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Proposer: Paul La Riviere
Plattsmouth, NE

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: Jerry Manukin
Lansing, OH

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: Lee Johnson
Midland, VA

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Proposer: Paul La Riviere
Plattsmouth, NE

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply

Requires bowler's to use a composite average of all leagues if higher than the bowlers highest 21 game average.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Requires bowlers to report their 21 game tournament average if it is higher than their highest USBC average.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Allows for each tournament game or frame to be bowled on a different pair of lanes.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Changes the time frame for protesting rule infractions to 72 hours and the time frame for appealing tournament management's decision to 10 days.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Requires non-merged local associations to be merged by August 1, 2011.

Proposer: David P. Lewis
Mount Pleasant, MI

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Article III, Membership and Dues

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Raises state and local dues maximums in the same increments as national.

Proposer: William Chestnut
Cantrall, IL

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Article III, Membership and Dues

Section B. Dues

Changes maximum USBC adult state membership dues from \$1 to \$5.

Proposer: Florida State USBC WBA

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Article III, Membership and Dues

Section B. Dues

Changes maximum USBC adult membership dues from \$10 to \$15.

Changes maximum state adult membership dues from \$1 to \$2 if the association is merged adults.

Changes maximum state adult membership dues from \$1 to \$3 if the association is merged adult and youth.

Proposer: David P. Lewis
Mount Pleasant, MI

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Article IV, Board of Directors

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Changes requirement for credentials to be filed with USBC from 24 hours to 90 days.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Article IV, Board of Directors

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Gives the board the authority to make important decisions any time of the year.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Gives the board the authority to make important decisions any time of the year.

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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Article VI, Meetings

Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 3(b), Elections

Allows affiliate associations to have delegates and voting rights at the Annual Meeting.

Proposer: Iowa State USBC WBA Board of Directors

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Article VIII, Amendments

Allows legislation for General Playing Rules, League Rules and Tournament Rules to be conducted in even years (2010, 2012, 2014, etc.). (Bylaws will remain as yearly legislation.)

Proposer: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

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National Bylaws

Changes the national bylaws

Proposer: USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 1

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 100h. Senior

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 37

A senior league is composed of participants who are 55 years of age or over. USBC league rules shall apply to all USBC senior leagues, in addition to the following:

1. Senior league bowlers are eligible for all USBC awards and services.
2. A senior league may, by rule, allow bowlers 50 years of age and older, and members' spouses under the age of 55 to compete in the league.

PROPOSAL....

Delete the rule.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

All league bowlers are eligible for all USBC awards and services. Separate awards for senior accomplishment such as senior pins, over average game, and series were eliminated some time back. The eligibility criteria can be established in the league bylaws. The identity of "senior" could still be a part of the league name. The current rule for a senior league serves no purpose.

Presented by: Paul La Riviere
Plattsmouth, NE

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 2

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 102c. Duties of the President, Item 3 USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 40

The president/league supervisor shall perform the following duties:

1. Preside at all league meetings.
2. Enforce all rules and regulations of the league.
3. Arrange to have an account set up in a recognized banking institution in the name of the league with the signatures of at least two officers required for all withdrawals.
4. Appoint a prize committee and an auditing committee, as well as any other committees needed during the season. (For more information on committees, see the League Operations Handbook on bowl.com.)
5. Arrange to have the prize committee submit one or more prize lists for consideration by the fifth week. (See Rule 117a.)
6. Personally verify the league's bank balance monthly. (A monthly president verification worksheet can be found on Bowl.com.)

PROPOSAL....

In Item 3 add "the bank statements being sent to the president and"

If adopted, Rule 102c will state:

The president/league supervisor shall perform the following duties:

1. Preside at all league meetings.
2. Enforce all rules and regulations of the league.
3. Arrange to have an account set up in a recognized banking institution in the name of the league with the bank statements being sent to the president and the signatures of at least two officers required for all withdrawals.
4. Appoint a prize committee and an auditing committee, as well as any other committees needed during the season. (For more information on committees, see the League Operations Handbook on Bowl.com.)
5. Arrange to have the prize committee submit one or more prize lists for consideration by the fifth week. (See Rule 117a.)
6. Personally verify the league's bank balance monthly. (A monthly president verification worksheet can be found on Bowl.com.)

If adopted, Rule 102f, Item 1 will be codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Bank statements should be sent to the person verifying the account. Not only is this a good business practice, but it will be a good reminder to the league president that he/she has a duty to the league to verify the bank account in accordance with league financials and team envelopes each month.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 3

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 102f. Duties of the Treasurer, Item 7 USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 42

The treasurer shall perform the following duties:

1. Establish a bank account in the name of the league with the signatures of at least two officers needed for withdrawals.
2. Arrange to have all league funds deposited within one week of receipt.
3. Be responsible for a complete accounting of all receipts and disbursements. On the request of the president or board, furnish a current financial statement to each team captain.
4. Distribute all prizes within 21 days after the end of the league schedule unless:
 - a. The board has set another time for distributing prizes, or
 - b. USBC has authorized holding up payment pending settlement of a claim or protest affecting prize distribution.
5. When the prizes are distributed, give each team captain and/or member a detailed financial statement, showing all income received on behalf of the league and an accounting of all money disbursed. The financial statement must also show the prizes distributed and list to whom they were awarded.
6. Turn over all financial records to the newly-elected officer upon election.
7. All financial records, whether in possession of the former officer or newly-elected officer, shall be retained for at least 120 days following completion of the league schedule.

PROPOSAL....

In Item 7 replace "120 days following completion of the league schedule" and replace with "one year from the completion of the season."

If adopted, Rule 102f will state:

The treasurer shall perform the following duties:

1. Establish a bank account in the name of the league with the signatures of at least two officers needed for withdrawals.
2. Arrange to have all league funds deposited within one week of receipt.
3. Be responsible for a complete accounting of all receipts and disbursements. On the request of the president or board, furnish a current financial statement to each team captain.
4. Distribute all prizes within 21 days after the end of the league schedule unless:
 - a. The board has set another time for distributing prizes, or
 - b. USBC has authorized holding up payment pending settlement of a claim or protest affecting prize distribution.
5. When the prizes are distributed, give each team captain and/or member a detailed financial statement, showing all income received on behalf of the league and an accounting of all money disbursed. The financial statement must also show the prizes distributed and list to whom they were awarded.
6. Turn over all financial records to the newly-elected officer upon election.
7. All financial records, whether in possession of the former officer or newly-elected officer, shall be retained for at least one year from the completion of the season.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

League financial records are important for a league and should be kept longer than 120 days. When a league is over it could be months before the members get back together and find out the league was not properly paid out. In many cases, it is due to vacancies or members not paying, which can easily be determined by the treasurer if the records are retained.

In addition, USBC allows for complaints to be filed in the current season or the season immediately following the alleged violation. Due to the importance of financial records and the fact that a complaint may be filed more than 120 days after the completion of the league, 120 days is not a sufficient amount of time to retain these records.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 4

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 105. Absentee and Vacancy Scores

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 47

Leagues may adopt rules for absentee or vacancy scores and handicaps to decide league games, subject to the following:

- a. Absentee or vacancy scores may be used only when a legal lineup is present.
- b. Absentee or vacancy scores may not replace scores bowled by an ineligible player.
- c. In a singles league, no vacancy scores shall be used. Absentee scores will not be permitted, unless otherwise provided by league rule.
- d. A vacancy score is to be used when a team has an incomplete roster. Vacancy scores are subject to the following, unless otherwise provided by league rule:
 1. **Adult leagues:**
 - a) The vacancy score shall be 120.
 - b) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
 2. **Youth leagues:**
 - a) The vacancy score shall be the average of the lowest average bowler on the opposing team's roster.
 - b) If two or more vacancy scores are required, the average of the next-to-the-lowest bowler on the opposing team's roster shall be used for the second vacancy score.
 - c) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
 - d) The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average.
- e. An absentee score is to be used when a member is absent and a substitute is not obtained. The following provisions apply unless otherwise provided by league rule:
 1. The absentee score for each game shall be the absent member's current average less 10 pins. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the absent member's current average.
 2. Teams with additional players on the roster shall use the absentee score of the absent player with the:
 - a) Most games bowled.
 - b) Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled.
 - c) Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.
 3. When a team has an absent member without an established average according to league rules or USBC Rule 118c, a score of 120 will be used. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the score of 120.

PROPOSAL...

Add a new letter "c" to state: A three-, four- or five-player team may use the Baker format for one absent or vacant position only if the league adopts a rule. All players present on the team would bowl Baker format. If more than one position is absent or vacant then an absentee or vacancy score would be used for the remaining positions. USBC Rules 106b and 107a do not apply. See Rule 118a for partial games. For USBC awards only Rule 51d applies to the Baker game.

If adopted, the remaining items will be re-lettered.

If adopted, Rule 105 will state:

Leagues may adopt rules for absentee or vacancy scores and handicaps to decide league games, subject to the following:

- a. Absentee or vacancy scores may be used only when a legal lineup is present.
- b. Absentee or vacancy scores may not replace scores bowled by an ineligible player.
- c. A three-, four- or five-player team may use the Baker format for one absent or vacant position only if the league adopts a rule. All players present on the team would bowl Baker format. If more than one position is absent or vacant then an absentee or vacancy score would be used for the remaining positions. USBC Rules 106b and 107a do not apply. See Rule 118a for partial games. For USBC awards only Rule 51d applies to the Baker game award.
- d. In a singles league, no vacancy scores shall be used. Absentee scores will not be permitted, unless otherwise provided by league rule.

- e. A vacancy score is to be used when a team has an incomplete roster. Vacancy scores are subject to the following, unless otherwise provided by league rule:
 - 1. **Adult leagues:**
 - a) The vacancy score shall be 120.
 - b) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
 - 2. **Youth leagues:**
 - a) The vacancy score shall be the average of the lowest average bowler on the opposing team's roster.
 - b) If two or more vacancy scores are required, the average of the next-to-the-lowest bowler on the opposing team's roster shall be used for the second vacancy score.
 - c) In handicap leagues, the handicap must be based on the vacancy score used. Handicap shall not be limited.
 - d) The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average.
- f. An absentee score is to be used when a member is absent and a substitute is not obtained. The following provisions apply unless otherwise provided by league rule:
 - 1. The absentee score for each game shall be the absent member's current average less 10 pins. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the absent member's current average.
 - 2. Teams with additional players on the roster shall use the absentee score of the absent player with the:
 - a) Most games bowled.
 - b) Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled.
 - c) Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.
 - 3. When a team has an absent member without an established average according to league rules or USBC Rule 118c, a score of 120 will be used. In handicap leagues, the handicap shall be based on the score of 120.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Bowlers feel like they are getting their money's worth because they are bowling in that spot.

In a small market area it motivates more people to join a league if they know they can bowl that spot. Four people can actually bowl in a five-person league.

It also acts as a pacer so that a team can get done, time wise. That helps when you do mystery doubles and/or brackets. It equalizes the teams to finish together.

It also adds revenue to the snack bar, because they are there like other bowlers.

Presented by: Jerry Manukin
Lansing, OH

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

Allowing a Baker-style format to be used in the case of vacancies/absentees would create too many issues that could cause problems within the league/center. It encourages a league to not fill a vacancy and is a potential loss of income to the center (food and beverages). In a handicap league each frame would have to be individually handicapped. This could also open the door for more non-payment of league fee cases and it would be difficult for a league treasurer to determine who owes what fees.

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 5

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 106a. Series – How Bowled

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 49

Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of league play. The first game of a series shall start on the lane where the team is scheduled with each succeeding game starting on the lane where the team finished its previous game. At the option of the league, each game may be bowled on a different pair of lanes, but a full-game must be bowled on each pair.

PROPOSAL....

Add "or frame" after "each game" in the last sentence.

Delete "but a full game must be bowled on each pair"

If adopted, Rule 106a will state:

Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of league play. The first game of a series shall start on the lane where the team is scheduled with each succeeding game starting on the lane where the team finished its previous game. At the option of the league, each game or frame may be bowled on a different pair of lanes.

If adopted, Rule 106b will be codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

This change will allow a league the option to use multiple lanes as a new fun format, if they so choose. USBC would still provide awards when multiple lanes are used for different frames.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 6

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 111c. Request

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 58

Games must be bowled as scheduled, unless a request is made at least 48 hours before the scheduled time, except for emergencies, and approval is granted.

PROPOSAL...

Delete “unless a request is made at least 48 hours before the scheduled time,”

Move “except for emergencies, and approval is granted” to the end of a new second sentence to state: “A request must be made prior to the scheduled time. except for emergencies, and approval is granted”

If adopted, Rule 111c will state:

Games must be bowled as scheduled. A request must be made prior to the scheduled time. except for emergencies, and approval is granted.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

Leagues and members are more aware today than ever before that individual/teams must request a prebowl or postponement prior to the scheduled night; however, removing the 48-hour time limit allows leagues more flexibility when granting a request at the last minute. As always, emergency postponements can be requested within the time frame of USBC Rule 119.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. LR 7

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 111f. Time Limit for Bowling

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 4: League Rules, Page 60

Prebowed/postponed games must be bowled as follows:

1. Prior to the date of scheduled competition for final team standings for the season or each segment of a split season; or
2. Within seven days when the postponement is granted for the last day of a segment (split season leagues); or
3. Within seven days when the postponement is granted for the last day of the schedule.

The foregoing applies to teams bowling in direct opposition. A league may adopt different time frames for individual and/or team unopposed bowling.

The foregoing does not apply when a protest or appeal is pending finalization under Rule 119.

PROPOSAL...

Add the following to the end of the second sentence in the second paragraph: “, but must allow at least 15 days from the date of the originally scheduled or prior to the final date of the season or season segment, and within seven days when the postponement is for the last day of the season or season segment.”

If adopted, Rule 111f will state:

Prebowed/postponed games must be bowled as follows:

1. Prior to the date of scheduled competition for final team standings for the season or each segment of a split season; or
2. Within seven days when the postponement is granted for the last day of a segment (split season leagues); or
3. Within seven days when the postponement is granted for the last day of the schedule.

The foregoing applies to teams bowling in direct opposition. A league may adopt different time frames for individual and/or team unopposed bowling, but must allow at least 15 days from the date of the originally scheduled or prior to the final date of the season or season segment, and within seven days when the postponement is for the last day of the season or season segment.

The foregoing does not apply when a protest or appeal is pending finalization under Rule 119.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

While having time limits on unopposed post bowling is a good idea, those limits need to be reasonable; within seven days is not always feasible depending on the night of the league, especially if the time away spans (for example) two weekends.

Presented by: Lee Johnson
Midland, VA

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

Changing the time frame does not address the issue of postponed games being made up within the allotted time. The league has the flexibility to determine what works for them. If a team cannot bowl within the league's time frame, an additional postponement can be requested. In addition, this proposal is more restrictive than the current rule and would not allow each league to decide what works for them.

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 1

DELEGATE ACTION

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<input type="checkbox"/> DEFER

PRESENT RULE...

Rule 315. Multiple Participation

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 84

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise:

- a. Participation in each event shall be limited to one time.
- b. In order to place more than once in the prize list for positions standings:
 1. Five- and four-player team event. At least two players in the lineup must be different.
 2. Three-player team and doubles event. At least one player in the lineup must be different.
- c. In a singles event, the same individual may not place more than once.
- d. The bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all-events total.

PROPOSAL...

Delete "not" in Item c.

If adopted, Rule 315 will state:

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise:

- a. Participation in each event shall be limited to one time.
- b. In order to place more than once in the prize list for positions standings:
 1. Five- and four-player team event. At least two players in the lineup must be different.
 2. Three-player team and doubles event. At least one player in the lineup must be different.
- c. In a singles event, the same individual may place more than once.
- d. The bowler's first appearance in each event counts toward the all-events total.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

When doubles and singles are a combined entry, and multiple entries are allowed, the bowler is forced to pay for more than one singles opportunity. If a bowler is allowed to cash more than once in doubles, they should not be penalized to cash equally in singles. When allowed in a singles event only, the same opportunity should apply.

Presented by: Paul La Riviere
Plattsmouth, NE

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

This proposal flips the rule to allow the same individual to place more than once in a singles event, unless otherwise stated in the tournament rules. Changing the default rule could be confusing as bowlers and tournament managers are familiar with the current rule of "placing only once." There currently is no problem with this rule and if this change is made each tournament would also have to reflect this change in their tournament rules.

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 2

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 85

The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a USBC league. Averages established in USBC leagues which start its schedules after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

PROPOSAL....

In item 1, delete "Averages established in USBC leagues which start its schedules after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average."

If adopted, Rule 319a will state:

The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a USBC league.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
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5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

With a trend of winter leagues bowling shorter seasons, summer leagues are just as relevant. It should not matter what time of the year a player bowls. As long as the bowler has 21 games bowled, a summer league average should be recognized as the equivalent of a winter league average.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for adoption by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 3

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 85

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2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

PROPOSAL....

In item 2, delete "10 pins or more"

If adopted, Rule 319a will state:

The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a USBC league. Averages established in USBC leagues which start its schedules after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

USBC reviewed average trends and has concerns about individuals with a significant variance in established league averages compared to performances in other leagues and tournaments. USBC is proposing several changes to the 319 rules in an effort to discourage any average manipulation that could result in an unfair competitive advantage.

Averages should reflect a player's current ability. The integrity of the sport of bowling is compromised when a bowler is allowed to bowl a tournament at an average from last season that does not reflect their current ability. To verify this, a current league standing sheet could be requested from the participants. In addition, this change does not prohibit a tournament from putting into their tournament rules only a ten pin difference must be reported.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 4

DELEGATE ACTION

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE

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<input type="checkbox"/> DEFER

PRESENT RULE...

Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 85

The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. Individual averages must be based on a minimum of 21 games in a USBC league. Averages established in USBC leagues which start its schedules after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.
5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

PROPOSAL....

Replace the first sentence in Item 1 with:

"The bowler is required to submit the previous season's highest average of either:"

Add new Items a) and b) under Item 1 to state:

- a) "A single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games, or:
- b) A composite average of all USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled."

Move the second sentence in Item 1 to the second sentence in New Item a).

If adopted, Rule 319a will state:

The following conditions apply to averages in handicap or classified tournaments, unless the tournament rules state otherwise, except that only USBC league averages shall be accepted. (See Rule 319c for average adjustment.)

1. The bowler is required to submit the previous season's highest average of either:
 - a) A single USBC league average based on a minimum of 21 games. Averages established in USBC leagues which start its schedules after March 15 for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average; or:
 - b) A composite average of all USBC leagues, including leagues with less than 21 games bowled.
2. When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used.
3. Bowlers are responsible for verifying his/her own average, whether submitted by the bowler, the team captain or others. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in a lower classification or more handicap, the bowler's score is disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted average. In the case of a team of two or more bowlers, the averages will be combined to determine if the correct total is higher or lower than the submitted total.
4. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. Or, if an extension of time has been granted in writing by tournament management before the end of the first game of a series, the correction can be made within 48 hours after the end of the series.

5. When an association publishes a yearbook, a tournament using previous season averages to determine handicap or classification, shall use the yearbook to verify averages, if furnished, and not require the association to verify averages from that association.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

USBC reviewed average trends and has concerns about individuals with a significant variance in established league averages compared to performances in other leagues and tournaments. USBC is proposing several changes to the 319 rules in an effort to discourage any average manipulation that could result in an unfair competitive advantage.

There are many bowlers who do not belong to leagues, or belong to one league and substitute in a variety of other leagues throughout the season, but do not bowl 21 games. In many cases, in the leagues where the bowler does not have 21 games in, the average is higher and is more relative to their skill level. If a bowler can average higher bowling in different centers and different leagues, those scores should count toward the bowler's tournament entering average.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 5

DELEGATE ACTION
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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 319e. Average Adjustment for Entry

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 88

NOTE: All certified and noncertified scores from the game of American tenpins must be used in the application of this rule.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, the following applies in a handicap or classified tournament:

1. The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores, and prize winnings in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months, including those still running. These include all tournament scores bowled in accordance with the game of American tenpins.
2. A bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry by 15 or more pins. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.
 - a. A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing before the end of the first game in a tournament, unless tournament rules allow for such adjustment to be made within a specified time after bowling.
 - b. Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC.

On appeal or protest, the bowler must promptly supply the record of the names, dates, scores and prizes won — or scores that qualify to win — in all tournaments in which the bowler competed within the previous 12 months.

Nothing in this rule supersedes tournament management's authority to adjust the bowler's average higher prior to bowling.

PROPOSAL...

In item 2, delete "by 15 or more pins"

If adopted, Rule 319e will state:

NOTE: All certified and noncertified scores from the game of American tenpins must be used in the application of this rule.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, the following applies in a handicap or classified tournament:

1. The bowler is responsible for keeping a record of the names, dates, scores, and prize winnings in all tournaments entered in the previous 12 months, including those still running. These include all tournament scores bowled in accordance with the game of American tenpins.
2. A bowler shall adjust his/her entering average if, during the 12-month period immediately preceding the time and date of bowling, the bowler's accumulated average for all, but not less than 21 tournament games, exceeds the average to be used for entry. In that case, the accumulated average must be used for handicapping or classification purposes.
 - a. A bowler whose tournament scores require an adjustment must submit the adjusted average in writing before the end of the first game in a tournament, unless tournament rules allow for such adjustment to be made within a specified time after bowling.
 - b. Failure to use the adjusted average in accordance with the foregoing is cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings, and the bowler is subject to suspension of membership in USBC.

On appeal or protest, the bowler must promptly supply the record of the names, dates, scores and prizes won — or scores that qualify to win — in all tournaments in which the bowler competed within the previous 12 months.

Nothing in this rule supersedes tournament management's authority to adjust the bowler's average higher prior to bowling.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

USBC reviewed average trends and has concerns about individuals with a significant variance in established league averages compared to performances in other leagues and tournaments. USBC is proposing several changes to the 319 rules in an effort to discourage any average manipulation that could result in an unfair competitive advantage.

When a bowler demonstrates they can average higher in tournaments than in league competition, they will be required to use the accumulated tournament average based on 21 games or more.

Just as it is today, the rule still states:

- Tournaments can waive or adjust the number
- It is the players responsibility to ensure his/her average is correct
- The participant should keep personal records
- Because of the 12 month requirement, the games included in the calculation are subject to change on a daily basis.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 6

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 320a. Two Lanes Required

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 88

Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of tournament play.

The first game of a series starts on the lane where the team or individual is scheduled. Succeeding games start on the lane on which the team or individual finished the preceding game, unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

PROPOSAL....

Add a new last paragraph to state "A tournament may have a rule allowing game/frames to be bowled on different lanes."

If adopted, Rule 320a will state:

Bowling shall begin in accordance with a previously arranged schedule. Two lanes immediately adjoining each other shall be used in each game of tournament play.

The first game of a series starts on the lane where the team or individual is scheduled. Succeeding games start on the lane on which the team or individual finished the preceding game, unless each complete game is bowled on a different pair of lanes.

A tournament may have a rule allowing game/frames to be bowled on different lanes.

If adopted, Rule 320b will be codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

This will allow a tournament the option to use multiple lanes within a game. USBC would still provide awards when multiple lanes are used for different frames.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

RULE PROPOSAL NO. TR 7

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PRESENT RULE...

Rule 329. Protest and Appeals

USBC Playing Rules; Chapter 6: Tournament Rules, Page 92

Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal.

- a. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management and:
 1. Adult tournaments: Before tournament prizes are paid.
 2. Youth tournaments: Within 72 hours of the infraction.
- b. The decision of the tournament management shall be final, unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters and:
 1. Adult tournaments: Prior to tournament prizes being paid.
 2. Youth tournaments: Within 72 hours of notice of the decision.

Upon notification of a protest or appeal, tournament manager must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved.

The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.

PROPOSAL...

In Item a-1 change "Before tournament prizes are paid" to "Within 72 hours of the infraction".

In Item b-1 change "Prior to tournament prizes being paid" to "Within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision".

If adopted, Rule 329 will state:

Protests and appeals must be in writing stating the grounds for the protest or appeal.

- a. A protest involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed with tournament management and:
 1. Adult tournaments: Within 72 hours of the infraction.
 2. Youth tournaments: Within 72 hours of the infraction.
- b. The decision of the tournament management shall be final, unless a written appeal is filed with the local association or USBC Headquarters and:
 1. Adult tournaments: Within 10 days of notification of tournament management's decision.
 2. Youth tournaments: Within 72 hours of notice of the decision.

Upon notification of a protest or appeal, tournament manager must withhold all affected prizes until the protest or appeal is resolved.

The decision of the local association may also be appealed to USBC Headquarters. The decision of USBC Headquarters is final and binding on all involved parties.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

When an infraction occurs, a protest should be filed as soon as possible to allow tournament management the opportunity to handle the issue quickly. Appeals to tournament manager's decisions should be handled promptly instead of allowing weeks/months to file an appeal.

This change does not prohibit tournament management from disqualifying an individual when information is checked at a later date. In addition, this does not prohibit an individual from reporting to tournament management that an individual violated reporting prize winnings, correct averages, etc.; and as always, tournament management could make the decision of disqualification.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 1
Corrected Page

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VI, Meetings

Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 2, Page 1-9

Voting at the USBC Annual Meeting is by Delegates. USBC Officers and Directors who are not elected Delegates may nevertheless vote as Delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. Other USBC members may address the USBC Annual Meeting but may not vote. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted.

PROPOSAL....

Add "All votes of the Voting Members at the Annual Meeting shall be cast by electronic ballot which shall be the sole method for determining votes at the Annual Meeting unless the President (or in the President's absence, the President Elect, or in the President Elect's absence, the Second Vice President), in his or her sole discretion, determines the circumstances reasonably require a different method of voting. All members (including the Voting Members) in good standing as of the date of the Annual Meeting may be permitted to address the members at the Annual Meeting." after the first sentence.

If adopted, Section A, Item 2 will state:

Voting at the USBC Annual Meeting is by Delegates. All votes of the Voting Members at the Annual Meeting shall be cast by electronic ballot which shall be the sole method for determining votes at the Annual Meeting unless the President (or in the President's absence, the President Elect, or in the President Elect's absence, the Second Vice President), in his or her sole discretion, determines the circumstances reasonably require a different method of voting. All members (including the Voting Members) in good standing as of the date of the Annual Meeting may be permitted to address the members at the Annual Meeting. USBC Officers and Directors who are not elected Delegates may nevertheless vote as Delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. Other USBC members may address the USBC Annual Meeting but may not vote. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted.

If adopted, proposal will be effective immediately.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Since the electronic balloting method was so efficient at last year's Annual Meeting, we want to include this process in the national bylaws. This change will allow the President to use electronic balloting on all issues, unless at his or her discretion, he or she determines the circumstances require a different method.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 2

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article II, Purposes

Section B. Chartering State and Local Bowling Associations, Page 1-1

USBC issues charters to state and local bowling associations that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors. Chartered associations are subject to the authority of USBC. USBC approves the geographic areas in which chartered associations may operate. The Board may revoke the charter of a state or local bowling association at any time if it determines that the association is not acting in compliance with USBC bylaws or rules, or state or local association bylaws; and is not in compliance with such requirements as USBC may establish, in its sole discretion, from time to time. Requirements for chartered state and local bowling associations include but are not limited to:

1. Acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the USBC Board.
2. Adoption and maintenance of bylaws in the form determined by USBC and avoidance of any rules or policies conflicting with those bylaws or the USBC Bylaws.
3. Compliance with requirements in the USBC National or Association Policy Manual, including such requirements as are added or revised from time to time.
4. Acting contrary to the best interest of USBC or the sport of bowling.

In extraordinary circumstances, the USBC Board may waive or suspend any requirements otherwise applicable to a state or local bowling association or establish separate affiliate status for organizations serving amateur bowlers to operate under the parameters established by the Board.

PROPOSAL....

Add "and each local association must provide service for men, women and youth" to the end of the second sentence in the first paragraph.

Add "Only one local association in each geographic area will be chartered." as a new fourth sentence in the first paragraph.

If adopted, section will state:

USBC issues charters to state and local bowling associations that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors. Chartered associations are subject to the authority of USBC, and each local association must provide service for men, women and youth. USBC approves the geographic areas in which chartered associations may operate. Only one local association in each geographic area will be chartered. The Board may revoke the charter of a state or local bowling association at any time if it determines that the association is not acting in compliance with USBC bylaws or rules, or state or local association bylaws; and is not in compliance with such requirements as USBC may establish, in its sole discretion, from time to time. Requirements for chartered state and local bowling associations include but are not limited to:

1. Acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the USBC Board.
2. Adoption and maintenance of bylaws in the form determined by USBC and avoidance of any rules or policies conflicting with those bylaws or the USBC Bylaws.
3. Compliance with requirements in the USBC National or Association Policy Manual, including such requirements as are added or revised from time to time.
4. Acting contrary to the best interest of USBC or the sport of bowling.

In extraordinary circumstances, the USBC Board may waive or suspend any requirements otherwise applicable to a state or local bowling association or establish separate affiliate status for organizations serving amateur bowlers to operate under the parameters established by the Board.

If adopted, proposal will be effective Aug. 1, 2011.

If adopted, the chapter, Non-merged Local Association Bylaws, will be deleted from the *USBC Association Manual* for the 2011-12 season.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Since merging at the local level has the most benefit, (membership, awards, and average processing) this proposal would make the merger mandatory only at the local association level. State associations will continue to have the option to merge, but it is not mandatory.

USBC is still committed to one organization for all members and, since membership, awards, and average processing is not conducted at the state level, this is another step in the right direction with a specific time frame.

Presented by: David P. Lewis
Mount Pleasant, MI

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 3

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws Article III, Membership and Dues Section B. Dues, Page 1-4

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC youth members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:

USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$1.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

Annual youth standard membership dues are:

USBC dues \$14.50.
State dues \$0.50.
Local processing fee \$2.

PROPOSAL....

Add a sentence to the end of the first paragraph to state: “When the maximum national dues is increased, the maximum for both state and local association dues will be increased in the same increments.”

If adopted, section will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC. When the maximum national dues is increased, the maximum for both state and local association dues will be increased in the same increments.

USBC youth members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership dues are :

USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$1.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

Annual youth standard membership dues are:

USBC dues \$14.50.
State dues \$0.50.
Local processing fee \$2.

If adopted, USBC state and local bylaws will be codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Provide the state and local associations a means to increase their dues structure to coincide with any increase made by the national organization, without one or more associations, almost yearly, submitting legislation for a dues increase.

With the passing of this amendment, keep in mind it is an option, not mandatory. History shows that association officials are prudent in their operations and seek a dues increase only when it is necessary. Further, their request must pass muster with their association delegates.

When the national organization recognizes a need for a dues increase, the factors that created this need, also exist for some of the state and local associations.

It is apparent that some of the smaller associations are strapped for cash, to the extent that they cannot afford to send a representative to the national convention. This would provide them an avenue to generate income and hopefully participate in the national convention.

Finally, this proposal would only affect those state and local associations who are currently at the maximum allowed. The majority of the associations throughout the country are not at the maximum, and could increase their dues now.

Presented by: William Chestnut
Cantrall, IL

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

National, state and local associations have different responsibilities and are responsible for administering the needs of the association. Therefore, each increase should reflect needs of local, state or national and should not be an automatic increase just because national requests one.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 4

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article III, Membership and Dues

Section B. Dues, Page 1-4

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC youth members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:

USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$1.
Local dues not to exceed \$10

Annual youth standard membership dues are:

USBC dues \$14.50.
State dues \$0.50.
Local processing fee \$2.

PROPOSAL....

Replace "\$1." with "\$5." in adult state dues

If adopted, Section B will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC youth members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership dues are:

USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$5.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

Annual youth standard membership dues are:

USBC dues \$14.50.
State dues \$0.50.
Local processing fee \$2.

If adopted, USBC state and local bylaws will be codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

Although we recognize the fact that the State Associations cannot be run on dues alone, \$1 per member, per year is not sufficient when state dues are optional. The women in the state of Florida are told they do not have to pay the state dues unless they want to bowl in the WBA tournaments. Each time a local association merges the state WBA loses approximately 75% of that association's women bowlers as members. We believe that is in conflict with the statement under Section B, Dues, USBC members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

Presented by: Florida State USBC WBA

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

In the past, the USBC Board of Directors recommended rejection to state dues increase because the Restructuring Task Force was determining the future role of the state associations. The Board still does not recommend an increase in state dues at this time.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 5

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws Article III, Membership and Dues Section B. Dues, Page 1-4

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC youth members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership:
dues are:

USBC dues not to exceed \$10.
State dues not to exceed \$1.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

Annual youth standard membership
dues are:

USBC dues \$14.50.
State dues \$0.50.
Local processing fee \$2.

PROPOSAL...

Replace "\$10" with "\$15" under adult USBC membership dues.

Add "if unmerged" after not to exceed \$1 under state membership dues.

Add "\$2. if merged adults only" under state membership dues.

Add "\$3. if merged adults and youth" under state membership dues.

If adopted, section will state:

USBC adult members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

USBC youth members are required to pay dues to USBC, to state associations, as well as the local processing fee in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult standard membership:
dues are:

USBC dues not to exceed \$15.
State dues not to exceed \$1, if unmerged.
\$2. if merged adults only.
\$3. if merged adults and youth.
Local dues not to exceed \$10.

Annual youth standard membership
dues are:

USBC dues \$14.50.
State dues \$0.50.
Local processing fee \$2.

If adopted, USBC local bylaws will be codified to conform.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

USBC needs additional funds to provide research and testing of future programs that will enhance membership benefits to Grow the Sport. USBC would also like to encourage all associations to merge at all levels. Some former WIBC state associations have been operating for three years with a maximum state dues of \$1, which is \$1→\$2 less than they were prior to the formation of USBC. Since prior to the formation of USBC, ABC associations did not charge any state dues, this proposal would seem to benefit both USBC and state associations that want the capability to charge more than \$1 state dues. USBC management will continue to find areas in the operations of headquarters to be as effective, yet efficient as possible. USBC will need the additional funding to maintain service levels in an economic climate that has reduced sponsorship opportunities and increased many fixed operating costs.

Presented by: David P. Lewis
Mount Pleasant, MI

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

This proposal increases national maximum by \$5; state in increments based on status of merged or not merged, and could encourage state associations to merge to receive higher dues. While the national board supports merger and views this concept as a route to encourage state mergers; we are not supporting any national dues increase this year.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 6

DELEGATE ACTION	
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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section B. Election, Item 2, Page 1-5

Nominations from the floor provided that the names of nominees and their qualifications are submitted to the Nominating Committee, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting, and provided that each nominee is offered as an alternative to fill a specified position on the Nominating Committee's slate.

PROPOSAL...

Replace "24 hours" with "90 days"

If adopted, Section B, Item 2 will state:

Nominations from the floor provided that the names of nominees and their qualifications are submitted to the Nominating Committee, in writing, at least "90 days" prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting, and provided that each nominee is offered as an alternative to fill a specified position on the Nominating Committee's slate.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

90 days notice prior to the annual meeting allows the nominating committee adequate time to confirm a potential candidate's eligibility and credentials.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 7

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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section E. Authority and Duties, Item 14, Page 1-7

Amending or suspending these Bylaws, and the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules in the event the Board considers it expedient and in the best interests of USBC or to void disadvantage to USBC and/or changes in Federal and/or state law, rules and regulations that affect the applicability or the enforceability of any part of these Bylaws, the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules. Any changes made under this provision must be ratified by the Delegates and is otherwise subject to Delegate action consistent with applicable law.

PROPOSAL...

Delete Item 14 and replace with “Adopting Bylaws and altering, amending, or repealing these Bylaws (except with respect to membership dues described in Article III), and the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules.”

If adopted, Section E, Item 14 will state:

Adopting Bylaws and altering, amending, or repealing these Bylaws (except with respect to membership dues described in Article III), and the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

For USBC to act as a successful membership organization and make sound business decisions, the USBC Board of Directors needs to have the authority to be flexible and make quick rational decisions. Business moves at a rapid pace these days, and we need to have the ability to make appropriate changes to keep our company running in top shape at all times throughout the year. Unfortunately the scheduled Annual Meeting structure does not allow for that and we could potentially lose opportunities (revenue-generating or otherwise) that arise throughout the year.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS
OF
UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**

Resolutions adopted by the members with voting rights (the "**Members**") of UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC., a Wisconsin nonstock, nonprofit corporation (the "**Corporation**"), at a duly called meeting of the Members on [_____], 2010.

WHEREAS, the Members deem it in the best interests of the Corporation and all of its members that the Corporation amend its Articles of Incorporation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

Articles of Amendment

RESOLVED, that Article XII of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation be amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

"ARTICLE XII

The members with voting rights and the Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, subject to the limitations and restrictions of this Article XII. The Board of Directors, and not the members with voting rights, shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation affecting compliance with United States Olympic Committee rules and regulations and provisions relating to athletes and youth. The members with voting rights, and not the Board of Directors, shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation affecting the membership dues."

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to file the Articles of Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and such other notices and documents as are required to effect the foregoing amendments to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation; and be it further

General Authorizations

RESOLVED, that each of the officers of the Corporation, acting singly or jointly, be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to take or cause to be taken any and all actions and to make all payments as may be necessary, appropriate, convenient, proper or advisable in furtherance of, or to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, the approval thereof by such officer or officers conclusively establishing such officer's or officers' authority therefor from the Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all actions previously taken by the Corporation's officers, agents, attorneys and employees relating to the foregoing resolutions, including any prior execution of the same, are hereby adopted, ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects as the acts and deeds of the Corporation.

EXHIBIT A
**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS, INC.**

United States Bowling Congress, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, does hereby certify as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is: United States Bowling Congress, Inc.
2. The Articles of Incorporation of the corporation are amended to read as follows:

“ARTICLE XII

The members with voting rights and the Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, subject to the limitations and restrictions of this Article XII. The Board of Directors, and not the members with voting rights, shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation affecting compliance with United States Olympic Committee rules and regulations and provisions relating to athletes and youth. The members with voting rights, and not the Board of Directors, shall have the power to adopt, amend, or repeal provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation affecting the membership dues.”

3. The above amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2010.

4. The above amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation was duly adopted in accordance with Section 181.1003 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2010.

By: _____

This document was drafted by and is returnable to:

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BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 8

DELEGATE ACTION

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PRESENT SECTION...

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USBC National Bylaws

Article VI, Meetings

Section A. Annual Meeting; Item 3(b), Elections, Page 1-9

- b. The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each local association in good standing with USBC, with the exception of affiliate associations, are entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting as follows:
- (1) Less than 1,000 members - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate;
 - (2) 1,000 members or more - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof;

PROPOSAL....

Delete "with the exception of affiliate associations," in first paragraph.

If adopted, section will state:

- b. The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each local association in good standing with USBC are entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting as follows:
- (1) Less than 1,000 members - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate;
 - (2) 1,000 members or more - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof;

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

As the governing body of this organization, it is our responsibility to treat ALL of our members equally. The current rule is truly unfair to the members of affiliate associations. Regardless of their size, these associations are serving USBC members who deserve the same rights and privileges as other USBC members. Although affiliates are not required to follow USBC local association bylaws, they are governed by the mandated USBC Affiliate Association Policy Manual. They are required to pay the same dues and must abide by the same league and tournament rules, but their membership is being denied representation at this convention while individual athletes are being invited by USBC to attend with full privileges of voice and vote. Under the current rule these individual athletes are allowed to vote on all legislation including USBC association bylaws that they themselves do not have to abide by while affiliate members are denied that right.

One of the goals of USBC is to build a unified organization to promote and grow our sport and to truly do this we need the input and support of all facets and ALL members.

Presented by: Iowa State USBC WBA Board of Directors

Recommended for rejection by the USBC Board of Directors

A standard USBC chartered association has significantly more legal and organizational responsibilities compared to an affiliate. Standard associations are incorporated entities that must run tournaments, hold regular meetings, have elections, adopt bylaws, appoint required committees and provide proper financial oversight. A standard association has the right to delegate representation at the annual meeting because of its commitment to fulfilling all of these important elements for members at a local level.

An affiliate association makes a choice to charter as an affiliate rather than a standard association. The affiliate is not required to incorporate, hold membership/board meetings, have committees, conduct tournaments and abide by the same local bylaws or *USBC Association Policy Manual* as a standard association. Founders of affiliate associations were aware that they would not receive delegate representation at the USBC annual meeting because they do not provide the same extensive service as a standard association. Approving this proposal would unfairly dilute the representation of standard associations.

Any justification for this proposal related to athlete delegates is a false comparison and irrelevant. Athlete delegates are a separate group who qualify per USOC requirements to have voting status because USBC is the national governing body of a sport. Athlete delegate representation has no impact on the number of potential delegates from a chartered association.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL NO. B 9

DELEGATE ACTION	
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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws Article VIII, Amendments, Page 1-12

Any member or chartered state or local association may submit a proposed amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws, except with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law. Amendments must be submitted in writing and received by USBC Headquarters on or before September 1 prior to the date of the next USBC Annual Meeting. Approval of an amendment to these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the USBC Annual Meeting where a quorum is present. Approval of an amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, or adult tournaments rules requires a majority vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the USBC Annual Meeting where a quorum is present.

Amendments by the Delegates become effective as of August 1 following the USBC Annual Meeting where they were adopted, unless otherwise specified.

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth. Voting by the Board to amend these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote provided at least 60 days written notice is given and specific amendment language is included in the notice. Amendments by the Board become effective as of the date specified by the Board.

PROPOSAL....

Add "Amendments to the general playing rules, adult league rules and adult tournament rules will be considered by the Delegates every other year at the USBC Annual Meeting." as a new second sentence.

Replace "date of the next USBC Annual Meeting" with "meeting when proposals are to be considered" in the first paragraph.

If adopted, section will state:

Any member or chartered state or local association may submit a proposed amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws, except with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law. Amendments to the general playing rules, adult league rules and adult tournament rules will be considered by the Delegates every other year at the USBC Annual Meeting. Amendments must be submitted in writing and received by USBC Headquarters on or before September 1 prior to the meeting when proposals are to be considered. Approval of an amendment to these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the USBC Annual Meeting where a quorum is present. Approval of an amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, or adult tournaments rules requires a majority vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the USBC Annual Meeting where a quorum is present.

Amendments by the Delegates become effective as of August 1 following the USBC Annual Meeting where they were adopted, unless otherwise specified.

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth. Voting by the Board to amend these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote provided at least 60 days written notice is given and specific amendment language is included in the notice. Amendments by the Board become effective as of the date specified by the Board.

If adopted, legislative sessions will be conducted in even years (2010, 2012, etc.).

REASON FOR PROPOSAL....

The proposed change for legislating every other year for general playing rules, adult league and tournament rules would provide greater continuity and stability and thus, better service to the member. Legislating rules every other year would result in a savings on the costs involved with processing legislation and the printing of the Playing Rules book.

Presented by: USBC Legal and Legislative Committee

Recommended for approval by the USBC Board of Directors

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. B-10 NATIONAL BYLAWS REVISION AMENDMENTS

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article II, Purposes

Section A. Advancing the Sport of Bowling, Item 4, Page 1-1

USBC's purposes include:

1. Fostering local, state, National, and International amateur competition in the sport of bowling;
2. Providing governance and development for, and developing interest and participation in, the sport of bowling throughout the United States and internationally as determined by the Board of Directors;
3. Being responsible to the members;
4. Keeping those engaged in the sport of bowling informed of policy matters and reasonably reflecting their views in policy decisions;
5. Certifying and regulating league and tournament competition for bowling.

PROPOSAL...

1

Delete "and reasonably reflecting their views in policy decisions" in Item 4.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section A. Eligibility and Composition, Page 1-4

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. Prior to election or appointment and throughout their term, an individual must be approved through the Registered Volunteer Program.

The Board consists of:

1. Twelve (12) Directors elected at a USBC Annual Meeting by the "Delegates," as defined in these Bylaws; these Directors must meet eligibility criteria established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board;
2. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), and approved by the board, subject to these provisions:
 - a. A "Proprietor" is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers;
 - b. Excluded from the definition of "Proprietor" is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center or bowling centers or who is employed by, or otherwise receives compensation from BPAA;
 - c. No more than one additional Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 12 Directors elected by the Delegates;
 - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is an Elite Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B, Item 1), and is elected to the Board by Elite Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws (See Article IX, Section B) or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee;

4. Five (5) Directors who are Elite Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Elite Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20% of the Board consists of Elite Athletes;
5. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct National amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;
6. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. One (1) Youth Leader Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the National youth leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

PROPOSAL...

2 Add "The number of directors of the USBC shall be no more than twenty-five (25)" to the end of the first paragraph.

3 Delete Item 5.

If adopted, all reference to directors who are representatives of other organizations will be deleted.

If adopted, items 6 and 7 will be renumbered to 5 and 6.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

**USBC National Bylaws
Article IV, Board of Directors
Section C. Term, Page 1-6**

The terms of Directors are determined according to the following provisions:

1. Each Director elected by the Delegates, by Elite Athletes, by the Youth Committee or by BPAA serves a three-year term and may be re-elected for two additional terms;
2. Directors-at-Large appointed by the President, Youth Leader Director and Directors representing other amateur bowling organizations, serve one-year terms;
3. Multiple-year terms are staggered according to procedures established by the Board;
4. When a Director resigns from the Board or fills a vacancy, and has served more than half of a term, that Director is considered to have served a full term;
5. Multiple elected or appointed terms may be served either consecutively or intermittently; but all Directors are subject to a lifetime maximum of nine years of service on the Board.

PROPOSAL...

4 Add "provided, however, if a director is in the middle of a term and such director has served nine (9) years on the Board, such director is permitted to serve until the end of such term" to the end of Item 5.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

Section D. Resignation, Removal, and Vacancies, Page 1-6

1. **Resignation.** A member of the Board of Directors may resign from the Board by providing written notice of resignation to the President or, in the case of the President, to the Board. The same process is followed if an Officer resigns his/her Officer position only, but not his/her Director position.
2. **Removal.** An Officer or Director may be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds vote of the balance of the Board of Directors.
The Board can remove:
 - a. An Officer from an office position only;
 - b. An Officer from an office position and from the Board;
 - c. A Director from the Board.
3. **Vacancies.** Vacancies in positions on the Board are filled for the unexpired portion of each term as follows:
 - a. If elected by the Delegates, or in Director-at-Large positions, vacancies are filled by the President, subject to approval by the Board;
 - b. If elected by Elite Athletes, vacancies are filled by the Athletes Advisory Council by majority vote. The individual filling the vacancy must be an Elite Athlete;
 - c. If elected by the Youth Committee, vacancies are filled by the Youth Committee by majority vote. The individual filling the vacancy must be a current Youth Committee member;
 - d. If elected or appointed to represent other amateur bowling organizations, vacancies are filled by the respective organizations;
 - e. If elected by BPAA, vacancies are filled by BPAA and approved by the Board.
 - f. The Board fills vacancies in Officer positions.

PROPOSAL...

5 Add “Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the President of the USBC, and unless otherwise specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.” to the end of Item 1.

6 Add a new last paragraph to state:
“Each director shall hold office of the unexpired portion of the term such director was elected to fill and until such director’s successor is elected, or until such director’s death, resignation or removal.”

If approved, current Item f will become Item g.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article IV, Board of Directors

New Section H. Directors Conflicts of Interest, Page 1-8

PROPOSAL...

7 Add a new section H to state:

1. “Each director shall disclose to the Board any duality of interest or possible conflict of interest whenever the duality or conflict pertains to a matter considered by the Board.
2. No contract or other transaction between the USBC and one or more of its directors or any other corporation, firm, association or entity in which one or more of its directors are directors or officers or has a material financial interest shall be either void or voidable: (i) because of such relationship or interest, or (ii) because such director or directors are present at a meeting of the Board or a

committee thereof which authorizes, approves or ratifies such contract or transaction, or (iii) because such director's or directors' votes are counted for such purpose; provided that:

- a. either:
 - (i) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the Board or committee which authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction by a vote or consent sufficient for the purpose without counting the votes or consents of such interested directors;
or
 - (ii) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the members entitled to vote and they authorize, approve or ratify such contract or transaction by vote or written consent;
or
- b. the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to the USBC.

Common or interested directors shall abstain from voting on the matter and may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves or ratifies such contract or transaction.

3. The Board may adopt a separate Conflicts of Interest Policy. Such a policy may include disclosure provisions which conform to Section H.2 above. Alternatively, such a policy may require greater disclosure than as required by Section H.2 above, and, in addition, may impose voting restrictions and/or establish strict criteria for Board approval of such contracts or transactions. In no event, however, shall a Conflicts of Interest Policy call for less disclosure and/or be less burdensome than as set forth in Section H.2 above."

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article V, Officers

Section D. Election or Employment, Page 1-8

PROPOSAL...

Officers, other than the Executive Director, are elected annually by the Board from among current Directors without regard to whether they are Elite Athletes or Directors elected by the Youth Committee or BPAA. The Executive Director is employed by the Board.

8

Delete the last sentence.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article V, Officers

Section D. Authority and Duties, Item 1(c), The President, Page 1-8

- a. Presides at the Annual Meeting of USBC and at Board meetings;
- b. May appoint Directors-at-Large, subject to Board approval;
- c. Appoints the chair and members of all committees with Board approval, except Athlete members of committees, the Nominating Committee, the Youth Committee and the Athletes Advisory Council;
- d. Serves as the principal spokesperson for USBC and oversees its International relations.

PROPOSAL...

- 9 Delete “Nominating Committee” from Item 1-c.

If adopted, Article VII, Section A, Item 1-c will be codified to conform.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article V, Officers

Section D. Authority and Duties, Item 3, The Executive Director, Page 1-9

- a. Serves as Secretary of the corporation;
- b. Performs whatever duties and responsibilities are prescribed by the Board or the President;
- c. Serves as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board.

PROPOSAL...

- 10 Delete Item a and replace with
“Unless otherwise directed by the Board, or the Board (in its sole and absolute discretion) appoints an additional officer pursuant to Section D.5 of Article V, the Executive Director shall serve as the Secretary of the USBC. The Secretary of the USBC shall be responsible for the following:

- (i) keep the minutes of the Annual Meeting and of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose;
- (ii) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws or as required by law;
- (iii) be custodian of the corporate records; and
- (iv) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board.”

- 11 Add a new Item d to state:

“Unless otherwise directed by the Board, or the Board (in its sole and absolute discretion) appoints an additional officer pursuant to Section D.5 of Article V, the Executive Director shall serve as the Treasurer of the USBC. The Treasurer of the USBC (the “Treasurer”) shall be responsible for the following:

- (i) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the USBC;
 - (ii) receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the USBC from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the USBC in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as approved by the Board; and
 - (iii) in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the Board. If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board shall determine.”
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PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article V, Officers

Section D. Authority and Duties, New Item 4, New Item 5, Page 1-9

PROPOSAL...

12

Add a new item 4:

Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. “There shall be such number of Assistant Secretaries of the USBC (“Assistant Secretaries”) and Assistant Treasurers of the USBC (“Assistant Treasurers”) as the Board may from time to time authorize. The Assistant Treasurers shall, if required by the Board, give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board shall determine. The Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, in general, shall perform such duties and have such authority as shall from time to time be delegated or assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer, respectively, or by the Board.”

13

Add a new item 5:

Other Assistants and Acting Officers. “The Board shall have the power to appoint any person to act as assistant to any officer, or as agent for the Corporation in his or her stead, or to perform the duties of such officer whenever for any reason it is impracticable for such officer to act personally and such assistant or acting officer or other agent so appointed by the Board shall have the power to perform all the duties of the office to which he or she is so appointed to be assistant, or as to which he or she is so appointed to act, except as such power may be otherwise defined or restricted by the Board.”

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VI, Meetings, Section A. Annual Meeting

New Item 4, Term as a Delegate, Page 1-9

PROPOSAL...

14

Add new item 4:

“Delegates shall serve as a Delegate for a one (1) year term.”

If adopted, Items will be renumbered.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws,

Article VI, Meetings

Section B. Meeting of the Board of Directors, Item 1, Page 1-10

The Board meets at least three times a year. Special meetings may be held upon the request of any Director subject to the approval of a majority of the Board.

Action Without a Meeting. Action required or permitted to be taken at a Board meeting may be taken without a meeting, by written action signed by two-thirds of the Directors then in office.

PROPOSAL...

15

Delete the first sentence.

16

Add "by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or any provision of law to be taken at a meeting or by resolution of the board" to Item 1.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

**USBC National Bylaws
Article VI, Meetings,
Section B. Meeting of the Board of Directors, Item 3, Notice, Page 1-10**

Special meetings of the Board may be held on two days or greater notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

PROPOSAL...

17

Delete and replace with:

“With the exception of regular meetings as set forth in Section B.1 above of this Article, notice of any meeting of the Board, in each case specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting, shall be given to each director by delivering notice, orally or in writing, not less than two (2) days notice prior to such special meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid, addressed to the director at the director’s address as it appears on the records of the USBC. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any meeting of the Board needs be specified in the notice or waiver of such notice of such meeting.”

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

**USBC National Bylaws
Article VI, Meetings
Section B. Meeting of the Board of Directors, Item 4, Quorum, Page 1-10**

A quorum for conducting business is a majority of the Board.

PROPOSAL...

18

Delete and replace with:

Except as otherwise provided by the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law or by the Articles of Incorporation, a majority of the number of directors then in office immediately before a meeting begins shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

**USBC National Bylaws
Article VI, Meetings
Section B. Meeting of the Board of Directors, Item 5, Action, Page 1-10**

The vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting, when a quorum has been established, is required to take action unless otherwise provided by law or by these Bylaws.

PROPOSAL...

19

Add “. the Articles of Incorporation” after “law”.

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

Article VI, Meetings

Section B. Meeting of the Board of Directors, New Item 6, Waiver of Notice, Page 1-10

PROPOSAL...

20

Add New Item 6:

“Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the USBC, a waiver thereof in writing, signed at any time by the person or persons entitled to such notice and filed with the minutes of the meeting or the corporate records, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.”

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VII, Committees, Page 1-11

PROPOSAL...

21

Add a new first sentence to state:

“Each committee shall consist of three (3) or more directors elected by the Board.”

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VII, Committees

Section A. Standing Committees, Item 1, Nominating Committee, Page 1-11

- a. The Nominating Committee may establish additional eligibility criteria subject to approval by the Board of Directors, for the twelve (12) candidates for Directors whose positions are subject to election by the Delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. The Committee develops a slate of candidates for all positions. The Committee establishes election policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board.
- b. The Nominating Committee selects the Youth Committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee establishes election policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board.

- c. Committee members are appointed by the Board; the Chair is elected by the Committee. Directors who are eligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board do not serve on the Nominating Committee.

PROPOSAL...

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Add new items d. Quorum, e. Meetings and f. Notice to state:

- d. Quorum. "A majority of the members of the Nominating Committee present at a meeting of the Nominating Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
- e. Meetings. The Nominating Committee shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.
- f. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Nominating Committee shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof."

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VII, Committees

Section A. Standing Committees, Item 2, Finance Committee, Page 1-11

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible for proposing and monitoring the annual budget of USBC and providing oversight regarding other financial matters as determined by the Board.

PROPOSAL...

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Move the current information to a new Item b.

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Add new items a. Chair, c. Quorum, d. Meetings and e. Notice to state:

- a. Chair. "The Chair of the Finance Committee is appointed by the President, subject to approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.
- c. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Finance Committee present at a meeting of the Finance Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
- d. Meetings. The Finance Committee shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.
- e. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Finance Committee shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof."

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VII, Committees

Section A. Standing Committees, Item 5, Equipment Specifications and Certifications Committee, Page 1-12

The Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee is responsible for reviewing and making final decisions regarding new items of equipment on which USBC approval is requested.

The committee also has these responsibilities:

- a. Setting policies or procedures regarding the operation and management related to equipment specifications and certification;
- b. Granting, withholding, suspending, withdrawing or otherwise regulating bowling center certificates.

PROPOSAL...

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Add new items "quorum, meeting and notice" to state:

Quorum. "A majority of the members of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee present at a meeting of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting."

Meetings. The Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.

Notice. Notice of meetings of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof."

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VII, Committees

Section B. Other Committee, Page 1-12

The President establishes other USBC committees with approval of the Board of Directors.

PROPOSAL...

26

Add the following as a new second paragraph.

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article VII, no individual shall be permitted to serve on any committee of the USBC until such individual has been approved by the Registered Volunteer Program and throughout such committee member's term, such committee member shall be in compliance with the Registered Volunteer Program."

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article VIII, Amendments, Page 1-12

Any member or chartered state or local association may submit a proposed amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws, except with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law. Amendments must be submitted in writing and received by USBC Headquarters on or before September 1 prior to the date of the next USBC Annual Meeting. Approval of an amendment to these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the USBC Annual Meeting where a quorum is present. Approval of an amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, or adult tournaments rules requires **a majority vote of the Delegates**, present and voting at the USBC Annual Meeting where a quorum is present.

Amendments by the Delegates become effective as of August 1 following the USBC Annual Meeting where they were adopted, unless otherwise specified.

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth. Voting to amend these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote at any duly called meeting of the Board. Amendments by the Board become effective as of the date specified by the Board.

PROPOSAL...

27

Move everything into a New Section A and add a new Section B to state:

“The Bylaws (except with respect to membership dues described in Article III, which shall only be increased or decreased by Delegates as set forth in the foregoing paragraph) may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board by affirmative vote of a majority of the number of directors present at or participating in any regular meeting or special meeting at which a quorum is in attendance, but no Bylaw adopted by the Delegates shall be amended or repealed by the Board if the Bylaw so adopted so provides. Alterations, amendments or repeal of a bylaw by the Board become effective as of the date specified by the Board.”

PRESENT SECTION...

USBC Association Manual

USBC National Bylaws

Article XII, Indemnification, Page 1-15

Directors, officers, and other authorized volunteers, employees, or agents of USBC at the National organization level are indemnified against claims for personal and individual liability arising in connection with their positions or service on behalf of USBC to the full extent permitted by law. USBC maintains liability insurance, as determined by the Board of Directors, for those individuals and for USBC subject to the terms of that insurance.

PROPOSAL...

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Delete and replace with:

“The USBC shall to the maximum extent permitted under the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation law, as amended from time to time, indemnify and allow reasonable expenses of any person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, member of any committee of the USBC, officer, employee or agent of or volunteered services to the USBC; or is or was serving at the request of the USBC as a director, officer, employee or agent of any committee, or of any other corporation or enterprise unless liability was incurred because the director or officer breached or failed to perform a duty that he or she owes to the USBC and the breach or failure to perform constitutes any of the following:

1. A willful failure to deal fairly with the USBC or its members in connection with a matter in which the director or officer has a material conflict of interest;
2. A violation of the criminal law, unless the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful or no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful;
3. A transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal profit or benefit; or
4. Willful misconduct.

Such right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such a person. Nothing in this Section shall require or establish any obligation to indemnify (i) any employee or staff of the USBC, as to or related to any claim, action or matter including but not limited to claims or actions arising from or related to employment, contract or termination in which such individual or individuals are adverse parties to or otherwise adverse to the Board, or (ii) any firm or organization which supplies staff or staff assistance to the USBC.”

Section B. Supplementary Benefits

“The USBC may supplement the right of indemnification under Section A of this Article XII by one or more of the purchase of insurance, indemnification agreements and advances for related expenses of any person indemnified.”

**Amended and Restated
USBC National Bylaws**

**Article I
Name, Incorporation and Offices**

The name of the corporation is the United States Bowling Congress, Inc., a Wisconsin nonstock corporation ("USBC"). The USBC shall maintain a registered office within the State of Wisconsin, and may maintain other offices as determined by the Board of Directors of the USBC (the "Board").

**Article II
Purposes**

The USBC is organized and shall be operated exclusively for purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or the corresponding provisions of any future Unites States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code"). Only to the extent consistent with the above general purposes, the specific purposes of the USBC shall be to the following:

Section A. Advancing the Sport of Bowling

The USBC's purposes include:

1. Fostering local, state, national, and international amateur competition in the sport of bowling;
2. Providing governance and development for, and developing interest and participation in, the sport of bowling throughout the United States and internationally as determined by the Board;
3. Being responsible to the members;
4. Keeping those engaged in the sport of bowling informed of policy matters; and
5. Certifying and regulating league and tournament competition for bowling.

Section B. Chartering State and Local Bowling Associations

The USBC will issue charters to state and local bowling associations that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board. Chartered associations shall be subject to the authority of the USBC. The USBC approves the geographic areas in which chartered associations may operate. The Board may revoke the charter of a state or local bowling association at any time if it determines that the association is not acting in compliance with the USBC bylaws or any rules or policies adopted by the Board, or state or local association bylaws; or is not acting in compliance with such other requirements as the USBC may establish, in its sole discretion, from time to time. Requirements for chartered state and local bowling associations include but are not limited to:

1. Acceptance of, and adherence to, these Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the Board;
2. Adoption and maintenance of bylaws in the form determined by the USBC. A chartered association shall not adopt or approve any rules or policies conflicting with those bylaws or these Bylaws or other rules or policies established by the Board.
3. Compliance with requirements in the USBC National or Association Policy Manual, including such requirements as are added or revised from time to time.
4. Acting contrary to the best interest of USBC or the sport of bowling (as determined by the USBC and its Board in their sole discretion).

The Board (in its sole discretion) may waive or suspend any or all of the applicable chartering requirements applicable to a state or local bowling association or establish separate affiliate status for organizations serving amateur bowlers to operate under the rules and policies established by the Board.

Section C. Conducting Tournaments

The USBC will conduct tournament competitions in the sport of bowling for men, women, youth and collegiate members.

Section D. Compliance

The USBC:

1. Will comply with applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations in all of its purposes, activities, policies, and programs;
2. Is organized as a not-for-profit corporation, and no part of its net earnings inure to individuals; it is organized and operates consistent with the requirements for Federal income tax exemption as an

- 57 organization that fosters national or international amateur sports competition according to the provisions
58 of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service;
- 59 3. Is eligible to be recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (“USOC”) as the National Governing
60 Body for the sport of bowling; provided, however, the USBC:
- 61 a. Is a member of only one international sports federation (for example, the Federation Internationale
62 des Quilleurs (“FIQ”) which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the worldwide
63 governing body of bowling);
- 64 b. Agrees to submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving (i) its recognition as a National
65 Governing Body, or (ii) the opportunity of any amateur/professional athlete, coach, trainer, manager,
66 administrator, or official to participate in an amateur/professional athletic competition, upon written
67 demand of the USOC or any aggrieved amateur/professional athlete, coach, trainer, manager,
68 administrator, or official, conducted in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the American
69 Arbitration Association as modified by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act;
- 70 c. Is autonomous in the governance of the sport of bowling in that it independently determines and
71 controls all matters central to such governance, does not delegate any of the determination or control
72 relating to such governance, and is free from outside restraint;
- 73 d. Makes membership open to any individual who is a bowler or an amateur/professional athlete, coach,
74 trainer, manager, administrator, or official active in the sport of bowling;
- 75 e. Provides an equal opportunity to amateur/professional athletes, coaches, trainers, managers,
76 administrators, and officials to participate in amateur/professional bowling competition without
77 discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin, and with fair notice and
78 opportunity for hearing to any amateur/professional athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or
79 official before declaring the individual ineligible to participate;
- 80 f. Is governed by the Board whose directors are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national
81 origin, or sex, and offers reasonable representation on the Board of both males and females;
- 82 g. Has criteria and election procedures established by the Board for, and maintains among their voting
83 members, individuals who are actively engaged in amateur/professional athletic competition in
84 bowling or who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition
85 within the preceding ten (10) years, and that the voting power held by those individuals is not less
86 than twenty percent (20%) of the voting power held by the Board;
- 87 h. Provides for reasonable direct representation on its Board for any amateur/professional sports
88 organization which, in the sport of bowling, conducts on a level of proficiency appropriate for selection
89 of amateur/professional athletes to represent the United States in international amateur/professional
90 athletic competition, a national program, or regular national amateur/professional athletic
91 competition, and ensures that representation reflects the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the
92 programs and competitions of that amateur/professional sports organization in relation to all other of
93 those programs and competitions in the sport of bowling in the United States;
- 94 i. Has no officers who are also officers of another amateur sports organization which is recognized by
95 the USOC as a National Governing Body;
- 96 j. Provides procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members;
- 97 k. Does not have eligibility criteria relating to amateur/professional status or the participation in the
98 Olympic or Pan American Games which is more restrictive than the eligibility criteria of the applicable
99 international sports federation;
- 100 l. Is prepared to meet the obligations imposed by the USOC on a National Governing Body, including
101 those relating to complaints against a National Governing Body and those relating to mediation of
102 complaints;
- 103 m. Minimizes, through coordination with other amateur bowling organizations, conflicts in the scheduling
104 of all practices and competitions;
- 105 n. Disseminates and distributes to amateur/professional athletes, coaches, trainers, managers,
106 administrators, and officials in a timely manner the applicable rules and any changes to those rules of
107 the USBC, the USOC, and the FIQ;
- 108 o. Promptly reviews every written request submitted by an amateur bowling organization or individual for
109 certification (i) to hold an international amateur/professional bowling competition in the United States,
110 or (ii) to sponsor United States amateur/professional bowlers to compete in international competition
111 held outside the United States, and determine whether to grant the certification according to the
112 requirements of the USOC, all provided in written policies approved by the Board;
- 113 p. Allows a bowler to compete in any international amateur/professional bowling competition conducted
114 under the USBC auspices or that of any other amateur bowling organization or individual, unless the
115 USBC establishes that its denial was based on evidence that the organization or individual conducting
116 the competition did not meet the criteria for the USBC certification of bowling competition consistent
117 with the requirements of the USOC, all provided in written policies approved by the Board;

- 118 q. Provides equitable support and encouragement for participation by women where separate programs
119 for male and female bowlers are conducted on a national basis;
120 r. Encourages and supports amateur/professional bowling programs for persons with disabilities and for
121 their participation in amateur/professional bowling activity, including, where feasible, the expansion of
122 opportunities for meaningful participation by persons with disabilities in programs of bowling
123 competition for persons without disabilities;
124 s. Provides and coordinates technical information on bowling equipment design, coaching, performance
125 analysis, sports medicine, and physical training; and
126 t. Encourages and supports dissemination of information in the area of sports safety.
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128 **Article III**
129 **Membership and Dues**
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131 **Section A. Membership**

132 Membership in the USBC:

- 133 1. Is available to individuals who pay membership dues in accordance with Section B of this Article III and
134 qualify under the rules of the USBC;
135 2. May be suspended or revoked, immediately without due process, if a member has failed to timely pay the
136 membership dues in accordance with Section B of this Article III; and
137 3. May be suspended or revoked by the Board (as determined by the Board in its sole discretion): (i) if a
138 member is found to have violated these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of the USBC or any state or
139 local association bylaws, or any USBC policies, procedures, playing rules or other similar requirements, or
140 (ii) for any activity or behavior which the Board in its discretion may deem contrary to the best interests of
141 the USBC.
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143 Each member agrees to be bound by all final decisions or determinations of the USBC concerning application
144 or interpretation of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of the USBC, USBC playing rules, USBC policies,
145 and other matters relating to the sport of bowling as governed by the USBC.
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147 **Section B. Dues**

148 The annual membership for each of the adult standard members and youth standard members of the USBC
149 are as follows:
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151 Adult Standard Members

152 USBC dues not to exceed \$10; plus
153 state dues not to exceed \$1; plus
154 local dues not exceed \$10
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151 Youth Standard Members

152 USBC dues \$14.50; plus
153 state dues \$0.50; plus
154 local association processing fee \$2
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156 **Section C. No Transfer of Membership**

157 Membership in the USBC is not transferable.
158

159 **Article IV**
160 **Board of Directors**
161

162 **Section A. Eligibility**

163 Each director shall be (i) an individual who has attained 18 years of age; and (ii) in compliance with, and shall
164 continue to be in compliance with during such director's term, any and all conditions approved by the Board
165 (including the Registered Volunteer Program).
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167 **Section B. Number of Directors**

168 The number of directors of the USBC shall be no more than twenty-five (25).
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170 **Section C. Composition and Election**

171 The Board shall be comprised of classes of directors and elected as follows:

- 172 1. Delegate Directors. Twelve (12) directors of the USBC who hold USBC membership are elected by an
173 affirmative vote of a majority of the Delegates present at the Annual Meeting (the "Delegate Directors") for
174 staggered terms as established by the Board of Directors. Only one (1) Delegate Director meeting the
175 definition of a Proprietor shall be eligible to serve on the Board at any time. Subject to the preceding
176 sentence, directors shall be elected from either:
177 a. A slate provided by the Nominating Committee; or

- 178 b. Nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting provided that the name of any nominee for a
179 Delegate Director position and his or her qualifications are delivered to the Chair of the Nominating
180 Committee (or his or her designee), in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the start of an Annual Meeting
181 and provided that each such nominee is offered as an alternative to fill a specified position on the
182 Nominating Committee's slate.
- 183 2. Proprietor Directors. Two (2) directors of the USBC who hold USBC membership and are Proprietors
184 ("Proprietor Directors") shall be nominated by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA") and
185 elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board;
- 186 3. Youth Directors. Three (3) directors of the USBC shall be nominated by the Youth Committee, subject to
187 election by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board (the "Youth Directors");
- 188 4. Team USA Directors. Five (5) directors of the USBC who are Team USA Athletes shall be nominated and
189 elected by Team USA Athletes (the "Team USA Directors");
- 190 5. At-Large Directors. Up to two (2) directors of the USBC may be appointed by the USBC President, subject
191 to election by an affirmative vote of a majority of the directors (the "At-Large Directors"); and
- 192 6. Youth Leader Director. One (1) director of the USBC may be appointed by the USBC President, subject to
193 election by an affirmative vote of a majority of the directors ("Youth Leader Director").

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195 **Section D. Terms**

196 Directors shall hold office as follows:

- 197 1. Delegate Directors. Each Delegate Director shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, or until their
198 successors have been duly elected and qualified, and each Delegate Director may be re-elected for a
199 maximum of two (2) additional terms;
- 200 2. Proprietor Directors. Each Proprietor Director shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, or until their
201 successors have been duly elected and qualified, and each Proprietor Director may be re-elected for a
202 maximum of two (2) additional terms;
- 203 3. Youth Directors. Each Youth Director shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors
204 have been duly elected and qualified, and each Youth Director may be re-elected for a maximum of two (2)
205 additional terms;
- 206 4. Team USA Directors. Each Team USA Director shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, or until their
207 successors have been duly elected and qualified, and each Team USA Director may be re-elected for a
208 maximum of two (2) additional terms;
- 209 5. At-Large Directors. Each At-Large Director shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, or until their
210 successors have been duly elected and qualified, subject to a lifetime maximum of nine (9) years of
211 service limitation as described below; and
- 212 6. Youth Leader Director. The Youth Leader Director shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, or until his or
213 her successor has been duly elected and qualified, subject to a lifetime maximum of nine (9) years of
214 service as described below.

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216 Each director's term commences on August 1 of the year elected to the Board and ends on July 31 of the year
217 of termination of such director's term, subject to the following: (i) multiple-year terms are staggered based
218 upon procedures established by the Board; (ii) if a director resigns from the Board or is elected to fill a vacancy
219 on the Board, such director is deemed to have served a full term for purposes of this Section D if such director
220 has served on the Board for more than half of such term; and (iii) a director may serve consecutive or
221 intermittent terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all directors are subject to a lifetime maximum of nine (9)
222 years of service on the Board; provided, however, if a director is in the middle of a term and such director has
223 served nine (9) years on the Board, such director is permitted to serve until the end of such term.

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225 **Section E. Resignation, Removal, and Vacancies**

- 226 1. Resignation. A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President, who shall advise
227 the Board of such resignation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time
228 is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the President of the USBC, and unless otherwise
229 specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 230 2. Removal. Any director may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of two
231 thirds (2/3) of the directors of the Board.
- 232 3. Vacancies. A vacancy or vacancies in the Board occurring for any reason will be filled as follows:
- 233 a. Delegate Directors. Any vacancy of a Delegate Director shall be filled by the President, subject to an
234 affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present either at
235 a regular meeting or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.
- 236 b. Proprietor Directors. Any vacancy of a Proprietor Director shall be filled by the BPAA, subject to an
237 affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present either at
238 a regular meeting or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.

- 239 c. Youth Directors. Any vacancy of a Youth Director shall be filled by a majority vote of the Youth
 240 Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at any meeting of the Youth Committee
 241 called for that purpose, subject to an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a meeting
 242 at which a quorum is present either at a regular meeting or at any special meeting of the Board called
 243 for that purpose; provided, however, such Youth Director shall be a then current member of the Youth
 244 Committee.
- 245 d. Team USA Directors. Any vacancy of a Team USA Director shall be filled by a majority vote of the
 246 Athletes Advisory Council present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at any meeting of the
 247 Athletes Advisory Council called for that purpose; provided, however, such director shall be a Team
 248 USA Athlete.
- 249 e. At-Large Directors. Any vacancy of an At-Large Director shall be filled by the President, subject to an
 250 affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present either at
 251 a regular meeting or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.
- 252 f. Youth Leader Director. Any vacancy of a Youth Leader Director shall be filled by the President, subject
 253 to an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present
 254 either at a regular meeting or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.
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256 Each director shall hold office of the unexpired portion of the term such director was elected to fill and until
 257 such director's successor is elected, or until such director's death, resignation or removal.
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259 **Section F. Authority and Duties**

260 Subject to the limitations of the USBC's Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws and laws of the State of
 261 Wisconsin, the affairs of the USBC shall be managed by or under the direction of its Board. The powers of the
 262 Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following (in addition to all other powers lawfully vested in them):

- 263 1. Developing strategic business and membership marketing plans;
- 264 2. Determining programs and services;
- 265 3. Allocating resources;
- 266 4. Establishing standards and monitoring the performance of the USBC;
- 267 5. Employing and evaluating the Executive Director;
- 268 6. Determining the USBC policy positions;
- 269 7. Providing oversight of the administration of the USBC;
- 270 8. Approving policies and procedures for:
 - 271 a. Managing contracts and obligations;
 - 272 b. Reviewing revenues and expenditures;
 - 273 c. Maintaining records and minutes of meetings;
- 274 9. Exercising final jurisdiction over violations and interpretations of the USBC Bylaws, rules and policies,
 275 disputes with or among chartered state and local associations, and issues arising from league and
 276 tournament play including protests and appeals, and all other matters relating to the sport of bowling
 277 under the auspices of USBC;
- 278 10. Interpreting any provision adopted by it and/or the delegates pursuant to the authority granted herein and
 279 its interpretation shall be final;
- 280 11. Amending, interpreting, and enforcing, either directly or by delegation, all policies and procedures, rules
 281 and requirements, criteria and standards for: certification, equipment specifications, awards, suspension
 282 and reinstatement, national tournaments, and all other USBC management and governance matters other
 283 than those specifically reserved to the Delegates;
- 284 12. Amending, interpreting, and enforcing all policies and procedures, bylaws, rules and requirements, criteria
 285 and standards for Athlete and youth issues;
- 286 13. Reserving the authority over the applicability and enforceability of the USOC requirements within the
 287 organization;
- 288 14. Amending or suspending these Bylaws, and the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules
 289 in the event the Board considers it expedient and in the best interests of USBC or to avoid disadvantage to
 290 USBC and/or changes in Federal and/or state law, rules and regulations that affect the applicability or
 291 enforceability of any part of these Bylaws, the general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules.
 292 Any changes made under this provision must be ratified by the Delegates and is otherwise subject to
 293 Delegate action consistent with applicable law;
- 294 15. Renumbering, revising, codifying and correcting any provision in these Bylaws, and any and all rules and
 295 policies of USBC to eliminate errors in spelling, grammar and numbering, and to change the order and
 296 sequence.
- 297 16. Establishing annual national dues up to the maximum set by the Delegates as well as establishing terms
 298 and conditions for collection of dues;
- 299 17. Establishing other membership categories and dues;

- 300 18. Managing international relations;
301 19. Exercising care and supervision over state and local associations;
302 20. Communicating applicable rules and any changes to members;
303 21. Approving certified bowling facilities for training and competition;
304 22. Developing athlete teams for national and international competition; and
305 23. Reviewing requests for certification to hold amateur bowling competitions, and determining whether to
306 grant certifications, according to the requirements of the USOC and as provided in written policies
307 approved by the Board.
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309 **Section G. USBC Employees**

310 No employee of the USBC shall serve as a member of the Board (other than as a non-voting member in his or
311 her capacity as an Executive Director), or of USBC committees, task forces, or other governance bodies.
312

313 **Section H. Director Conflicts of Interest**

- 314 1. Each director shall disclose to the Board any duality of interest or possible conflict of interest whenever the
315 duality or conflict pertains to a matter considered by the Board.
316 2. No contract or other transaction between the USBC and one or more of its directors or any other
317 corporation, firm, association or entity in which one or more of its directors are directors or officers or has
318 a material financial interest shall be either void or voidable: (i) because of such relationship or interest, or
319 (ii) because such director or directors are present at a meeting of the Board or a committee thereof which
320 authorizes, approves or ratifies such contract or transaction, or (iii) because such director's or directors'
321 votes are counted for such purpose; provided that:
322 a. either:
323 (i) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the Board or committee
324 which authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction by a vote or consent
325 sufficient for the purpose without counting the votes or consents of such interested directors;
326 or
327 (ii) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the members entitled to vote
328 and they authorize, approve or ratify such contract or transaction by vote or written consent;
329 or
330 b. the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to the USBC.
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332 Common or interested directors shall abstain from voting on the matter and may be counted in
333 determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board or a committee thereof which
334 authorizes, approves or ratifies such contract or transaction.
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336 3. The Board may adopt a separate Conflicts of Interest Policy. Such a policy may include disclosure
337 provisions which conform to Section H.2 above. Alternatively, such a policy may require greater
338 disclosure than as required by Section H.2 above, and, in addition, may impose voting restrictions
339 and/or establish strict criteria for Board approval of such contracts or transactions. In no event,
340 however, shall a Conflicts of Interest Policy call for less disclosure and/or be less burdensome than as
341 set forth in Section H.2 above.
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343 **Article V**
344 **Officers**

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346 **Section A. President, Vice Presidents, Executive Director, Ex Officio Member of the Board, and Other**
347 **Officers**

348 The USBC shall have a President, a President-Elect (from time to time), a First Vice President, a Second Vice
349 President, a Third Vice President, an Executive Director, a Secretary and such other officers or assistant
350 officers and agents as the directors may from time to time appoint.
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352 **Section B. Appointment**

353 The officers of the USBC, other than the Executive Director, shall be appointed annually by the Board at an
354 annual meeting of the Board and officers of the USBC shall be selected from the directors then serving on the
355 Board. If the appointment of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such appointment shall be held as
356 soon thereafter as convenient. Such officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly
357 appointed or until his or her prior death, resignation or removal.
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359 **Section C. Term**

Each officer, except the Executive Director, serves a one-year term and may be re-elected to the same officer position for a maximum of three (3) terms.

Section D. Authority and Duties

1. President: The President of the USBC (the “President”) shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. Presides at the Annual Meeting and at all meetings of the Board;
 - b. Nominates At-Large Directors for approval by the Board pursuant to Section C.6. of Article IV;
 - c. Appoints the chair and members of all USBC Board committees (other than the Athletes Advisory Council and members of the Youth Committee), subject to an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, at a regular meeting, or at any special meeting of the Board; and
 - d. Serves as the principal spokesperson for USBC and oversees its international relations.
2. Vice Presidents (including the First, Second and Third Vice President): The Vice Presidents of the USBC (the “Vice Presidents”) shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. The President Elect or First Vice President presides at the Annual Meeting and at all meetings of the Board when the President is absent and in their absence the Second Vice President shall preside; and
 - b. Performs other duties prescribed by the Board or requested by the President.
3. Executive Director: The Executive Director of the USBC (the “Executive Director”) shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. Performs the duties and responsibilities prescribed by the Board or the President; and
 - b. Serves as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board.
 - c. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, or the Board (in its sole and absolute discretion) appoints an additional officer pursuant to Section D.5 of Article V, the Executive Director shall serve as the Secretary of the USBC. The Secretary of the USBC shall be responsible for the following: (i) keep the minutes of the Annual Meeting and of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose; (ii) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws or as required by law; (iii) be custodian of the corporate records; and (iv) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board.
 - d. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, or the Board (in its sole and absolute discretion) appoints an additional officer pursuant to Section D.5 of Article V, the Executive Director shall serve as the Treasurer of the USBC. The Treasurer of the USBC (the “Treasurer”) shall be responsible for the following: (i) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the USBC; (ii) receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the USBC from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the USBC in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as approved by the Board; and (iii) in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him or her by the Board. If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board shall determine.
4. Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. There shall be such number of Assistant Secretaries of the USBC (“Assistant Secretaries”) and Assistant Treasurers of the USBC (“Assistant Treasurers”) as the Board may from time to time authorize. The Assistant Treasurers shall, if required by the Board, give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board shall determine. The Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, in general, shall perform such duties and have such authority as shall from time to time be delegated or assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer, respectively, or by the Board.
5. Other Assistants and Acting Officers. The Board shall have the power to appoint any person to act as assistant to any officer, or as agent for the Corporation in his or her stead, or to perform the duties of such officer whenever for any reason it is impracticable for such officer to act personally and such assistant or acting officer or other agent so appointed by the Board shall have the power to perform all the duties of the office to which he or she is so appointed to be assistant, or as to which he or she is so appointed to act, except as such power may be otherwise defined or restricted by the Board.

Section E. Resignation

An officer of the USBC may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President of the USBC, or if such resigning officer is the President, written notice shall be delivered to the Board by the President. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the President or the Board, and unless otherwise specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

421 **Section F. Removal**

422 Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the
423 Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present either at a regular meeting or at any special meeting
424 of the members called for that purpose.

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426 **Section G. Vacancies**

427 A vacancy or vacancies in officer positions for any reason may be filled by a majority vote of the Board at a
428 meeting where quorum is present. Each officer shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term such
429 officer was elected to fill and until such individual's successor is elected, or until such individual's death,
430 resignation or removal.

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432 **Article VI**
433 **Meetings**

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435 **Section A. Annual Meeting of the Members**

436 An annual meeting of the USBC is held at a time and place determined by the Board (the "Annual Meeting").
437 Attendance is open to all members.

438 1. Voting and Speaking at Annual Meetings.

439 Only (i) Delegates, (ii) officers of the USBC; and (iii) and directors of the Board (collectively with (i) and (ii), the
440 "Voting Members"), shall have the right to vote at the Annual Meeting. All members (including the Voting
441 Members) in good standing as of the date of the Annual Meeting may be permitted to address the members at
442 the Annual Meeting. Absentee and proxy voting shall not be permitted at any meeting of the members
443 (including, but not limited to, the Annual Meeting).

444 2. Delegate Representation.

- 445 a. Each merged state association chartered by the USBC in good standing representing men, women and
446 youth, may elect two (2) Delegates and two alternate Delegates to the Annual Meeting. Each non-
447 merged state association in good standing may elect one (1) Delegate and one alternate Delegate to
448 the Annual Meeting;
- 449 b. Each local association chartered by the USBC (not including affiliate associations) may elect Delegates
450 based on the following:
451 (i) Less than 1,000 members - one (1) Delegate and one (1) alternate Delegate;
452 (ii) 1,000 members or more - one (1) Delegate and one (1) alternate Delegate for each 1,000
453 members or fraction thereof (if such fraction is greater than fifty percent (50%) when converted to
454 a percentage);
- 455 c. Newly-chartered local bowling associations, with no members may elect one (1) Delegate and one (1)
456 alternate Delegate to the Annual Meeting;
- 457 d. A state or local association whose charter has been suspended or revoked, or an association that is
458 delinquent in processing dues for the current bowling season, is not "in good standing" for purposes of
459 determining the number of Delegates or alternate Delegates attending the Annual Meeting for such
460 state or local association; and
- 461 e. Athletes are eligible to serve as Delegates (and for the avoidance of doubt, such Athletes elected to
462 serve as Delegates shall be deemed to be Delegate Directors and shall not be deemed to be a director
463 representing any other class of directors).

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465 The number of delegates for each location association shall be determined by the USBC (in its sole discretion)
466 based upon the USBC's membership records as of July 31 of the year prior to the Annual Meeting.

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468 3. Delegate Responsibilities.

469 Delegates will vote on the following:

- 470 a. (i) Adopt Bylaws or alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws, and (ii) Alter, amend, repeal, or approve, as
471 applicable, bylaws of state and local associations chartered by the USBC, except with respect to
472 provisions for compliance with the USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to the Athletes
473 and Youth and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law;
- 474 b. Increase or decrease the maximum national, state and local adult membership dues;
- 475 c. Elect directors to fill open Delegate Director positions on the Board that are subject to election by the
476 Delegates; and
- 477 d. Approve general playing rules, adult league rules, and adult tournament rules for the sport of bowling.

478 4. Term as a Delegate.

479 Delegates shall serve as a Delegate for a one (1) year term; provided, however, Athletes shall serve as a
480 Delegates for a four (4) year term corresponding to the quadrennial (four-year) period of the USOC.

481 5. Meeting Notice.

482 Written notice of the Annual Meeting is provided to Delegates and chartered state and local bowling
483 associations in good standing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

484 6. Quorum.

485 Except as otherwise provided by the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law, the Articles of Incorporation, or the
486 Bylaws of the USBC, one hundred (100) Delegates, present in person, shall constitute a quorum for the
487 transaction of business at the Annual Meeting.

488 7. Action.

489 Elections by the Delegates are conducted according to policies and procedures established by the Board. The
490 affirmative vote of a majority of the votes of the Delegates entitled to vote represented at an Annual Meeting at
491 which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members, unless the act of a greater number is required by
492 the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law, Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws of the USBC. Absentee and proxy
493 voting is not permitted.

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495 **Section B. Meetings of the Board**

496 1. Annual Meetings.

497 The Board may provide by resolution for regular or stated meetings of the board, to be held at a fixed time and
498 place, and upon the passage of any such resolution, such meetings shall be held at the stated time and place
499 with or without other notice than such resolution.

500 2. Special Meetings.

501 Special meetings of the Board, for any purpose or purposes, shall be held whenever called by or at the request
502 of the President or any director, subject to approval by the majority of directors then in office.

503 3. Action Without a Meeting

504 Any action required or permitted by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or any provision of law to be taken at a
505 meeting or by resolution of the Board may be taken without a meeting if two-thirds of the Directors then in
506 office shall consent in writing setting forth such action.

507 4. Meetings Via Telecommunications.

508 Any or all directors may participate in a regular or special meeting or a Committee meeting by the use of any
509 means of communication through which any of the following occurs:

- 510 a. All participating directors may simultaneously hear or read each other's communications during the
511 meeting; or
- 512 b. All communication during the meeting is immediately transmitted to each participating director, and
513 each participating director is able to immediately send messages to all other participating directors.

514 5. Notice.

515 With the exception of regular meetings as set forth in Section B.1 above of this Article, notice of any meeting of
516 the Board, in each case specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting, shall be given to each director by
517 delivering notice, orally or in writing, not less than two (2) days notice prior to such special meeting. If mailed,
518 such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid,
519 addressed to the director at the director's address as it appears on the records of the USBC. Neither the
520 business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any meeting of the Board needs be specified in the notice or
521 waiver of such notice of such meeting.

522 6. Waiver of Notice.

523 Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of the Wisconsin Nonstock
524 Corporation Law or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the USBC, a waiver thereof
525 in writing, signed at any time by the person or persons entitled to such notice and filed with the minutes of the
526 meeting or the corporate records, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a
527 director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends the
528 meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not
529 lawfully called or convened.

530 7. Quorum.

531 Except as otherwise provided by the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law or by the Articles of Incorporation, a
532 majority of the number of directors then in office immediately before a meeting begins shall constitute a
533 quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

534 8. Action.

535 The affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting, when a quorum has been
536 established, is required to take action unless otherwise provided by Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law, the
537 Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

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539 **Section C. Parliamentary Procedure**

540 The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, governs all USBC meetings.

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Committees

Each committee shall consist of three (3) or more directors elected by the Board.

Section A. Standing Committees

The standing committees of the USBC are the following:

1. Nominating Committee.

- a. Chair. The chair of the Nominating Committee is appointed by the President, subject to approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. Directors who are eligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board do not serve on the Nominating Committee in the year they are so eligible.
- b. Responsibility. The Nominating Committee shall:
 - (i) establish additional eligibility criteria for the Delegate Directors, subject to approval by the Board;
 - (ii) develop prior to the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for election as Delegate Directors on the Board;
 - (iii) establish election policies and procedures, subject to approval by the Board; and
 - (iv) develop a slate of candidates for election to serve on the Youth Committee for consideration and vote by the Board.
- c. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Nominating Committee present at a meeting of the Nominating Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
- d. Meetings. The Nominating Committee shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.
- e. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Nominating Committee shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof.

2. Finance Committee.

- a. Chair. The Chair of the Finance Committee is appointed by the President, subject to approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.
- b. Responsibility. The Finance Committee is responsible for proposing and monitoring the annual budget of the USBC and providing oversight regarding other financial matters as determined by the Board.
- c. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Finance Committee present at a meeting of the Finance Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
- d. Meetings. The Finance Committee shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.
- e. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Finance Committee shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof.

3. Athletes Advisory Council.

- a. Members. Council members shall be Team USA Athletes elected by a majority of the Team USA Athletes; the Chair of the Athletes Advisory Council is elected by a majority of the members of the Athletes Advisory Council. The USBC representative and alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council are ex officio voting members of the USBC Athletes Advisory Council.
- b. Responsibility. The Athletes Advisory Council shall:
 - (i) establish policies and procedures for election or appointment of Athletes and Team USA Athletes to serve as members of the USBC committees and task forces, subject to the approval by the Board;
 - (ii) serve as a source of opinion and advice to the Board with regard to both current and contemplated policies of the USBC as such policies relate to Athletes;
 - (iii) select Team USA Athletes to serve as members of the Designated Committees by a majority of the members of the Athletes Advisory Council; and
 - (iv) select Athletes to serve as members of committees (other than the Designated Committees) and task forces by a majority of the members of the Athletes Advisory Council.
- c. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Athletes Advisory Council present at a meeting of the Athletes Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
- d. Meetings. The Athletes Advisory Council shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.
- e. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Athletes Advisory Council shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof.

4. Youth Committee.

- 603 a. Chair. The Chair of the Youth Committee is elected by the members of the Youth Committee, subject
604 to approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.
605 b. Responsibility. The Youth Committee shall
606 (i) select individuals to be nominated to fill Youth Director vacancies on the Board by a majority of
607 the members of the Youth Committee;
608 (ii) determine eligibility requirements for the Youth Committee;
609 (iii) recommend for approval to the Board youth dues;
610 (iv) propose youth rules;
611 (v) monitor, promote and review youth programs; and
612 (vi) set strategic direction of the Youth Committee for Board approval.
613 c. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Youth Committee present at a meeting of the Youth
614 Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
615 d. Meetings. The Youth Committee shall meet at such time and place as the chairperson of the
616 committee shall set.
617 e. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Youth Committee shall be given by oral or written notice delivered by
618 mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice is given for meetings of the Board in
619 accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof.
620 5. Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee.
621 a. Chair. The chair of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee is appointed by the
622 President, subject to approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.
623 b. Responsibility. The Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall:
624 (i) review and make final decisions regarding new items of equipment on which USBC approval is
625 requested;
626 (ii) set policies and procedures with regard to the operation and management related to equipment
627 specifications and certification;
628 (iii) establish and revise such specifications and requirements for equipment employed in USBC
629 certified competition as it deems necessary or appropriate; and
630 (iv) grant, withhold, suspend, and withdraw certificates of bowling centers and otherwise regulate
631 certified bowling centers.

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633 All such activities shall be subject to approval of the Board in its discretion.
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- 635 c. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee
636 present at a meeting of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall constitute a
637 quorum for the transaction of business at any such meeting.
638 d. Meetings. The Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall meet at such time and
639 place as the chairperson of the committee shall set.
640 e. Notice. Notice of meetings of the Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee shall be given
641 by oral or written notice delivered by mail or personally to each member in the same manner as notice
642 is given for meetings of the Board in accordance with Article VI Section B.5. hereof.
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644 **Section B. Other Committee**

645 The Board by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at
646 which a quorum is present may create committees having such powers as are then permitted by these Bylaws,
647 the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law and as are specified in the resolution.
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649 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article VII, no individual shall be permitted to serve
650 on any committee of the USBC until such individual has been approved by the Registered Volunteer Program
651 and throughout such committee member's term, such committee member shall be in compliance with the
652 Registered Volunteer Program.
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654 **Article VIII** 655 **Amendments**

656 **Section A. By the Members and Delegates.**

657 Any member or chartered state or local association may submit a proposal in writing to alter, amend or repeal
658 the general playing rules, adult league rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws (except with respect to
659 provisions for compliance with the USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to the Athletes and Youth
660 and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law); provided, however, such
661 proposal is otherwise valid under these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of the USBC and in accordance
662 with applicable law. Such proposals shall be delivered to the Secretary of the USBC, and in the absence of the
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664 Secretary, or in the event of his or her death, inability or refusal to act, the Executive Director of the USBC at
665 the USBC's principal place of business. Such proposals are required to be received by the Secretary of the
666 USBC (or the Executive Director of the USBC, subject to the foregoing sentence), on or before September 1, to
667 be eligible for presentation at the next Annual Meeting of the USBC. The general playing rules, adult league
668 rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws (subject to the foregoing) may be altered, amended or repealed
669 and new or restated general playing rules, adult league rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws (subject
670 to the foregoing) may be adopted by the Delegates present and entitled to vote where a quorum is present at
671 any Annual Meeting thereof, by:

- 672 1. A majority of the total number of votes for general playing rules, adult league rules and adult tournament
673 rules; and
- 674 2. Two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes for bylaws.

675 Unless otherwise specified in such proposal or at the time such altered, amended or repealed bylaw was
676 approved by the Delegates, any bylaw that is altered, amended or repealed by the Delegates pursuant to this
677 paragraph will become effective as of August 1 following the Annual Meeting of the USBC which such altered,
678 amended or repealed bylaw was approved by the Delegates.

680 **Section B. By the Board**

681 The Bylaws (except with respect to membership dues described in Article III, which shall only be increased or
682 decreased by Delegates as set forth in the foregoing paragraph) may be altered, amended or repealed and
683 new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board by affirmative vote of a majority of the number of directors present
684 at or participating in any regular meeting or special meeting at which a quorum is in attendance, but no Bylaw
685 adopted by the Delegates shall be amended or repealed by the Board if the Bylaw so adopted so provides.
686 Alterations, amendments or repeal of a bylaw by the Board become effective as of the date specified by the
687 Board.

688 **Article IX** 689 **Athlete Representation**

692 **Section A. Athlete and Team USA Athletes**

693 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bylaws, Athletes (including Team USA Athletes)
694 shall:

- 695 1. consist of at least twenty percent (20%) of all Delegates; and
- 696 2. consist of at least twenty percent (20%) of all individuals serving on committees (other than Designated
697 Committees) and task forces.

699 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bylaws, Team USA Athletes shall:

- 700 1. consist of at least twenty percent (20%) of the Board and the Designated Committees; and
- 701 2. be the USBC representative or alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council and shall be the only
702 Athletes permitted to serve on the Board and on each of the Designated Committees.

705 **Section B. USOC Athletes Advisory Council Representative and Alternate**

706 The Team USA Athletes shall elect one (1) Team USA Athlete as USBC representative and one (1) Team USA
707 Athlete as alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council; provided, however, such representative and
708 alternate shall not be a paid employee of either the USOC or the USBC. The representative and alternate must
709 be of the opposite gender. A Team USA Athlete may only serve as the USOC Athletes Advisory Council
710 representative for two (2) terms.

712 **Article X** 713 **Fiscal Year**

714 The fiscal year of the USBC is August 1 through July 31.

717 **Article XI** 718 **Indemnification**

720 **Section A. Mandatory Indemnification**

721 The USBC shall to the maximum extent permitted under the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation law, as amended
722 from time to time, indemnify and allow reasonable expenses of any person who was or is a party or threatened
723 to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal,
724 administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, member of any

725 committee of the USBC, officer, employee or agent of or volunteered services to the USBC; or is or was serving
726 at the request of the USBC as a director, officer, employee or agent of any committee, or of any other
727 corporation or enterprise unless liability was incurred because the director or officer breached or failed to
728 perform a duty that he or she owes to the USBC and the breach or failure to perform constitutes any of the
729 following:

- 731 1. A willful failure to deal fairly with the USBC or its members in connection with a matter in which the director
732 or officer has a material conflict of interest;
- 733 2. A violation of the criminal law, unless the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her
734 conduct was lawful or no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful;
- 735 3. A transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal profit or benefit; or
- 736 4. Willful misconduct.

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738 Such right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators and personal
739 representatives of such a person. Nothing in this Section shall require or establish any obligation to indemnify
740 (i) any employee or staff of the USBC, as to or related to any claim, action or matter including but not limited to
741 claims or actions arising from or related to employment, contract or termination in which such individual or
742 individuals are adverse parties to or otherwise adverse to the Board, or (ii) any firm or organization which
743 supplies staff or staff assistance to the USBC.

744 **Section B. Supplementary Benefits**

745 The USBC may supplement the right of indemnification under Section A of this Article XII by one or more of the
746 purchase of insurance, indemnification agreements and advances for related expenses of any person
747 indemnified.

748 **Article XII**

749 **Due Process**

750 **Section A. Applicability of Due Process**

751 Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the USBC provides due process when any:

- 752 1. Member, including any Athlete, is charged with a violation of any USBC regulation or requirement which
753 could result in full or partial forfeiture or suspension of participation privileges or in other disciplinary
754 action whether undertaken by the USBC or a chartered state or local association; or
- 755 2. Individual or entity charges the USBC with a violation of the requirements of the (i) USOC Constitution or
756 Bylaws, (ii) Articles of Incorporation of the USBC or these Bylaws, or (iii) rules and regulations, including but
757 not limited to general playing rules, league rules, or tournament rules, that are adopted, endorsed, or
758 referenced by the USBC. Such charging individual or entity may include, but is not limited to:
759 a. A sports organization that conducts programs in the sport of bowling on a level of proficiency
760 appropriate for the selection of athletes to represent the United States in national or international
761 competition;
762 b. A USBC member, including any athlete, or any coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or other official;
763 or
764 c. A state or local association chartered by the USBC or an applicant for the USBC chartering as an
765 association.
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767 **Section B. Elements of Due Process**

768 The elements of due process shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion and, subject to such
769 discretion, the elements of due process may include (but are not limited to) notice, hearing, expedited hearing,
770 decision, and appeal, all as provided in:

- 771 1. Written policies approved by the Board; or
- 772 2. Such policies approved on a case-by-case basis by the Board.

773 **Article XIII**

774 **Definitions**

775 As used in these Bylaws, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

776 "Delegates" shall mean individuals, who hold USBC membership, are 18 years of age or older at the time of
777 election, and who are elected pursuant to Section C.1 of Article IV.

786 “Designated Committees” shall mean the (i) Nominating Committee, (ii) Finance Committee,
787 and (iii) each committee or task force empowered to: (A) resolve any Athlete’s grievance, or (B) select
788 participants in an international bowling competition (including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, trainers,
789 administrators and officials).

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791 “Athlete” shall mean an individual who is (i) at least 18 years of age, and (ii) a Team USA Athlete or an Actively
792 Engaged Athlete.

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794 “Team USA Athlete” shall mean an individual who (i) is a current member of the USBC, and (ii) within the
795 preceding ten (10) years, has been, or currently is, a member of Team USA and has represented the United
796 States in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship
797 recognized by FIQ.

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799 “Actively Engaged Athlete” shall mean an individual who (i) is a current member of the USBC, and (ii) within the
800 one (1) year period prior to appointment, who has demonstrated active engagement in amateur bowling
801 competition by finishing in tournaments as follows:

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803 a. For open or women's national championship tournaments conducted by USBC, the top five percent
804 (5%) of all amateur/professional finishers based upon the combined list of participants in the “All
805 Events” event from each of the divisions in the order in which the participants scored; or
806 b. For the Team USA Team Trials and national junior championship tournaments conducted by USBC, the
807 top fifty percent (50%) of all amateur/professional male finishers and of all amateur/professional
808 female finishers.

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810 “Proprietor” shall mean an individual who is the shareholder, member, partner, or officer of a bowling center or
811 group of bowling centers; provided, however, such individual shall not be a Proprietor if he or she (i) owns,
812 directly or indirectly, twenty-five percent (25%) or less of the outstanding equity of a bowling center or centers,
813 (ii) is inactive in the management of the bowling center or bowling centers, or (iii) is employed by, or otherwise
814 receives compensation from BPAA.