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Eleven high school students at Chase County Schools are competing in Nebraska High School Bowling Federation competition this year.

This is the fifth year for high school bowling involving CCS students. Chase County competes in Class C when it comes time for districts. There are 15 other Class C teams across the state.

Coaches Denise Smith and Pastor David Kahle are working with the six girls and five boys who started matches Dec. 1 at a quad in Sidney.

At that competition, the girls, bowling one short, defeated Ogallala 19-0 and lost to Sidney 8-13.

The Chase County boys' team had two missing, so lost both matches to Sidney and Ogallala.

Competition in high school federation bowling differs from local league bowling.

Five bowlers compete on a team, and go head-to-head against a bowler from the opposing team for two games. The high bowler in each game gets a point for his/her team, and the team winner (all five scores tallied) gains another three points.

Also, as part of the competition, a "Baker's Format" is used, in which the five bowlers on each team take turns bowling two frames in each of three games. The team winning two of three games gets an additional five points.

Teams go through this format twice in each of the quads (four teams competing).

When it comes time for districts, teams compete with just four members who bowl the best three out of five "Baker's Format" games, Smith noted. That's in addition to the two head-to-head games.

This year, first and second place teams at district matches will qualify for state. There will be no wild card team points used in determining state team qualifiers, Smith said.

Members of the 2012-13 Chase County teams are:

Girls—Makayla DaMoude, Tapainga Kahle, Michaela Space, Emily Johnston, Abby Polly, Faith Reinke.

Boys—Cody Cochran, Carson Fanning, Alan Smith, Sheldon Bartholomew, Will Lewis.

Here is the rest of the season schedule:

Dec. 15—Dual at Ogallala

Jan. 12—Quad at Scottsbluff

Jan. 19—Dual in Imperial vs. Sidney.

Jan. 26—Districts