



NMHSBA Update

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1. The NMHSBA would like to thank everyone for their support to the entire High School Bowling Activity. Our goal is to keep everyone informed of what is happening with the New Mexico High School Program through an occasional update notice like this.
2. The NMHSBA shifted from a two-commissioner system to an association system on April 11, 2009. It now consists of a President (Don Thompson), Vice-President (Floyd Belden), six board members (Gary Gill, Danny Crites, Ruben Aguilar, Kristin Montes, Sharon Thompson, and Mike Miller) and an Association Manager (Robin Crites). These people are noticeable with the black shirts with NMHSBA logo and nametags they wear.
3. We initiated our own Website (currently <http://shadoserver.com/nmhba>) developed by Ron Thompson (East Mountain Coach) that is running through his server for now. We will be working to have our own domain soon and this site location will change. Anyway, there you will find a wealth of information (schedule, high schools involved, results, bowling centers involved, documents of interest, etc) to include this document.
4. We changed the weekly tournament awards program. Each 1st place team in each division (Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced) gets to take the traveling trophy home and return it the following weekend for passing on to new winner. We designed the trophy to represent bowling and to a size (30" high) to recognize the achievement. In addition, we decided to do something to recognize the individuals on the teams. Therefore, each member of the 1st and 2nd place team receives a pin. We have several different style pins for each week.
5. We have placed the Senior's Tournament two weeks before the State Tournament instead of afterwards. This was done for two reasons. First, to ensure it is within the Bowling Activity season. Second, it allows recognizing the winners in front of their peers at the following tournament. This function provides scholarship funds to the top several placements.
6. We added another recognition program to provide at the end of the season. The recognition is in the form of scholarship funds. The plan is to recognize the highest average, highest game, and highest series for male and female.
7. We will be conducting the State Tournament on 6 Mar 2010.
8. In order for us to do these things, we must fund raise. You can help ensure we meet our funding goals by participating in any of our fund raisers we will be doing at the weekly tournaments:
 - a. We collect an admissions fee of \$1 per person (exceptions: coaches, students in attendance to watch if they have a student ID on them).
 - b. We raffle item(s) donated by the center. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.
 - c. We run a 50/50. This is where you buy tickets and the half of the collection goes to the winner and the other half to the association. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.
 - d. We are planning to sell NMHSBA items (shirts, towels, pins, etc).
 - e. We may raffle a bowling ball. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.
9. We are off to a great start with 15 High Schools making up 31 teams the first week, and currently there are 19 High Schools making up 40 teams for week 2.
10. If there are any questions or feedback, please feel free to write it down, no names required, and provide to one of the association members. We are interested in everyone's thoughts that pertain to making the tournaments better.

Don Thompson
NMHSBA President