

Steps to follow to promote a good working relationship with your high school.

- ✓ Introduce yourself to the school principal and athletic director
- ✓ Let the school know you are willing to help with the high school bowling team
- ✓ If the school does not plan to have a varsity bowling team, you will want to continue with your "club team"
- ✓ If the school wants to have a varsity team, congratulations, work with your new community partner towards a long and successful relationship

My school said they are not going to sponsor a team. What can I do?

- ✓ Many schools are facing budget cuts and are not adding any new programs
- ✓ Consider offering to help the school raise the money necessary to fund the bowling team.
- ✓ Continue with the "club team" concept, the school will be competing with other schools that have made bowling an officially sponsored sport, parental pressure, etc. will hopefully encourage the school to be part of MHSAA's regional and state finals tournaments

In what conference will my high school bowling team compete?

- ✓ If the school has elected to recognize the bowling team officially as a school sport, then confer with the school to see if they need any assistance. Chances are that if the school is recognizing the sport, then the athletic director has been in contact with the other schools in their conference in regards to scheduling competition.
- ✓ If your school is not recognizing bowling as an official school sport, then we need to work with the conferences as they were drawn-up and arranged in the past.