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Thank you to our Unified Bowling Committee!

The meeting was held virtually, via ZOOM, on February 8, at 9:30 a.m. A follow-up meeting will be held on May 4th, 2021.

A HUGE thank you to our partners, Special Olympics Colorado

CHSAA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

May 5, 2021

Chris Enzminger, Littleton

Chair

Report No.

I. **MAJOR CHANGES:**

A. N/A

II. **RATIONALE:**

A. N/A

III. **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

- A. CHSAA participation fee (\$151.00) per school team
- B. Cost of site rental for practices or competitions

IV. **DATES:**

Practice: March 8, 2021
First Contest: March 15, 2021
Post Season Begins: April 21-23, 2021
State Championships: April 30, 2021

V. **CLASSIFICATIONS:**

1 COED Classification

VI. **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS BY REGION:**

REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3
*Pueblo County	Brighton	Cherry Creek
Pueblo East	*Northridge	Eaglecrest
Pueblo West	Greely Central	Rangeview
Pueblo South	Greely West	*Littleton
Pueblo Central	Strasburg	Strive Prep-Rise
Harrison		Strive Prep-Smart

**Indicates Regional Host*

VII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Max 6 Contest (due to COVID)
- 10 Contest in a regular season
- Only 1 team will be recognized per school in the post season.

VIII. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chris Enzminger (Chair) – Littleton, Rick Macias – Pueblo SD 60, Greg Critchett – Cherry Creek, Carey Christiansen – Poudre, Frank Coppa – Aguilar, Cami Jensen – Northfield, Shannon Oakley – Strasburg, Ed Hartnett – Boulder, John Andrew – DPS, Amber Vanzant – Mead, Chaka Sutton - Special Olympics Colorado

MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES

2020-2021

1. **ACTIVITY-ONLY MEMBER SCHOOLS**
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 6, Rule 600.4 page 24
2. **CLOC COMMITTEE – Sport & Activity Adjustment in Off Years**
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 15, Rule 1510 (e)..... page 44
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4. **RESTRICTED VARSITY ELIGIBILITY**
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6. **COACH EJECTION**
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7. **HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL PRACTICE ALLOWED**
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.1 page 91
8. **PRACTICE REQUIREMENT CHANGE**
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.3 page 92
9. **TEAM COMPOSITION**
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 28, Rule 2850.1 page 116
10. **UNIFIED SPORTS**
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 45, Rule 4500, 4510, 4520 page 134

Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws when errors are found. The most updated document can be found at CHSAANOW.com, then clicking on CHSAA.org, Member School Info + Tools, then Bylaws.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#)

CHSAA MISSION STATEMENT

"Seeking Excellence in Academics, Activities, and Athletics"

In pursuit of excellence, the Colorado High School Activities Association strives to create a positive and equitable environment in which all qualified student participants are challenged and inspired to meet their highest potential.

To fulfill this mission the Colorado High School Activities Association will:

- Act as an integral component of the educational process.
- Administrate, interpret, and seek compliance with the CHSAA By-laws as needed to promote fair play within Colorado activities and athletics.
- Provide diverse and equitable opportunities for participation that encourages all qualified students to take part in the activity/athletic experience.
- Provide an environment that enhances personal development through sporting behavior, character education, teamwork, leadership, and citizenship while increasing values that partner the educational standards of the State of Colorado.
- Recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Colorado athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators through our academic and activity awards programs.

The 2020-2021 Colorado High School Activities Association Unified Sports, Bowling bulletin is prepared for school administrators and coaches. All coaches and athletic directors are urged to read and familiarize themselves with this document. A reminder, not every rule is covered in this bulletin. Schools are responsible for knowing the rules covered in the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws and any United States Bowling Congress and Special Olympics. All contests shall be conducted under the United States Bowling Congress rules (link: [USBC](#)) in conjunction with Special Olympics Sports, Bowling rules (link: [Special Olympics, Bowling](#)). We also encourage schools to view the Unified Sports® Special Olympics Handbook that may be found here: [Unified Sports® Handbook](#)

Purpose of Unified Sports®

Dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, Unified Sports® joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away.

If schools have questions regarding this Unified Bowling Bulletin, please contact:

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SEASON CALENDAR

The length of the Unified Sports, Bowling season shall be 6 weeks (due to COVID) for regular season. The number of practices, practice times, contest specifics, and other details will be decided locally by the school district. Three practices must be completed prior to the first contest. One of the three practices must take place in a bowling facility.

The season starts the first day of practice and the season ends with the state tournament.

Bowling teams can compete only with other teams that are registered with the CHSAA during the Unified Bowling season.

March 8	First formal practice
March 15	First contest
April 17	End of Regular Season
April 21-23.....	Regionals
April 30	State Championship SITE: AMF Belleview Lanes
February 8	Unified Bowling Committee Meeting Virtual via ZOOM



CDPHE VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS: UNIFIED BOWLING

Unified Bowling will be conducted in a Bakers format and the team must be COED. This limits the number of bowlers per team to 3 bowlers (2-Athletes and 1-Partner). Please see below for team breakdown and eligibility of participants. Teams can carry up to 2 alternates for a max of 5 bowlers per team.

Implementation of the Event:

- Teams will go every other lane, with no more than 5 teammates on each lane.
EX. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, etc.
- 3 game max per event
- An example of an event could be as follows:
*No single event can have more than 45 participants at one time
 - Dual School Meet: Two schools- A maximum of three teams approved for each school. Maximum games that be conducted is 3. Maximum participants is 30 with 3 certified coaches per school.
 - Triangular School Meet: Three schools - A maximum of three teams approved per each school. Maximum games that can be conducted is 3. Maximum participants are 45 with 3 certified coaches per school.
 - Regular Season Tournaments: Four school tournament. Maximum of two teams approved per each school. Maximum games that can be conducted per team is 3. Maximum participants are 40 with 3 certified coaches per school.
 - Virtual Meets: Team can submit a 9-game score in lieu of a scheduled meet.
 - CHSAA Regionals: Each qualifying site will have no more than six schools. Maximum of one team per school. Therefore, there will be 5 participants and 3 certified coaches per school at each regional.
 - CHSAA State Championships: Qualifying schools will comprise of a 9-team field. Maximum 45 participants per round. Coaches, Trainers, Officials, Special Olympic Site Directors, would not be counted for capacity.

All participants will be held to the CHSAA COVID 19 guidelines, as well as sportspecific guidelines.

REQUESTED VARIANCES:

- Athletes who have a disability that prohibits them from wearing a mask will be more isolated for other participants.

CDPHE COVID-19 MANDATES – Unified Bowling Modifications & Season C Letter

STUDENTS, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS SHOULD NOT GO TO PRACTICE/PARTICIPATE IF

- Those who are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus. According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported—ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
- Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

PREPARING TO PRACTICE/PRACTICING/COMPETITIONS

Protect against infection by:

****Daily screenings must happen before anyone can play, coach, or practice (CHSAA Symptom Tracker)***

- Participants should not show up to practices, events, or competitions early.
- Participants should be in uniform and ready upon arrival.
- Limit contact between groups at entrances and exits by staggering arrival/departures.
- Have participants arrive as close to the start time of practice and leave immediately after practice concludes. Avoid congregating before, during, and after practice/competition.
- Contact and physical distancing should follow all local health guidelines. Use appropriate (at least 6 ft) social distancing at all times.
- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer) or use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available prior to practice.
- Participants should clean and wipe down their equipment.
- Participants should not share any equipment such as bowling balls, shoes, food/drink, towel etc
- Common areas should be cleaned and disinfected before and after participation.
- Shoes should be sprayed and disinfected.
- Bring a full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle.
- Face coverings should be worn at all times unless disability prevents the athlete from doing so, in this case social distance would be greater applied.
 - If exceptions due to federal or state disabilities are necessary, athletic directors need to communicate directly with CDPHE for exemption requests.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve. Dispose of the tissue in a trash can. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water is unavailable.
- Avoid touching common areas such as doors etc.
- Avoid touching your face – especially nose and eyes.
- Do not share food and drinks.
- Water bottles, bags and all personal equipment must remain 6ft away from the belongings of any other person.
- Require spectators/managers/coaches/officials to wear masks.
- Coaches and other school personnel should remain in the view area, unless needed by an athlete.
- Teams should not be in bathrooms, rooms or another confined place all at once.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used with frequently.
- No shaking hands before or after the events.

AFTER PRACTICING/COMPETITION

- Wash your hands thoroughly (avoid bathrooms all at once) or use a hand sanitizer until you are able to wash your hands.
- All players should leave the facility immediately after practice and/or competition.
- All common areas and equipment should be cleaned and disinfected.

CHSAA UNIFIED BOWLING RULES & GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The CHSAA Constitution and By-laws and United States Bowling Congress and Special Olympics are the official rules of the Association. This bulletin provides the regulations for Unified Bowling operations, but never supersedes the regulations found in the Constitution and By-laws nor the United States Bowling Congress and Special Olympics.

The By-laws should be read prior to the season. If any questions should arise or interpretations are necessary, please contact Jenn Roberts-Uhlig, Assistant Commissioner at CHSAA.

PARTICIPATION

- The CHSAA has one competitive interscholastic division. Participation in the interscholastic program of a high school is limited to students in grades 9-12.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- **Conduct and Sportsmanship.** Member schools shall maintain proper crowd control and enforce the principles of good sportsmanship and ethics during all interscholastic contests. Failure to fulfill this obligation shall subject the school to penalties as provided in Article 22, Section 2200 of the [CHSAA Bylaws](#).
- **Conduct of Coaches and Athletes.** Coaches and athletes shall conduct themselves in accordance with the playing rules of the sport contest and refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct during interscholastic competition. Failure to fulfill this obligation will subject the individual(s) to the penalties as provided in Article 22, Section 2200 of the [CHSAA Bylaws](#).
- **Definition of Unsportsmanlike Conduct.** Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include the following: fighting, verbal abuse or dissent directed toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment, profanity, obscene gestures, flagrant and violent fouls, taunting, trash talk, baiting, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, inappropriate posters, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of a team bench area.
- **Individual Instruction.** During a season of a sport, a student is permitted to take instruction from a person other than the high school coach at times other than scheduled high school practice sessions, but such instructions shall not interfere with, nor be substituted for the high school coaching, practice sessions, or contests.
- Administrators will be expected to promptly contact the CHSAA office in the case of a coach's ejection.
- A participant or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and any other athletic contest at any level during the interim.

OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION

- Outside participation is approved for students participating in Unified Sports®. As an example, students in CHSAA member schools that participate in Unified Sports® may also participate on their "club" bowling team during the CHSAA Unified Sports®, Bowling season. This does NOT apply to other CHSAA sports.
- During a season of a sport, a student is permitted to take instruction from a person other than the high school coach. Group instruction, practices with outside teams, and tryouts for outside teams other than as part of a college or university recruiting visit, however, are not permitted.

PLAYING RULES

Official rules and regulations for all Unified sports and activities shall be those posted in the CHSAA bulletin in collaboration with Special Olympics – Colorado and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

[Special Olympics](#) | [United States Bowling Congress \(USBC\)](#)

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

Sudden death. **An official coin flip will determine who decides on lane and order.**

Each team gets one delivery. Higher pinfall wins the tie breaker. The bowler and order are determined by the last game, including substitutions. The same rotation must be used during a tie breaker. For example, the athlete from the final game will bowl the first tie breaker delivery, followed by the first partner (2nd tie breaker delivery, if needed), then the second partner (3rd tie breaker delivery, if needed). The pins are cleared and re-set following each tie-breaker delivery.

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE

All members of the teams should wear school uniforms during play. The following shall apply during Regional/State Championship play:

All bowlers must wear similar shirts of the same color. Consideration should be made to include a number or name on the back of the shirts. Bowlers may NOT wear jeans or hats and/or no holes in sweats or clothing. Bowlers out of uniform will not be allowed to bowl until they are able to comply with the rules. Proper shoes are required.

Participants must keep their uniforms on while in the competition area. Coaches should wear either a team uniform or appropriate coaching apparel in school colors for easy identification. No advertising or sponsorship is allowed on competition uniforms.

Athletes will not be allowed to wear awards during competition.

SUSPENDED GAME POLICY

A regular season game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., lights, electrical issues, etc.) prior to becoming an official game will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed it will be continued from the point of suspension with the lineup and order of each team exactly the same as the lineup and order at the moment of suspension and subject to the rules of the game. Both schools involved in the game must agree to the suspension.

LAST DATE FOR PLAYING REGULAR SEASON GAMES

All scheduled and postponed regular season meets must be played prior to **April 17**. Once regional competition begins April 21-23, no regular season meets shall be permitted.

MUSIC LICENSES

Generally, music used for contests (warm-up, half-time, "walk-up" music, etc.) needs to be licensed. Some music may be in public domain; however, most music is not and will require a license. This season take the necessary time to verify your music is licensed through the proper entities. Visit www.nfhslearn.com for additional resources. The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) assumes no responsibility for the payment of copyright, royalty, or any other fees associated with the use of music at the Unified Bowling State Championship. The sole responsibility of ensuring that all U.S. copyright laws, in connection with music and school performances are adhered to, belong with the school and/or coaches of the representative teams. All penalties associated with non-compliance will be the responsibility of the school and/or coaches of the team.

The NFHS has obtained and secured the rights (Provisional License) for all MEMBERS of the NFHS/State Associations, to perform it publicly, however, schools must still obtain permission to use mashups and mixes.

[NFHS Understanding Copyright and Compliance Course](#)

SAFETY

Coaches must implement a program that stresses safety and injury prevention.

LATE ARRIVAL

If a bowler arrives late, they will be blinded for the first 3 frames. If they show up in those frames, they may bowl the end of that game. If bowlers arrive after the 3rd frame, they will not be able to join that game, but can bowl the remaining games. Bowlers will receive a zero score for all missed games. The score for the completed frames can be used for athletes not able to complete a game due to medical reasons.

Absentee scores will not be used at any level of competition.

Athletes must qualify from a Regional Qualifier to attend the State Competition.

Coaches are expected to provide accurate and honest scores of their athlete's abilities.

Coaches and spectators will not be allowed on the lanes while the athletes are competing. Spectators will be given one warning. If a second offense occurs, the spectator will be asked to leave the premises. If the spectator does not comply, the athlete will be disqualified from the event.

Due to facility upgrades, proper ball rolling will be enforced at all bowling events.

Facilities are indicating that "lofting" the ball and other actions that can be considered unsafe will not be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification.

Absentee scores will not be accepted. If a doubles or team is short an athlete, they may still compete. The missing bowler's score will be recorded as zero (0). They will be awarded appropriately based upon their finish within their division. The doubles and team may advance to the next level of competition if they win their division, however the missing bowler will not advance with his/her team. The team must advance exactly as it competed in the qualifying event.

MODIFICATIONS

Adaptive bowling balls may be used.

Wheelchair or assistive device bowlers will only be allowed to stay on the lane surface if their placement does not hamper another bowler's approach.

BYLAWS

Please see Article 45 of the [CHSAA Bylaws](#) for information pertaining to Unified Bowling.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Teams will consist of up to five players, three competing and two substitutions.

Team make-up:

- A.** The three students competing should be comprised with at least two students (athletes) with an intellectual disability (see "Eligibility" below) and 1 non-intellectually disabled student (partner). Coaches may play an additional student with an intellectual disability as a partner.

Unified Sports teams must be comprised of boys and girls making it co-ed. A student with a physical disability may participate as a partner.

During regular season competitions/events, schools will determine the number of teams they would like to have on their roster. Local facilities, tournament format, and participant numbers on opposing teams may/may not dictate the number of team entries.

NOTE: During district and state championship play, schools will be limited to entering one team from their roster for competition.

(ATHLETE) ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for participation in Unified Sports, an outgrowth of Special Olympics, a competitor must agree to observe and abide by guidelines and rules set forth by the CHSAA.
2. Unified Sports and its parent-arm, Special Olympics, were created and developed to give individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and compete in sports activities.
3. Eligibility for participation in Unified Sports:
 - a. General Statement of Eligibility: Please refer to [Bylaw 4520.1](#) for explanation of Unified Sports eligibility.
 - b. Age Requirements: Students must be in high school and meet the age requirements as shown in [Bylaw 1770.1](#). Any special needs student who exceeds the age limit per bylaw 1770.1, would require an approval from CHSAA. [Please complete, via the CHSAA Digital Platform, the main transfer waiver. Submit the transfer waiver as a hardship and upload the IEP.](#)
 - c. Degree of Disability: Participation in Unified Sports training and competition is open to all persons with intellectual disabilities who meet the age requirement of this Section regardless of the level or degree of that person's disability, and whether or not that person also has other mental or physical disabilities, so long as that person registers to participate in Unified Sports as required by these general rules.
 - d. Identifying Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: A person is considered to have intellectual disabilities for purposes to determining his or her eligibility to participate in Unified Sports if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:
 - i. The person has been appropriately determined by an agency or professional as having intellectual disabilities as determined by such professionals (Individualized Education Program); or the person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measure such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures which are generally accepted within the professional community in that Accredited Program's nation as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or
 - ii. The person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as recreation, work, independent living, self-direction, or self-care). However, persons whose functional limitations are based solely on physical, behavioral, or emotional disability, or a specific learning or sensory disability, are not eligible to participate as athletes, but may be eligible as a partner.

***The CHSAA does not determine whether a person has an intellectual disability, but determines eligibility based on identification made by an agency, professional, and/or local school.**

4. NOTIFICATION FROM COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND UNIFIED SPORTS®

Unified Sports® and Special Education

Link: <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/>

(PARTNER) ELIGIBILITY

Though Unified Bowling allows for partners with disabilities other than intellectual disabilities, Unified Sports® was developed to provide Special Olympics athletes with the choice of a sports program that brings about meaningful inclusion with their non-disabled peers. The desired objectives of a Unified Sports® experience are best fulfilled when partners on a team are individuals without disabilities. Even though an individual with a disability may make an appropriate partner, schools should focus on forming teams that are not composed solely of people with disabilities.

PLAYER EJECTION

Any player who has been ejected from a match, contest, or performance shall be disqualified for the remainder of that match, contest, or performance. In addition, the player shall be suspended from competition for the next scheduled match, contest, or performance played at the same level (sophomore, junior varsity, or varsity).

COACH EJECTION

A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for the next regularly scheduled match or contest of the same level. He/she may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time.

A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors (For necessary action by the school administration, see [CHSAA Bylaw 2420.11](#)).

A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; and, Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she will be removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school's athletic director.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC MEDIA NOTE

Schools and/or school districts will have the final word on how media may or may not access contests during this unprecedented time. CHSAA recommends no practice access be granted to maintain health and safety of all concerned. The decisions will be the sole determination of the school/school districts based on recommendations from local, county, state and federal health guidelines. Schools and school districts should require all media to hold a CHSAA-issued credential

At CHSAA playoff events, passes will be issued up to five days in advance of an event. After that, provisional passes may be accessed on site, with a letter from the assignment editor. CHSAA will limit access to its events based on local, state and national social distancing guidelines. All media will be required to wear face coverings. Additional access through technology is also being explored.

Media members are expected to cooperate with school/school district and CHSAA decisions regarding access to students, coaches and events.

COACHES INFORMATION

Each coach should become familiar with all eligibility rules. CHSAA Handbook has been distributed to member schools. If you do not have access to this material, contact your athletic director.

Check the CHSAA Handbook for the details related to the following rules.

PLAYING OF AN INELIGIBLE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE.....	Article 2400
SUMMER SCHOOL MAKE-UP	Article 1750.1
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RULE	Article 1880
ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICE	Article 2310.3
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/PARENT CONSENT	Article 1780
MEDICAL RELEASE FOR INJURIES	Article 1780.2

Coaches: The following is a quick list of important information that you and your players need to know before the season begins and throughout the year. Have you covered this information with your players? Use the quick check-off list to make this season a successful one.

(Note: [CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws](#))

To review the bylaw please click on the article or point of emphasis below:

Important CHSAA Bylaws
Coaching Registration (Article 16)
General Eligibility (Article 17)
Transfer [Prior to and in-season] (Article 18)
Recruiting (Article 19)
Outside Competition (Article 21)
Player and Coach Ejection (Article 22)
Practice/Nine-Day Practice (Article 23)
Penalties (Article 24)
Officials (Article 27)

COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Unified Sports coaches will follow the certification standards as outlined in [Bylaw 1620](#), with the addition of the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports course

Link: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/coaching-unified-sports>

Annual Coaching requirements

- All head coaches are required to attend a CHSAA Rules Meeting.
- Take and pass the CHSAA Bylaws Test
- Hold a current certification in first aid, CPR and AED training.
- Every other year complete the free on-line NFHS "Student Mental/Health and Suicide Prevention" course, or a school/district organized mental health class/course.
- All athletic coaches must annually complete one of the following: The online NFHS Concussion Course or a school organized sports medicine review that includes a head trauma/concussion component and emergency evacuation procedures.
- Take the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports course

*All first-year athletic coaches and activity sponsors, regardless of level, rank, or pay, must complete the CHSAA 1st Year Coaches Course.

For additional information regarding CHSAA coaching requirements, please refer to [Bylaw 1620](#). Local school districts shall determine their coaching staff needs and any additional training.

ONLINE UNIFIED BOWLING RULES MEETINGS

See Zoom meeting invite sent via email for Thursday, March 4 @ 3:30.

MEETS

Rescheduled Meets: Rescheduling regular meets after regional or state competition begins is prohibited.

FORMAT

The Baker format is an exciting and truly team-based method of bowling. A Baker Game is when multiple bowlers bowl one game. Team members will rotate between the three on roll a ball. This will take place for all games. Regardless of a spare or strike the next participant will roll the ball.

The Baker Trio format gives equal playing time for each member; creating meaningful participation that is essential to the Unified Sports® model.

THREE PLAYER/TRIO BAKER GAME FORMAT

2 athletes and 1 partner

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8-	5/	35	81	71	X	9/	X	X	8/6
8	21	29	38	46	66	86	114	134	150

Each participant rolls a ball at a time.

Order: Teams may choose their own bowling order but may not switch that order in games themselves.

Substitutions: A coach may substitute players at any time (frame) during the game. Once a player has been substituted for, he/she may not re-enter the current game. Substitutions must keep the original team composition in place (Athlete/Athlete, Partner/Partner). See "Team Composition"

Games/Winner: Each Trio team will bowl 3 Baker games within each meet. The winner of the meet will be decided by total pinfall. This means that the total score from all 3 games for each team is added together and the team with the most pins wins the event.

Lanes: All team members bowl on the same lane, bumpers are NOT used. After three games, teams shall switch lanes with one another for equal competition. In an effort to stay on the same schedule, teams shall not start a new game until their opponent has finished their current game.

Score Sheets/Information: Coaches/Administration shall pre-communicate their team information including: team composition and substitutions, bowling order, and shoe orders. All scoring discrepancies should be reported to the score monitor or the event administrator.

Official: The administrator in charge during regular season events and district competition will serve as the head official regarding any disputes. During state competition, the CHSAA will have personnel in place.

Coaching: All coaches should remain outside of the lane area unless assistance with accommodations is needed. There are no restrictions on when a coach may communicate and coach participants.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. In order to determine if the CHSAA can authorize such an accommodation, the school administration should contact the CHSAA to request an accommodation.

Request for Accommodation: Please email [Lane Ververs](#) for this form.

BOWLING BALL RAMPS & OTHER ASSISTANCE DEVICES

*Ramps are a two-piece metal unit, one stand and one sloped piece. The stand is a minimum height of 24 inches and maximum height of 28 inches. The stand width is 24 to 25 inches across. *The measurements for height and width should be within 2-4" of the dimensions shown. * The sloped piece, from connecting point to stand to first bend is 16 inches and from first bend to bottom of sloped piece is 54 inches.*

Ramps may be used when an athlete does not have the physical ability to roll a ball with their hand or hands. If a participant uses a ramp to bowl, it is the responsibility of that program to bring the ramp to competition.

Ramp Bowling: The athlete may be unassisted or assisted when aiming the ramp or positioning and releasing the bowling ball. If assisted, the assistant should have his/her back to the pins the entire time and receive direction from the athlete through verbal or physical cues.

Other Assistance Devices: If you have a participant(s) that would benefit from other assistance devices, approval must be granted, prior to usage, from the CHSAA office.

Weights may be added to the ramp for stabilization. The Tournament Director for safety concerns and protection of the lanes must inspect ramps with attached weights.

The entire ramp must remain behind the foul line.

~~Bowlers needing stability assistance wheelchairs or other assistive devices will not be placed in ramp divisions unless they, in fact, bowl with a ramp.~~

Ramp bowlers must propel the bowling ball independently.

Ramp bowlers must direct placement of ramp or place ramp independently. Once placement has occurred, the volunteer will stand behind and to the side of the bowler. Permission for coaches to work as aides on lanes for their vision impaired (only) athletes will be granted on a case-by-case basis. The coach must contact the event director to request permission.

*All ramps and assistance devices need formal approval from the CHSAA office via the "Request for Accommodation" form.

REGIONAL & STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

All registered Unified Bowling teams will be placed into one class for competition. There are **three** regionals that schools have been broken into.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURE

All schools in Unified Bowling are to be placed into three regionals. Regional assignment will be based on geographic location starting west and moving east with consideration also given to north and south to reduce travel.

Each school may register one trio team for regional competition. **This team must be COED.**

<u>REGION 1</u> Date: Wednesday, April 21 Site: Sunset Bowl – Big Daddy’s 1227 S. Prairie Ave Pueblo, CO 81005 Director: Dennis Downs/Rick Macias Host School: Pueblo County High School 1050 Lane 35 Pueblo, CO 81006 Contact: (719) 948-3351	<u>REGION 2</u> Date: Wednesday, April 21 Site: Highland Park Lanes 1900 59 th Ave Greeley, CO 80634 Director: Jeff Collins/Aimee Anderson Host School: Northridge High School 100 71 st Ave Greeley, CO 80634 Contact: (970) 348-5211
<u>REGION 3</u> Date: Friday, April 23 Site: AMF Belleview Lanes 4900 S Federal Blvd Englewood, CO 80110 Director: Chris Enzminger Host School: Littleton High School 199 E. Littleton Blvd. Littleton, CO 80121 Contact: (303) 347-7718	

MINIMUM COMPETITION REQUIREMENT

Each school must submit 10 scores before regional competition begins.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Games Rules Committee will make all final decisions.

Top 3 teams from each region will advance to the state competition based on total pinfall during a 3 game Baker trio game.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

Facilities used as a district site must provide reasonable accommodation for special needs.

REGIONAL DATES

April 21-23

ELIGIBLE PLAYER

Players listed on the team roster. No more than two substitutes can be listed on the entry form. If changes are needed on the team roster, inform your regional director prior to event. Anyone substituted must be eligible according to all CHSAA rules. School administrators will need to verify the substitution. Once the tournament begins no substitution may be made unless an athlete is injured or ill, which a physician must verify.

BOWLING BALLS

Participants should keep no more than one bowling ball at any one time on the ball return. All bowling balls must adhere to USBC Chapter 8 and be in compliance with the terms and conditions regarding ball material, weight, size, markings, holes, balance, and hardness.

NOTE: A bowling ball with an offensive brand name will not be permitted for use by a high school bowler in CHSAA interscholastic regular season and post-season events. There are a multitude of bowling balls for use by our high school bowlers that do not have offensive language printed on them.

REGIONAL AWARDS

Winner of each regional will receive a regional champion plaque. Runner-up will receive a regional runner-up plaque.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Games Rules Committee will make all final decisions.

Date:	April 30, 2021
Location:	AMF Belleview Lanes (4900 S Federal Blvd, Englewood, CO 80110)
Registration:	11:15 AM
Warm-Up:	12:00 PM
Start Time:	12:15 PM

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECTATOR TICKETS

Ticket Price: \$10

FORMAT

The state competition will be tournament play. All teams will play in an open format. There will be no bracket. The top two scores (based on total pinfall) will determine the state champion and runner up.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Should play during the State Championships be suspended, play will resume where it was when it stopped.

TEAM PASS GATE

No player or coaches' passes will be issued for this year's state championship. Players and coaches must enter through the team pass gate. Only players and coaches listed on the official team roster, as submitted to the CHSAA on April 23rd will be allowed access to the state championship site free of charge through the team pass gate. Each team shall be allowed no more than 8 individuals (5 players, 3 individuals made of coaches & bench personnel). May be stricter based on COVID guidelines.

STATE AWARDS

The winner and runner-up in the state championships will receive trophies. Members of the state championship team will receive gold medals. Members of the state runner-up team will receive silver medals. These medals are in partnership with Special Olympics – Colorado.

ADDITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION & REIMBURSEMENTS

Schools qualifying for the state championships will receive their tournament information packet through email. There will be no reimbursements for the State Championships during the 2020-2021 Unified Sports, Bowling season.