odd-numbered season.
- The Treasurer's position will be paid at a rate of \$35 per member high school, \$20 per member middle school.

**The Awards Officer shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:**

Nancy Tinney, Buckeye HS

- Responsible for securing awards pertaining to the NSBC end of season awards.
- Work with the Treasurer to secure finances for quotes and invoices pertaining to purchase of awards.
- The Awards' position will be a 2-year commitment starting on an even-numbered season.
- The Awards' position will be paid at a rate of \$7 per member school.

**The Affair & Functions Officer shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:**

Bryan Goldthorpe, Amherst Steele HS, ret.

- Responsible for appointing a committee to secure a facility large enough to hold an awards presentation if necessary.
- Work with the Treasurer to secure finances for quotes and invoices pertaining to use of facilities related to NSBC events.
- Set up and run the VAR/JV Conference Tournaments & Scholarship Tournaments.
- The Affair & Functions' position will be a 2-year commitment starting on an odd-numbered season.
- The Affair & Functions' position will be paid at a rate of \$25 per member school.

**The All-Star Team Officer shall assist the President and be responsible for the following:**

Steven Taylor, Amherst Steele HS

- Coordinate the selection of an All-Star team for regional competition.
- Work with the Treasurer to secure finances for quotes and invoices pertaining to the All-Star Event.
- The All-Star Team Officer will be a 1-year commitment with the option to continue upon which time the Board of Directors decides.
- The All-Star Team position will be an unpaid position.

**The Middle School Coordinator shall be responsible for the following:**

Willie Smith, Firelands HS

- Develop the Middle School schedule.
- Collect and compile rosters for the various squads.
- Oversee the matches and competition interfacing with the designated MS league rules as necessary.
- Coordinate and Emcee the End of Season event.
- The Middle School Coordinator's position will be a one-year commitment with the option to continue upon which time the Board of Directors decides.
- The Middle School Coordinator will be paid at a rate of \$15 per 5-member team.

**The Commissioner shall be responsible for the following:**

Kevin Minnich, Keystone HS

- Develop the HS conference schedule with help from the **PRESIDENT**.
- Work with the website coordinator to organize the coaches' contact information and maintain communication vehicles such as the conference email address and website.
- Oversee the matches and competition interfacing with the designated OHSAA Rules Interpreter as necessary.
- Coordinate and Emcee the End of Season Conference Finals.
- Assist the Affairs and Functions Officer in the set up and running of the conference & scholarship tournaments.
- The Commissioner's position will be a one-year commitment with the option to continue upon which time the Board of Directors decides.
- The Commissioner's position will be paid at a rate of \$25 per member team (max \$100 per school.)

**The Website Coordinator shall be responsible for the following:**

Tom Moran, Keystone

- Work with the Commissioner and Secretary to ensure that team rosters and match results are being recorded properly.
- Receive sponsor data and upload to the website.
- Manage the conference website.
- The Website Coordinator's position will be a one-year commitment with the option to continue upon which time the Board of Directors decides.
- The Website Coordinator's position will be paid from the website sponsors fee.

Representatives from participating bowling centers will form an **Advisory Committee**. The Advisory Committee and Officers will be responsible for the following:

Jim & Joel Spevock, Spevock Lanes, yr. 1

Patti Rebman, Rebman Rec, yr. 2

- Setting general direction for the NSBC.
- Developing a financial plan for the conference.
- Developing a plan to provide center access for practice and competition.
- The Advisory Committee position will be a two-year commitment with the option to continue upon which time the Board of Directors decides.

Specific agreements between a school and its host center for access and sponsorship and contracts between the member schools and their coaches will be the responsibility of the school without involvement of the NSBC.

The Officers and Advisory Members will be elected annually by vote of the head coaches. Nominations will be made through the Nominating Committee as described below. All votes including elections will be by majority vote of head coaches provided a quorum (with at least half of member schools) is present.

## **Article Five**

### Special Committees

The NSBC may form Special Committees to perform specific functions as necessary. The Officers shall be ex officio members of the Special Committees which include but are not limited to the following:

- Nominating – responsible for collecting nominations and searching for candidates as required.

## **Article Six**

### Organization

An organizational meeting of the NSBC will be held prior to the start of the season on the third Tuesday of September. Future meetings dates are: 9/17/24, 9/16/25, 9/15/26. The purpose of the NSBC meeting will be to introduce new and returning coaches and NSBC officers, review the OHSAA rules and the NSBC Constitution, review the calendar and schedule, and address any other pertinent issues.

The NSBC may choose to organize divisions for competition. In such an alignment, the schools may be grouped by their location within the conference with respect to their outside conferences to which they are already apart or by size of school based on OHSAA considerations for D1 & D2.

For **2023-2024** season, the conferences will be as follows:

Southwestern (Conference): AV, AL, AS, BM, EL, MV, NR, OF LO

Great Lakes (Conference): BU, EC, NO, WL FP, LU

Lorain County (League): BR, BS, CO, CV, FL, KS, OB, WE OD

DI: AV, AL, AS, BM, BU, EL, LO, MV, NO, NR, OF, WL

DII: BR, BS, CO, CV, EC, FL, FP, KS, LU, OB, OD, WE

The NSBC will develop a balanced HS schedule while not exceeding seventeen (17) contests against the (current) OHSAA limit of twenty-four (24). The schedule will be developed based on center availability within the prescribed competition dates specified by the OHSAA. Attempts will be made to have each school have one, two or three matches scheduled per week. The preferences of the coaches will be considered as much as possible. Additional, non-conference matches may be scheduled with any school or club (including NSBC members) at the discretion of the school's administration or head coach. Schools will compete with schools within their respective conferences on a 2-year home/away schedule. They will also compete against every other school within their division (D1 or D2.) The remainder of their schedule will comprise schools from the other division on a rotating basis. For example: school A may play school B from the other division this season and be scheduled to play school C from the other division next season.

The published schedule will be for both boys' and girls' varsity matches. Junior varsity matches will be held at the same time and site unless special arrangements are made by the teams involved. **For matches involving competition at Park Lanes with limited lanes: Varsity teams only (if necessary) will compete at Park Lanes. JV teams will compete for scores prior to the date of the match and bring scores to Park Lanes for comparison with the opposing team. The home & away team will be responsible for notifying & confirming with the NSBC commissioner of any schedule changes.**

The NSBC will also develop a balanced MS schedule while not exceeding six (6) contests. The schedule will be developed based on center availability within the prescribed competition dates. All matches will be held on Saturday each week if possible. The preferences of the coaches will be considered as much as possible. Additional, non-conference matches may be scheduled with any school or club (including NSBC members) at the discretion of the school's administration or head coach. The MS season will be 5 weeks of competition followed by a "tournament-like match" where all school teams will be present.

## Article Seven

### Competition

The OHSAA specifies that a match will consist of two five-bowler individual games and two Baker-style composite games. Lane assignments must be made before the match is to begin. Assignment of the individual games and baker games are final unless there is a machine breakdown. Before the bakers begin, the home team has the choice of their starting lane. The standard weekday match timeline is as follows:

- Announcements should be made by 3:45 p.m. from the home schools.
- Following the announcements should be the national anthem to be played from 3:48-3:50 p.m.
- Following the National Anthem shall then be warm-ups from 3:50 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Finally, match play should start no later than 4:00 p.m.

Weekend match timelines will follow the format as above with a starting time to be determined as appropriate. Every attempt will be made to avoid weekend matches as much as possible.

Special arrangements should be communicated prior to match day by both head coaches for any team traveling 30 minutes or more for a match. Any match involving a school which has canceled classes due to weather, it is up to each school's **Athletic Director, not the head coach**, as to how they want to handle the match. That match may be contested as scheduled upon agreement of the administration of the two schools with notice being given to the NSBC. If the match is to be rescheduled, the rescheduling of a postponed match will be the responsibility of the administrations of the schools involved and to be played at the same location as originally scheduled. The both schools will be responsible for notifying the NSBC commissioner. Inter-Division matches must be made up. Outside conference matches are at the discretion of the school. A match that is not started for any reason will be considered a no-contest. Such a match must be rescheduled in the same way as a weather cancellation.

**USBC Rule 18: Bowling Ball - Altering Surface : effective August 1, 2019.** Bowlers no longer can use liquids or add anything, including but not limited to rosin or powder, to the surface of the bowling ball. While bowling in USBC/OHSAA/NSBC competition. A bowling ball cannot:

- a. Have the surface altered by the use of an abrasive.
- b. Be cleaned with any liquid substance or cleaning agent.
- c. Have any foreign material on it including, but not limited to, powder, rosin, marker, or paint.

All bowling balls so altered or cleaned must be removed from the competition.

Note: Should a foreign substance appear on the outer surface of a bowling ball which cannot be removed with a dry towel, an approved cleaner may be used with consent from a league or tournament official (the two head coaches). Per NSBC discussion you must converse with the opposing head coach before any changes are allowed. Failure to converse with the opposing coach will result in the ball being removed from competition.

## **Article Eight**

### **Coaches**

The selection and qualification of the coaching staff will be the responsibility of each school. The head coach is responsible for communicating complete and accurate bowler roster information to the conference. All coaches or any adult that are in the bowling circle working with students must have a pupil activity permit **as required by the OHSAA**. Any person(s) in the bowling circle without the necessary P.A.P. will be asked to remove themselves by the home team coach.

It is the role of the coaches to ensure matches are contested according to OHSAA and NSBC rules. The home-standing head coach is designated as the match referee for regular season matches.

Interaction between the spectators and bowlers is not permitted by OHSAA rules once a match starts. By NSBC rule, a spectator may speak to a coach during a match, but only between games. A coach may speak with a spectator at any time during a competition.

Both head coaches are responsible for reviewing, verifying, and posting the match results to the secretary/website by 10pm that night. Only those individuals designated as coaches (or the head coach) are permitted to sign the match summary sheets. Once a match is digitally signed by both coaches, **the**

**match is considered final, and no changes may be made.** Submitted recaps are final and may not be altered after submission, unless both coaches put in writing and sign off on the change/correction.

## **Article Nine**

### **Banquet**

The NSBC may hold a banquet to recognize team and individual award winners. The banquet will be scheduled after the conclusion of the OHSAA tournaments and state finals. The location, invitation list and guest ticket price will be determined by the Affairs & Functions Officer and appointed committee. Award winners and members of division winning teams and up to two (2) coaches from every member school will be invited to attend at cost. The committee may extend invitations to the proprietors and league sponsors at no cost. All other attendees will be asked to purchase a ticket at a suggested limit of two (2) per bowler, space permitting. You may purchase more.

## **Article Ten**

### **Awards**

The NSBC will present team and individual awards. Only member schools and their individual bowlers will be eligible for awards from the NSBC. A bowler must be on the school's roster and eligible to compete at the end of the NSBC schedule (no eligibility or discipline concerns) in order to receive awards. For award determination purposes, 'competed' as used in the criteria below shall mean bowled individual format games as defined by the OHSAA. Participation in composite or Baker format games does not count toward meeting the criteria. Honorable Mention award winners do not attend the conference banquet.

For the **2023-2024** season, ALL matches included on the NSBC schedule will be used for computing team and individual statistics. The entire average determined by using the decimal portion, will be used to rank bowlers for award purposes. All individual award tie breakers, in regard to conference awards, shall be determined by decimal point to determine award recipients for 1<sup>st</sup> team, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and honorable Mention awards given at the end of season. If two teams are tied in a Division, the winner will be determined by their head-to-head outcome. In a case of three (3) or more teams tying, then total pinfall will determine the winner and receives the championship trophy and plaques. The other teams that tie but do not win the tie break will still be represented in the archives as co-champions.

The NSBC will present **All-Conference** awards to bowlers based on their individual average in all regular NSBC matches and conference tournaments. Bowlers must have competed in 66% or 2/3rd of the individual games contested for their school's NSBC matches to be eligible for individual awards.

The team awards will include the following:

- **Best Overall Record** - boy team & girl team in each Division (VAR&JV, individual awards included)
- **Conference Tournament Champion** - boy team & girl team in each Division (VAR&JV, individual awards included)



The individual awards will include the following:

- **High Game** – boy & girl in each Division with the highest single game (VAR&JV, including Conference Tournament)
- **High Series** – boy & girl in each Division with the highest two game series (VAR&JV)
- **High Average** - boy & girl in each division (VAR only, including Conference Tournament)
- **Most Improved** - boy & girl in each Division (VAR&JV combined)
- **Conference Tournament Champion** - boy & girl with the highest three game series (VAR&JV)

In addition, the NSBC may award the following awards at its discretion:

- Duplicate awards given for ties for High Game or High Series.

Individual awards will be made by gender. If a girl competes on a boys' team because her school does not have a girls' team, she will be eligible for girl's awards. Per the OHSAA, if a coach decides to have a girl compete as a boy and not on the school's girls' team, that girl will compete with the boys for individual awards. The NSBC will present Coach-of-the-Year awards for both boys and girls. The candidates will be the head boy's and head girl's coach designated by school. Nominations will be made to the commissioner with reasons why. The award winner will be selected by a secret ballot with each school voting once for each of the two (2) awards. The NSBC commissioner &/or president will administer the voting. Ties will be broken by the conference officers with officers abstaining if they are competing.

## **Article Eleven**

### Finances

The expenses of the NSBC, namely the salary and administrative expenses of the Secretary, Treasurer, Awards Officer, Affair & Functions Officer, Middle School Coordinator, Commissioner, banquet, award & tournament expenses, may be funded by ticket sales for guests attending the banquet and/or by contributions from the proprietors of the host centers and through sponsoring donations from bowling associations, leagues, businesses, and individuals, as well as the NSBC high school tournament. The difference, if any will, be absorbed through player fees.

## **Article Twelve**

### Senior All-Star Match

The NSBC may participate in a regional Senior All-Star match following the OHSAA state tournament. The site for the match will rotate among participating centers.

For the 2023-2024 season, rosters for the All-Star team will be selected from the NSBC player list based on High Average and All-Star coach preference. Alternates will be selected based on coach's preference.

**All players must be given the opportunity for equal playing time.**

Boys' and girls' team's coaches will be selected by the Affairs & Functions Coordinator. An assistant coach for each team may be selected by the All-Star coach.

**Let's hold off on this until next season**

### **Article Thirteen**

#### **Bowler of the Week**

Bowler of the week criteria will be determined by high average, high game and most improved in each division (D1 or D2) for the week Sunday-Saturday starting with the second full week of the season.

Bowlers selected must include a picture of the bowler at 300 dpi or greater. If this is not clear or too dark the likeness will not be used. Bowlers must also include their name & grade level.

Bowler of the Week will include categories for boys and girls, D1 & D2.

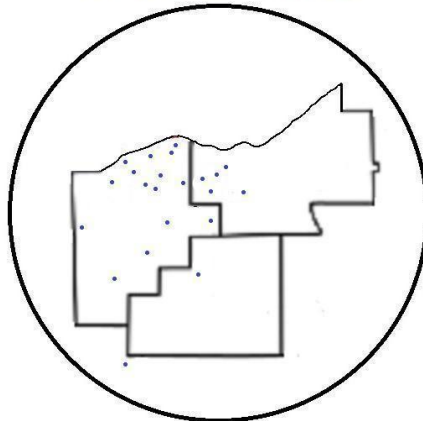
A single bowler can only win ONCE per school year. A single school may win more than once.

### **Article Fourteen**

#### **Match Format**

The following format will be used when setting up competition on the lanes: either 3-2 & 2-3 or 2-3 & 3-2. Varsity matches are to be on the inside lanes with JV matches on the outside lanes. Girls to one side, boys to the other. The home team coach determines which side.

## **NORTH SHORE**



## **BOWLING CONFERENCE**

Special thanks to the Stark County HS Bowling conference for laying the groundwork for this Constitution.