



**Open letter to Parents and Guests attending the 2021
HSBC State Championships March 5-7, 2021**



This past bowling season has been a difficult one for players, coaches, parents and proprietors due to the many, and often changing, protocols surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic. In an effort to provide the safest environment for our State Championships, BCAW has reviewed protocols and guidelines for school districts, other sports and municipalities.

The result is the protocols that have been put in place for the event in March at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley. While these protocols have been available on the website for a couple weeks, the spectator limitation protocol is just now being realized by many.

The limitation of one spectator per bowler was approved by the HSBC Committee after surveys of coaches across the state as well as reviews of similar events. We realize that this may pose some tough choices or even hardships on some families. However, the decision was made to provide the safest environment as possible for all in attendance.

Recent posts on social media, questions from coaches and conversations during some recent matches have indicated that some people are considering efforts to circumvent the spirit and intent of the protocol. Please understand the purpose of the limitation is not to just reduce the number of people in the center at one time, but also reduce the number of different people in attendance over the weekend. Think of it as a “bubble”.

Swapping out wristbands between parents and/or guests is just one of the ways of violating the protocol and may result in doubling the number of spectators attending the event. The act of swapping out wristband or other methods to get more spectators in the event will not be tolerated and such actions could result in individuals be barred from further attendance.

It is the hope of BCAW that all supporters of the WI HSBC Program understand the issues at hand. To risk the possibility of spreading the disease, having the Brown County Health Department shut down the event or even an appearance that our program has a disregard for the safety of the participants has no positive upside for high school bowling.

Please be aware that there will be no wristbands sold at the door. Nor will there be replacement of lost or damage ones. No wristband, no entrance. All people in the building, including the bar restaurant and common areas, will be required to have a wristband.

Thank you for your support of high school bowling in the state of Wisconsin.