

Columbia Basin Big Nine Bowling League
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)

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1. The Columbia Basin Big Nine Bowling League shall consist of the schools representing District 6 from the Columbia Basin Big 9 (CBBN).

4A CBBN
Eastmont
Eisenhower
Davis
Moses Lake
Sunnyside
Wenatchee
West Valley

2. Each school shall have one (1) varsity team. Schools need to make every effort to have enough members to form a junior varsity team(s). Each team shall consist of five (5) female bowlers. League matches will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Team tryouts and/or practices may not begin before the published first allowable date in the WIAA Handbook. The Home team is responsible for getting results (top 2 sheets, one each for varsity and jv) to the league statistician on the evening of the match or the following morning before 10:00 am. Rosters (name & grade) need to be hand delivered or sent electronically to the league statistician on or before the opening invitational. Visiting coaches need to contact the home coach at least 24 hours before scheduled matches to inform them of expected numbers of bowlers.
3. Team Membership is open to students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).
4. This league will follow WIAA eligibility rules. Student eligibility must conform to school regulations concerning involvement in interscholastic sport activities (academics, attendance, physicals, insurance, parent permission forms, ASB cards, drug, alcohol, tobacco guidelines).
5. The league season shall consist of 12 matches for each 4A school. Matches will be played in a home-and-home format. Problems due to poor weather conditions will be worked out between the two competing teams affected. League matches will take precedent over non-league in the event of weather/health rescheduling.
6. This is a scratch league. Each match will consist of four (4) games. The first two games will be a regular five (5)-man team format. The home team will start on the even numbered lane. The last two games will be baker format. Each of the 4 games will count for 1 point toward the match. If the two teams are tied at 2-2 upon completion of the 4 games, the final point will be awarded to the team with the highest number of total pin fall. If total pin fall does not solve the tie, the two teams will bowl frames 6-7-8-9 and 10 to solve the tie. The match will result in a winning and losing team and the team standings will be based on the results of the MATCH, not the results of each game bowled. The home team chooses which lane they wish to start on. The teams remain on that lane the entire game. Teams reverse lanes for the final game. **Home team coach is responsible to record the game count for standings on the Big 9 webpage.**
7. In the case of a tie for teams that tied for a post-season berth at the end of the regular season, the following tie-breakers will be used:
 - 1st – head to head competition (regular season matches)
 - 2nd – playoff between teams tied

In the case of a tie for first place, the following tie-breakers will be used:

- 1st – head to head competition (regular season matches)
- 2nd – pin count between the two schools during regular season matches
- 3rd – quality pin count vs. 3rd place team (comparing pin totals for both teams vs. 3rd place)

4th – number draw, as conducted by the bowling chair(s).

8. Good sportsmanship/conduct will prevail at all matches. Swearing, hand signals, cheers or actions designed to distract or cause interference with opponents shall not be allowed. Supportive cheers for teammates should not interfere with the concentration of opponents. Bowlers and coaches should stay behind the scorer's table when greeting teammates to congratulate them. School rules concerning the use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol by athletes will be in force during the season. No electronic devices (including, but not limited to cell phones, MP3 players, etc) will be present on the floor during matches. Such devices will be confiscated by coaches and returned as per each individual school's policies/procedures. Coaches of each team will be responsible for enforcing these rules.
9. School issued jerseys will be worn at all league and District matches, and as per WIAA Bound for State rules, commercially lettered school name and logo on the back are acceptable team apparel. Individual names can appear on the front of the shirt only. Cut offs, torn clothing, half shirts, hats, clothing with advertisements of any kind (except school logos) will not be allowed.
10. Substitutions are allowed under the following guidelines:
 - a) Any game using a substitute will not count toward any bowler's average. Only complete games bowled by a single bowler will count toward an individual's average. Coaches should circle the score when a substitute is used in order to make this clear for the league statistician.
 - b) Substitutes must enter at the beginning of a frame unless the substitution is due to an injury severe enough to not allow the injured bowler to continue.
 - c) Once a bowler has been removed from a game she may not return to that team until the beginning of the next game.
 - d) Junior varsity bowlers may be brought up during the game to substitute on the varsity team.
 - e) Varsity bowlers may be removed from the varsity game through substitution and substitute on a JV team immediately, or move to a practice lane.
 - f) Substitutes must meet the same eligibility requirements as starting bowlers.
 - g) Substitute rules for districts will match the state rules.
 - h) If rules concerning movement between varsity and junior varsity matches are identified by WIAA, then our league will conform to those rules.
11. Because of the freedom to move bowlers between teams, varsity teams may not use a "dummy" or absentee score. If the last or lowest level participating junior varsity team from a school does not have five (5) bowlers at the start of a game they may assign a "dummy" score for that game equal to the missing bowler's average, minus ten pins. This score will be added to the rest of the member's scores to complete the team score for that game. In the event the lowest level participating JV team does not have five members, a score equal to the lowest score on the opposing team may be used to complete the team score.
12. If a bowler arrives late, she may enter the game (at the coaches' discretion) as a substitute for another bowler who started that game, taking over the score already bowled to that point. No late arrival will be allowed to make up missed frames. If a team will be late due to weather or equipment failure, the coach should call the bowling alley and home coach immediately. The coaches will then make an empowered decision to shorten the match, while keeping its integrity. At no time should the match begin before the arrival of the other team. Should a mutual agreement not be reached, the host coach will call the athletic director who has been designated as the league's chair, so that he/she might render a compromise/decision regarding the match format.
13. If a question arises concerning any of these rules, a meeting of the league coaches and a majority vote of the same will be used to resolve the issue. WIAA and league rules will be followed. U.S.B.C. rules may be used to address all other issues not addressed in these rules.
14. A league statistician will be assigned to be in charge of the following:
 - a) League standings (based on **league** matches)/individual averages (based on all scheduled matches)
 - b) Distribution of any materials
 - c) in general, keep us organized

15. Prior to Districts, players will be selected for all-league honors based on individual average score based on bowling in 18 of 24 (75%) of the League scheduled games, *unless voted on by a majority of the coaches on an individual case basis.
- 1st Team – Bowlers 1-5
 - 2nd Team – Bowlers 6-10
 - H.M. – Bowlers 11-15
 - Bowler of the year – Bowler with the highest average
 - Coach of the Year – Voted on by the coaches.

The district tournament will follow the following format: The top four teams from the 4A league will advance to the district tournament. Should the District receive a 3rd berth to state, the field can be increased to 6 teams from that classification. The District Tournament format will include 3 regular and 7 baker games. The top 10 total individuals from non-qualifying schools/teams who have bowled in 50% of the scheduled league matches within their respective classifications will qualify to bowl in the 3 regular games. From these games, the individual state berths will be determined. Individuals from the District (from teams which did not qualify for state) will advance to the WIAA State Individual Championships based on highest total number of pins at the end of the three regular games (individual berths based on double the number of team berths for each classification). See District Tournament information for more specific details.

All Big 9 information will be posted @ www.lakebowl.com. And www.big9athletics.org.

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