

Constitution and By-laws of the Bowlers' Association of Connecticut

Article I: The Association

Section 1. The Association shall be a non-profit organization.

Section 2. This organization shall be known as the Bowlers' Association of Connecticut. Any reference to the Association's name hereinafter will or can be noted as B.A.C.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1. The Association shall have as its objective the adoption, supervision and enforcement of uniform rules and regulations governing the game of Duckpins, for all member leagues, tournaments and individuals in the State of Connecticut.

Section 2. It may provide for local competition via singles, doubles or team competition adaptable and geared to the best interest of its members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish the formats, determine the entry fee (if need be) and prizes for B.A.C. events, and appoint directors who will be responsible for enforcing all B.A.C guidelines. If an entry fee is assessed, it will be so noted on the tournament poster and flyers.

Section 4. The representatives of the Board of Directors shall advocate for and act in the best interest of B.A.C. members at the local, regional, and national levels.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. All bowlers who are current members of NDBC sanctioned leagues in Connecticut and all current NDBC sanctioned bowlers whose primary residence is located in Connecticut shall be members.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of:

- a. President: The president shall perform the duties outlined in Article V and represent the board when and where appropriate.
- b. Vice President: The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the office of President and shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be required or assigned.
- c. Secretary: The secretary shall keep a complete record of all proceedings and prepare comprehensive minutes thereof.
- d. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall oversee the receipt of all monies paid to the Association. He/she shall account and, when called upon, report on all receipts and disbursements. The money

shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Board of Directors and shall be subject to withdrawal only upon the order of the Association. However, the Association is vested with authority to approve and expend such funds deemed necessary to fulfill the operating necessities of the Association. These funds shall be expended by checks signed by any authorized officer of the Association. The treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining a current record of the authorized officers and shall oversee any and all changes to the B.A.C. accounts.

- e. Each August a majority vote of the board shall determine whether and for what amount the Treasurer shall be bonded for the year beginning September 1st and ending August 31st.

Section 2. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors, composed of the officers of the B.A.C. and a maximum of seven members, ideally representing all sanctioned bowling centers, selected from the establishment representatives.

Section 3. So long as the board is not currently at maximum capacity, any member of the Association who attends two consecutive scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall become a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. If the board is at maximum capacity, any and all members eligible to become voting Board members under Article IV, Section 3 and all current Board members who are not officers will be subject to an election at the next annual meeting. One vote for each of the seven Board positions may be cast by each member of the association present. The seven members receiving the most votes will assume the status of Board member. In the event of a tie, a run-off vote will be held.

Section 5. Should a Board member resign or be removed from his or her position before the annual meeting, the member who was first eligible shall be automatically instated as a voting Board member and no election shall be needed.

Section 6. The officers of the Association must be chosen from the members of the Association. An owner or manager of any bowling establishment may become a member of the Association, but shall not be eligible to hold an elective office.

Section 7. The officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected. All officers may be re-elected.

Section 8. New officers will be elected at the Board of Directors meeting prior to the annual meeting of the Association by the voting Board members present, and their term of office shall commence immediately following the annual meeting. Nominations must be submitted to the secretary prior to the Board of Directors meeting prior to the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the most votes will assume the office. Candidates do not need to be present to be elected.

Section 9. Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to attend three meetings in a row or five of the six most recent meetings will be subject to removal per a majority vote of all other board members in good standing.

Section 10. Vacancies occurring in any office, except that of President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and such person or persons appointed shall hold office until the next election of officers. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall automatically become President.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet (in person or via conference call) a minimum of six times per calendar year, including the annual meeting. The length of time between meetings should never exceed twelve weeks.

Section 2. A simple quorum (50% + 1) of the Board of Directors shall be used for the legal transaction of business. A simple quorum (50% + 1) is required for voting.

Section 3. All motions may be voted upon by a show of hands, a voice vote, or ballot with a majority vote to rule.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall vote only in the case of a tie. The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the office of President and shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be required or assigned. If neither the President nor Vice President is in attendance at a meeting, the longest-serving member of the Board of Directors in attendance shall preside over the meeting.

Section 5. The President shall notify the officers and members of the Board of Directors in regards to meetings and will set the agenda.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all proceedings and prepare comprehensive minutes thereof.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1. The association shall have the following standing committees:

- a. Membership: The Membership Committee shall promote active membership in the Association and shall maintain an up-to-date directory of members' addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other information.
- b. Tournament Series: The Tournament Series committee shall schedule, administer (including revising and distributing rules and determining the prize lists), and promote the yearly B.A.C. Tournament Series.
- c. Budget & Finance: The Budget and Finance committee shall develop a budget for the year and secure the necessary funds.

- d. Hall of Fame: The Hall of Fame Committee shall determine the eligibility of members for the Hall of Fame and present candidates to the Board of Directors for a vote when necessary. The committee will also organize and promote all Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.
- e. Publicity: The Publicity Committee shall actively organize efforts to get publicity for the sport of duckpin bowling, the Association, and the accomplishments of members of the Association.
- f. Rules: The Rules Committee shall interpret playing rules as needed.
- g. Youth: The Youth Committee shall maintain communication with and assist as needed the existing organizations for youth bowling in the state. The committee shall also work specifically to promote the sport of duckpin bowling among young people.
- h. Audit: The books of the Treasurer shall be audited once a year, or at the discretion of the (head of the committee) officers by a committee duly appointed.

Section 2. The President will appoint the chair of each committee and will maintain a list of all Association members currently serving on committees. Committee members, including the committee chair, need not be voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The chair of each committee shall provide a report at each scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. If the committee chair is not able to attend a meeting, he or she must appoint another committee member to make the report in person or provide a written report in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may form or dissolve a committee at any time by a simple majority vote.

Article VII: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Procedures at meetings:

- 1. Roll Call;
- 2. Review of previous meeting's minutes;
- 3. Committee Reports;
- 4. Old Business;
- 5. New Business;
- 6. Election of Officers (at meeting prior to the annual meeting); Election of Board members (at annual meeting);
- 7. Adjournment.

Section 2. Robert's "Rules of Order" shall govern at all meetings and proceedings of the Association.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1. Any and all proposed amendments to the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Association must be submitted in writing by the proposer thereof to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consider all such proposed amendments so submitted. Amendments require unanimous vote of the members of the Board of Directors present.

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