

## Oregon State USBC Youth Division - High School Bowling Program

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Dear High School Bowling Coaches and Center Proprietors:

Another great high school bowling season has passed and we are looking forward to an equally great season in 2009. Please find enclosed your tournament schedule, along with your 2009 District rules and 2009 District Entry form.

**Over \$9,200 was awarded in scholarships last year!** Congratulations to Centennial Boys and Grants Pass Girls for their 2008 championship victory at Valley Lanes in Beaverton. Kudos to Billy Gerber of Grants Pass and Erik Jensen of Centennial in the boys' division, and Courtney Nikolas of Rex Putnam in the girls' division, for being named most valuable players.

**The 2009 State Championships will be held at Lava Lanes in Bend, February 27-March 1.** Emerald Lanes in Eugene will host the All Star Tournament on March 14-15.

**IMPORTANT - ALL COACHES MUST NOW SHOW PROOF THAT THEY ARE EITHER A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER WITH USBC OR ARE CURRENTLY APPROVED THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.** A separate form indicating you have had the appropriate background check will be required with your team entry form. Please visit [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) for details on the Registered Volunteer Program.

**IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE:** Districts with less than 6 high schools participating in a division will only advance the first place team to the State finals. Divisions with six or more high schools participating will advance two teams. See the enclosed rules for clarification on how at large teams are selected to fill the tournament.

We will no longer have photos taken at the State Finals and have adjusted the tournament schedule to accommodate a later start time on Saturday and more bowling on Sunday. Teams will be assigned a check-in time based on the order in which complete and legible entries are received. Teams will bowl 24 baker games on Saturday and 6 baker games on Sunday then move into double-elimination with matches based on qualifying finish (1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15, 3 vs. 14. . .) Only the top three finalist teams will receive scholarships.

All tournament entries must be complete, include entry fee, and be postmarked one week prior to the tournament event. **Late entries will not be accepted. Please also note that the school athletic/activities director must sign the forms to verify school enrollment and academic eligibility.** We rely on the entry forms to verify eligibility, pass along critical information to coaches, and forward scholarship information to athletes.

Many thanks for your continued commitment to high school bowling. As always, the Youth Committee welcomes your comments. To ensure that all concerns are addressed, we ask that your suggestions be made in writing. *Have a great season – we'll see you soon!*

Sincerely,

Colleen Padilla, State High School Manager