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The CT Duckpins Board of Directors made the following recommendations and passed the following resolutions in a meeting on April 14, 2020.

Recommendations -- Leagues

The Board recommends leagues (1) have their treasurers pay out all prize money for completed rounds, if possible, and provide an account of all league funds as soon as possible and (2) contact and work together with the bowling center on a plan to resume the season if it is deemed safe to do so in the months of June, July, or August. (3) Leagues can consider playing a double shift and/or playing on a weekend in order to expedite the end of their seasons. (4) League secretaries must submit averages as of June 15, 2020 and final averages as soon as they are available to CT Duckpins and the National Duckpin Bowling Congress.

Rationale: The Board cannot and does not require leagues to follow these recommendations. However, we believe bowlers should be paid prize money in a timely manner. Additionally, we recognize that the bowling centers that host our leagues and tournaments are small businesses that have been impacted by a mandate to close; it is in our best interest as a community of bowlers to support the few centers we have left, and a few weeks of revenue from leagues could make the difference for a center.

The Board recommends that leagues that decide to end the season now even though all scheduled play has not been completed (1) have their treasurers pay out all prize money for completed rounds and provide an account of all league funds as soon as possible, (2) declare the team with the most wins across all completed weeks the league champion and pay out the associated champion's prize and other season-long prizes prorated for the number of weeks completed, and (3) return all monies bowlers paid toward the prize fund for incomplete rounds or prorate prizes based on current standings. (4) League secretaries must also submit final averages to CT Duckpins and the National Duckpin Bowling Congress as soon as they are available.

Rationale: The Board cannot and does not require leagues to follow these recommendations. However, we believe we have an obligation to provide guidance to our member leagues given the unusual and abrupt pause of all bowling.

Resolutions -- 2019-2020 Rankings

The Board resolves to reduce all Top 20 Ranking Requirements by 30% for the 2019-2020 season only. As such, a man's ranking requires 105 sanctioned games (at least 63 in sanctioned leagues; at least 28 in sanctioned tournaments); a woman's ranking requires 91 sanctioned games (at least 63 in sanctioned leagues; at least 21 in sanctioned tournaments).

Rationale: The Board does not want anyone motivated to return to bowling too soon in order to meet ranking requirements that are too stringent. We must also not penalize bowlers whose leagues postponed play earlier than others. Finally, we must give the benefit of the doubt to bowlers who planned on playing in canceled league and tournament play. For this calculation, we assumed a bowler might have missed up to 21 games of league play and up to 23 games of tournament play due to cancellation or the bowler's choice to remain home for reasons of health. This may differ from resolutions made by other organizations based on state public health guidance.

Resolutions -- 2019-2020 CT Duckpins Tournament Series

The Board resolves to complete the 2019-2020 CT Duckpins Tournament Series by holding a seventh series event and the Tournament Series Finals if it is deemed safe to do so before the end of September 2020. All 2019-2020 CT Duckpins Tournament Series rules and regulations will still apply. A notice of at least 4 weeks will be given before the seventh event is held; a notice of at least 6 weeks will be given before the Tournament Series Finals is held. If these stipulations cannot be met, all bowlers who participated in the 2019-2020 CT Duckpins Tournament Series will be credited \$5 for each 2019-2020 entry to be used toward 2020-2021 CT Duckpins events only. If requested in writing before January 1, 2021, a bowler may instead be issued a check for that sum. If one or both of these events are played after June 15, games played will count toward 2020-2021 statistics.

Rationale: Bowlers paid a significant amount of money into the Tournament Series Finals Fund throughout the season with the expectation that they could qualify for the Series Finals and play for a large first place prize. If it is possible to safely hold the Series Finals before the normal start of the next tournament season, the Board believes it is obligated to hold the event. Additionally, in order to be fair to all who could have qualified for the Tournament Series Finals and awards based on Tournament Series points, the Board believes it must hold the seventh series event before holding the Finals.

Resolutions -- 2020 Annual Meeting & CT Duckpins Board of Directors

The Board resolves to immediately adopt the slate of officers nominated at the March 10 meeting of the Board for the 2020-2021 season and cancel the formal Annual Meeting for 2020. The Officers for 2020-2021 are: Brian Ewing, President; Jack Dansereau, Vice President; Tom Dominique, Treasurer. MaryAnn Cochefski, Erik Loteczka, Dara Dominique, and Steve Korik will remain as members of the Board.

Rationale: All those nominated for officer positions held the positions in 2019-2020 and were unopposed for 2020-2021 election. Given that an annual meeting cannot be held, the Board believes this is an appropriate action.

Resolutions -- Awards Banquet & Golf Tournament

The Board would like to hold this event next Spring. However, given the uncertainty of the current situation, the Board will not yet make any reservations at least until Autumn 2020. No fees were incurred due to cancelation of these 2020 events.

Resolutions -- Tournament Series 2020-2021

The process of scheduling tournament series events typically begins in June. Dates are finalized in July and published in August each year. Given the uncertainty of the current situation, the Board will discuss the possibility of delaying the scheduling process, reducing the number of tournaments for 2020-2021, and/or not running a 2020-2021 tournament series at the May meeting and subsequent meetings, as needed.

Additionally, the following information was shared by the CT Duckpins representatives to the National Duckpin Bowling Congress:

- The 2020 National Tournament and Annual Meeting have been postponed until 2021.
- Rule and bylaw changes will not be considered until the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Bowlers will be polled to see if there should be no national rankings or rankings based on 75% of normal ranking requirements for the 2019-2020 season.
- Leagues that have decided to end the season must immediately submit final averages to NDBC and their local association.
- For leagues that resume bowling: all games played before June 15, 2020 will count toward the 2019-2020 season; leagues must submit averages as of June 15. All games played after June 15, 2020 will count toward 2020-2021; leagues must submit final averages within fifteen days of completing the season as well.