



World Series of Amateur Bowling

Tournaments of Fun & Entertainment

WSAB Membership Handbook 2018

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the World Series of Amateur Bowling (WSAB). The WSAB, founded in October, 2018, is designed for bowlers who would like to experience the sport globally. The purpose for forming this organization is to give bowlers the opportunity to compete worldwide with those of similar abilities on a handicapped basis. The World Series of Amateur Bowling is not a professional organization. Instead, the WSAB is a private membership bowling organization governed by rules, regulations, policies, grooming standards, and benefits to make international bowling fair and fun for everyone.

WSAB Mission: Our mission is to make international bowling events available to individuals participating in this organized sport which emphasizes sportsmanship and social development of youth and adults while at the same time promoting competition and patriotic spirit.

The WSAB will Increase and attract new members by promoting our bowling events as a place where fun, friendship, and camaraderie are fostered.

We will support new members by providing friendly and constructive coaching that will inspire them to play the game to the best of their ability and in doing so, "have fun", continue to challenge and empower members by encouraging them to attend and participate in tournaments (home and away), branch events, summer workshops, and winter activities.

WSAB Vision: Our vision is to be the leading authority to international amateur competition of the sport and servicing the needs of bowling.

WSAB Promise: Our promise is to celebrate the past, be mindful of the present, and ensure bowling's future through thoughtful research, planning, and delivery.

WSAB Membership: Thank you for joining the WSAB. Our goal is to make you feel welcome and provide you with information that will make your first and future events fun and exciting. In this booklet you will find the rules, regulations, and policies which govern the WSAB. They are designed to give each of you fair, equal, and impartial treatment. Please read them carefully.

Our organization can only be as strong as our membership and each of us needs to accept the responsibility of protecting our members from those who may try to gain any unfair advantages. Suggestions for improving our organization are appreciated and must be presented to the Board of Directors in an appropriately signed letter.



MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility

1. Membership is open to men and women 18 years of age and over. Several branches now offer sponsored membership for those competitors under the age of 18.
2. Membership is open to members of the USBC, PABCON, ABF, ETBF, BFA, and eligible non-members who purchase an unattached individual membership card prior to bowling. Current members of any professional bowling organization (PBA) are not eligible for membership in the WSAB. Former members of the PBA are eligible provided they meet all eligibility requirements and have not won a national title in the last 5 years. (A professional bowling organization is any organization with 'professional' as part of its name.) Other limits may be imposed based on skill and knowledge of the game.
3. Participation membership requires that an application be submitted with an initial fee of \$50.00. This membership is then renewable annually, also for a fee of \$50.00.
4. No person is to receive a membership in the WSAB who fails to meet the eligibility requirements. If there is any question as to the eligibility of a prospective member, he/she should be refused membership. Branch Directors have full discretion as to who can bowl in their territory at any time.
5. Upon submission of a membership application and/or a tournament entry form, participants agree that the WSAB Tournament, or portions thereof, may be photographed, broadcast, recorded, televised, or otherwise exhibited to the public. The participant hereby consents and agrees to the use, and the license to others to use, their respective names, voice sketch, rebroadcast or other exhibition or reproduction of the Tournament or any part thereof and in any advertisement, publicity or promotion thereof, to release all rights, title and interest they or any of them may have hereafter, waiving forever any claim or right to compensation or other consideration on account of such use, exhibition or reproduction.
6. Acceptance of a WSAB membership card is an agreement by the member that the card is the property of the WSAB and must be surrendered on demand. The card is not transferable and cannot be used by a non-member. The card-holding member also agrees to abide by all current rules, regulations and policies governing membership as well as any new ones adopted at a later date. Loss of a membership card must be reported immediately and is subject to a replacement fee.



7. It will be the responsibility of each individual member to understand and comply with WSAB rules regarding sportsmanship and honor codes.
8. At its discretion, the Tournament Director, Branch Office and/or the Board of Directors have the right to refuse membership, entry and/or renewal of membership to any member or applicant.
9. Membership is revocable without cause.
10. To maintain active membership status in the WSAB, a member must maintain his/her yearly dues and participate in a regular singles event at least once every 120 days. In the event these requirements are not met, a re-initiation fee of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be invoked to re-establish active membership status, provided the member/applicant qualifies under all the current membership rules and regulations. All acquired bonus pins will be forfeited if membership is not kept current. Each member that re-joins may also be forced to re-establish a tournament average.
11. Franchisee's, Licensee's, branch managers and their immediate family members living at home are not eligible to participate or compete in any handicapped tournaments hosted or conducted by the WSAB. (Scratch events are exempt from this rule)

B. Joint Memberships

12. If a bowler wishes to maintain an average in more than one (1) branch, he/she will be required to pay a Joint Membership fee of \$50.00 for each additional Branch.
13. Averages may not be kept and bowlers will not be eligible for special event tournaments at a non-home branch unless they have paid the joint membership fee.
14. Joint fees will not be accepted from any member not planning to bowl in two (2) or more tournaments in a non-home branch during that branch's calendar year. Bowlers would not be allowed to become Joint Members if they do not plan on entering enough tournaments to qualify for that branch's special event tournaments.
15. Scores for any member bowling in a branch where he/she does not have Joint Membership would automatically be sent back to his/her home branch. If the bowler qualifies and/or cashes, those scores may also be counted in his/her home branch.



C. Membership Renewal

16. To maintain active participation membership status in the WSAB, a member must maintain his/her yearly dues of at least \$30.00, due each year no later than the end of the month in which he/she became a member. There is no grace period. Failure to pay membership fees when due will cause a re-initiation fee of at least \$5.00, plus the renewal fee.
17. Notification will normally be emailed to the member's address currently on file with WSAB before the deadline for renewal. Branch members do not receive such notice. WSAB cannot nor will not be responsible for any member not receiving his/her notification. Each member's renewal date appears on his/her membership card and it is the member's responsibility to remain current.
18. In the event this renewal requirement is not met, a re-initiation fee will be invoked to re-establish active membership status, provided the member/applicant qualifies under all the current membership rules and regulations.
19. If a member's renewal is paid in a timely manner his/her status may not be affected by an outside average. However, if a bowler's membership expires and that bowler wishes to re-join WSAB he/she would be required to re-qualify as a new member.
20. Joint Membership renewal fees must be paid. These fees must be paid in the same month regular renewals are paid.



AVERAGES

A. *Entering Averages*

1. The WSAB consists of four (4) divisions:
 - Major, a handicapped division for bowlers with averages of 189 and under.
 - Elite, for bowlers with averages of 190-224.
 - Masters, for bowlers with averages over 225. Bowlers in the Masters division will be eligible for any event, with the possibility of negative handicap being assessed to these members.
 - Scratch, is an open division for all skill levels. Scratch events are not open to current PBA members or National PBA title holders from the last five (5) years.
2. The highest of the following averages may be used to determine the bowler's Entering Tournament Average. One of these averages should be for 45 games or more for the bowler to meet minimum entering average requirements; these averages must be sanctioned by the congress or federation of the bowler's current amateur membership. Highest averages with less than 21 games could be used if they indicate the bowler has more ability than the averages with the higher amount of games.
 - a. Highest average over the past three (3) years.
 - b. Highest current average if it is higher than book average.
 - c. Highest summer average.
 - d. Highest tournament average.
 - e. An average assigned by the Branch or Tournament Director based on his/her evaluation of the bowler's ability.



3. Bowlers with no averages for the past three (3) years, 45 games or more may enter and bowl at an assigned average, if they meet all other membership requirements. They should receive minimal handicap until they have established a Tournament Average with 21 or more games, or are assigned an average by the Tournament Director.
4. Eligible non-members of WSAB and/or applicants must bring book average verification and/or other verification for the past five (5) years in addition to current highest average(s) for each league they are in, or have bowled in, during the current season (winter or summer) and/or tournaments. League sheet averages of less than 21 games may be used if they are higher than book or other averages.
5. Bowlers are required to report their highest average, no matter how many games, for possible re-rating. Failure to report a highest average may result in disqualification and termination of membership with loss of prize winnings and no return of fees.

Handicaps

6. Entering handicaps are based on 70% of the difference between a bowler's assigned entering average and 225.
7. The maximum handicaps are 52 pins (Major) and 24 pins (Elite) per game. These are based on a minimum Entering Averages of 150 (Major) and 190 (Elite). The maximum handicap is 52 pins base handicap for combo division events, plus up to 23 bonus pins.

Bonus Pins

8. A bowler will be awarded one (1) Bonus Pin following each Tournament in which he/she does not cash if his/her average is less than 160 (Major) or 195 (Elite).
9. Following three (3) Tournaments in which a bowler does not cash, one (1) Bonus Pin will be awarded for each Tournament bowled to a maximum of 100% of the difference between the total of his/her current average, handicap, and Bonus Pins. At no time will these three (3) figures total more than 225.
10. After cashing in a Tournament, there will be a three (3) Tournament waiting period before Bonus Pins will be awarded again. Exception: If a bowler cashes and loses handicap and/or Bonus Pins to a point where he/she may not be competitive, less than a 160 (Major) or 195 (Elite) average, or if his/her Tournament Average is considerably lower than his/her Entering Average, the three (3) Tournament waiting rule to receive additional Bonus Pins may be waived, on an individual basis, by the Tournament Director.



11. The maximum number of Bonus Pins is 23.

B. Re-Calculating Averages

12. A WSAB Tournament Average is established following a minimum of 21 games bowled during WSAB events. After establishing a Tournament Average, the bowler will be handicapped at 70% of the difference between his/her current or assigned average and 225. WSAB reserves the right to re-rate any member during competition based on current scores, knowledge, or ability. Games bowled will be counted as entered.
13. A bowler's average can and will be adjusted based on the bowler's current ability and performance. Total pinfall will be recalculated to coincide with the number of games bowled. Any average adjustment will be made prior to the entrant bowling in a subsequent squad of any tournament and ***it is the bowler's responsibility to check his/her current average prior to bowling any squad.*** If an adjustment has been made and is not accepted by the bowler, his/her entry fee shall be refunded for that squad. Failure to accept any on-site re-rate at any event, may disqualify the member from further participation in that event. On site Re-Rate may occur after qualifying before semi's or finals.
14. Bowlers who are assigned an average will have that assigned average multiplied by the total number of games to arrive at a new calculated pinfall. A Director may use a calculated average on his/her evaluation of the bowler's ability.
15. In an effort to maintain fair and equal competition for the lower average bowlers, 160 and under, all rules for re-rating and average adjustment may be altered by the Tournament Director on an individual basis, provided the handicap and bonus pins do not exceed the maximums.
16. Any bowler not competing in a Tournament for 120 days or more must submit himself/herself for an average re-evaluation. Any information available will be used to determine a bowler's current average ability. If this differs from the bowler's Tournament Average, an adjustment will be made accordingly.
17. Should a bowler have a current Tournament Average of 225 or above for any 50 or more games, he/she could be suspended from WSAB, with no membership fees returned. At the Branch Director's discretion, any bowler that has a competitive advantage, through knowledge and/or ability, may be graduated or have his/her membership terminated. The primary goal of the WSAB is to have a fun, fair, and equitable format so all members have a chance to win.



18. A bowler's average may be recalculated when he/she cashes, or enters in a Tournament, except as described above. Tournament Directors can assign a tournament average to any member based on current knowledge or ability.

19. RE-CALCULATING AVERAGES FOR BOWLERS WHO CASH IN TOURNAMENTS

Based on Final Positions:

- f. TOURNAMENT WINNER will have his/her average adjusted to lose a minimum of three (3) pins handicap plus all bonus pins. Prior to establishing a Tournament Average, the pinfall adjustment will be 100% with a minimum loss of 3 handicap pins plus all bonus pins.
- g. SECOND PLACE finisher will have his/her average adjusted to lose a minimum of two (2) pins handicap plus 90% of bonus pins. Prior to establishing a Tournament Average, the pinfall adjustment will be 90% with a minimum loss of 2 handicap pins plus 90% of bonus pins.
- h. THIRD PLACE finisher will have his/her average adjusted to lose a minimum of one (1) pin handicap plus 80% of bonus pins. Prior to establishing a Tournament Average, the pinfall adjustment will be 80% with a minimum loss of 1 handicap pin plus 80% of bonus pins.
- i. FOURTH PLACE finisher will have his/her average adjusted to lose a minimum of zero (0) pins handicap plus 70% of bonus pins. Prior to establishing a Tournament Average, the pinfall adjustment will be 70% with a minimum loss of 70% of bonus pins.
- j. FIFTH PLACE finisher will have his/her average adjusted to lose a minimum of zero (0) pins handicap plus 60% of bonus pins. Prior to establishing a Tournament Average, the pinfall adjustment will be 60% with a minimum loss of 60% of bonus pins.
- k. All SEMI-FINALISTS' handicaps would be re-rated based on 50% of the difference between their average of all previously bowled games and 225. In addition, accumulated bonus pins would be decreased by 40%.
- l. All other BOWLERS TO CASH would have their handicaps re-rated based on 40% of the difference between their average of all previously bowled games and 225. In addition, accumulated bonus pins would be decreased by 20%.



In all of the above categories, the bowler(s) may be assigned a higher average based on a Director's evaluation of his/her current ability which could result in a bowler losing considerably more than the minimum pin handicap assigned to each position.

20. In an effort to keep a tight control on bowler averages, highs as well as lows, the following system will go into effect once a bowler has bowled 100 games or more in a Branch of the WSAB. Should a bowler cash in a Tournament from the prize fund or optional pots after bowling 100 games or more, his/her average would be recalculated using only the latest 50 games minimum or as close as possible, dropping a minimum of 50 games and retaining a minimum of 50 games. At no time should a bowler be allowed to drop more than five (5) pins in any 50-game block. When a 50-game block average is established and it appears that average is lower than the bowler's true ability, that bowler could and should be assigned a higher average, thereby eliminating any unfair advantage. The assigned average would then be multiplied by the number of games to arrive at a recalculated pinfall. If possible, averages should be calculated at the end of a Tournament. Every effort should be made not to split qualifying and semi-finals, or qualifying, semi-finals and finals. It is not advisable to take one (1) or more games from qualifying, semi-finals, or finals to determine a bowler's 50-game block average. If possible, all calculations should be made at the end of a Tournament. Fifty (50)-game blocks are not figured until a bowler cashes, thus resulting in some bowlers exceeding 100 games.
21. Should a bowler roll a game which is 40 pins or more below his/her current WSAB average, he/she must request to have that game reviewed by one of the Floor Directors and approved by the Tournament Director before it may count toward a bowler's current pinfall and average. This game must be brought to one of the Directors' attention prior to moving to the next pair of lanes or erasing it from the telescore. The following guidelines will be used to determine if a game is to be approved or disapproved.
 - m. A bowler's current Tournament Average should play a very important part in determining whether or not a game should be counted. (A bowler averaging 150 will definitely make more mistakes than a bowler averaging 200 or more.)
 - n. The number of misses (blows) the bowler had, including single and multiple pins, as well as the first and second ball count should be considered.
 - o. The number of splits and gutter balls should be considered.
 - p. The number of washouts should be considered. These must be identified if it is manual scoring.



- q. In which game of the series did this occur, i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th?
- r. Was the bowler at a plus (+) or minus (-) score at the beginning of this game, and by how much.
- s. Is this a normal occurrence for this bowler or is he/she just trying to gain more handicap pins? Does there appear to be any type of pattern in reviewing his/her average record sheet?
- t. Did this bowler win an optional pot in an earlier or later game during this squad?
- u. Were the majority of scores rolled on this pair of lanes during this squad lower than normal for this Tournament? Were scores overall generally lower for this Tournament?
- v. Does it appear the bowler 'gave up' due to his/her current position in the standings?

Before scores are entered in the bowler's average record sheet, all scores should be reviewed to determine whether any, all, some or no games should be counted. (Ex., If a bowler rolls a low first game which may have been counted, but the remaining games are lower than the normal ability of the bowler, perhaps none of the games should be counted.) The decision will be made by the Tournament Director.

Floor Directors are not allowed to approve or disapprove any score. Their responsibility is to list the information requested in the items above so that the person(s) calculating averages can make an educated decision regarding the acceptance of any scores. Person(s) responsible for calculating averages should be on the concourse and down near the lanes at all times during Tournaments so that they will be more fully informed as to the conditions and scorability of the lanes. It also allows them to gain more knowledge regarding each bowler's current ability.

C. Graduated Bowlers

22. MAJOR DIVISION

- w. A WSAB Major Division bowler 'graduates' from Major to Elite when his/her average exceeds 189.99 in any 50-game block. A member may be 'graduated' from Major to Elite when his/her ability or knowledge reaches a level that does not allow the WSAB to conduct an event in a fun, fair, equitable manner for all other members.



- x. At the Branch manager's discretion once a bowler is 'graduated' from any Branch, he/she should not be allowed to participate in any other Branch in the Major Division.
- y. A bowler should be eligible to compete in every Branch to be eligible to bowl in combined Tournaments. Hosting branch director's discretion is final.
- z. Any member who refuses to bowl in the Elite Division after being graduated by one of the WSAB Branch officers may not be allowed to participate in any combined tournaments in the Major Division. Hosting branch director's discretion is final.

23. ELITE DIVISION

- aa. A WSAB Elite Division bowler 'graduates' from Elite to Masters when his/her average exceeds 224.99 in any 50-game block. A member may be 'graduated' from Elite to Masters when his/her ability or knowledge reaches a level that does not allow the WSAB to conduct an event in a fun, fair, equitable manner for all other members.
- bb. At the Branch manager's discretion once a bowler is 'graduated' from any Branch, he/she should not be allowed to participate in any other Branch in the Elite Division.
- cc. A bowler should be eligible to compete in every Branch to be eligible to bowl in combined Tournaments. Hosting branch director's discretion is final.
- dd. Any member who refuses to bowl in the Masters Division after being graduated by one of the WSAB Branch officers may not be allowed to participate in any combined tournaments in the Elite Division. Hosting branch director's discretion is final.

24. MASTERS DIVISION

- ee. WSAB Masters Division bowlers may 'graduate' when their averages exceed 235 in any 50-game block and/or their ability or knowledge reaches a level that does not allow the WSAB to conduct an event in a fun, fair, equitable manner for all other members.
- ff. A bowler must be eligible to compete in every Branch to be eligible to bowl in combined tournaments. Scratch Events may be excluded.



gg. A regular member who is 'graduated' must wait five (5) years before they become eligible to re-apply for active status in the Masters Division.

D. Dual Averages

25. A WSAB member is allowed to hold an average with either or both hands by paying only one (1) membership fee. However, when changing hands he/she must qualify under the same entering/handicapping rules applied to new applicants. This is discouraged as it is the desire of the WSAB that all members give their best effort on each ball rolled for score.
26. A bowler may use only one hand during an entire Tournament (excluding Scratch Events), including multiple entries, semi-finals and finals, and must use his/her corresponding average for that hand. Using the opposite hand on any delivery during any handicapped Tournament will result in automatic disqualification and forfeit of all prize winnings and entry fees.
27. A bowler with dual averages must identify which hand they will be using when submitting an entry for any event. If the bowler fails to identify the hand of choice, his/her highest average and/or lowest handicap will be assigned by the Tournament Director. Only one (1) average and handicap will be taken to these events.
28. Eligibility for tournaments requires the dual average bowler to use the hand and average which he/she is eligible to compete with in all Branches.
29. All qualification events must be with one (1) hand, not a combination of both.
30. A bowler with dual averages who graduates with one hand is allowed to participate with his/her opposite hand if both hands' averages are in the same division. However, he/she would not be allowed to compete in a new Branch using the graduated hand unless he/she had established an average in that Branch with that hand before graduating.
31. Two handed bowling is considered the same as any single hand bowling. A member that chooses to bowl with two hands must deliver each ball with two hands.



TOURAMENTS

A. General Rules

1. A Tournament is defined as any and all events, functions, party, or similar terminology which relates to conducting a bowling tournament for WSAB members. WSAB conducts Singles, Doubles (Regular and Combo), Team, and Special Event Tournaments; handicapped and scratch. Each event, whether conducted in the same or different bowling centers, is considered a separate Tournament.
2. All Tournaments will be certified by WSAB. WSAB rules, regulations, policies, and procedures will apply. Some rules and regulations of the USBC, PABCON, ABF, ETBF, BFA, and ABT were used as framework to creating a fun and fair system for WSAB events.
3. Tournaments will be open to all members of the WSAB in good standing. The member's dues must be current and he/she must have no outstanding bad checks or fines. Non-members or suspended members of WSAB are not permitted to bowl in any tournaments. Guest members agree to abide by all WSAB rules as specified in this member's manual.
4. A WSAB member is not eligible to participate in a tournament if he/she is currently employed, or has been employed within the past three (3) months, by the Host Center, or if he/she owns any portion of or is employed by a business that conducts business within the Host Center.

Exemption: Owners/employees within the Hosting Center will be allowed to participate in scratch and/or special events for which they qualify.

5. Squads will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All bowlers must report to Tournament Check-in at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled squad time for lane assignments and other pertinent information. Prepaid entrants checking in at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled squad time will receive special consideration. Check-in times may vary for different Branches, Host Centers and/or special events. Check with your Branch office.



6. Filing an entry form with fees so it is received by the Local Branch office prior to the closing time and date of a regular tournament and checking-in at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled squad time, or the time specified on the entry form, shall guarantee preference of squad time unless otherwise notified by the Tournament Director or a staff member. If the bowler misses his/her scheduled squad, the Tournament Director will make every effort to place him/her on the following squad. Should this not be possible, through no fault of the Tournament Director, employees or staff, the bowler may be eliminated from the Tournament.
7. Prepaid entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the day prior to the beginning of a tournament.
8. WSAB bowlers will be assigned lanes by the Tournament Staff as they check in, but will not be allowed to request special lanes.
 - a. Bowlers from all divisions, Major, Elite, Masters, and Scratch, will be paired together. Friends may request to bowl together if they check in early enough to be paired together without requiring other checked-in bowlers to be moved.
 - b. Any bowler refusing to bowl on lanes assigned to him/her will forfeit his/her entry fee and NOT be allowed to compete in that Tournament.
 - c. Four (4) bowlers will normally be assigned to each pair of lanes unless the number of entries and/or available lanes necessitates an adjustment. There should never be less than three (3) nor more than six (6) bowlers per pair of lanes. The last squad of the day cannot be declared full until there are six (6) bowlers on each pair of available lanes. The earlier squads should have four (4) bowlers on each pair of available lanes.
 - d. Any bowler not at his/her assigned lane when scheduled to bowl will receive a zero (0) for each frame missed.
 - e. Bowlers will not be allowed to practice on the lanes where they are assigned to bowl within one (1) hour of scheduled squad time. If a bowler is assigned a lane where he/she has already practiced within the one (1) hour time frame, he/she is required to advise the Tournament Director. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
 - f. No bowler in the Semi-Finals is allowed to practice on the lanes to be used for Semi-Final matches.



- g. Every bowler is required to wear a shirt/blouse with his/her first and last name on the back as well as the WSAB logo on the left front or left sleeve. These must be permanently attached, i.e. embroidered, sewn or ironed on. Failure to comply will result in a fine.

9. WITHDRAWAL FROM TOURNAMENTS

- h. Bowlers will not be permitted to withdraw from a Tournament while it is in progress unless permission is granted by the Tournament Director or his/her designated replacement. The penalty for doing so will be a minimum fine of \$10.00 and a minimum 30-day suspension from tournament participation.
- i. A bowler may withdraw from a Tournament without penalty if he/she has paid in advance and is then unable to participate. An unused entry can be refunded directly to the bowler or transferred to the open entry file to be used at a later date.

Because some squads fill quickly leaving other bowlers on standby, it is always appreciated if the absent bowler notifies the Tournament Director, either directly or through the Host Center.

B. *Playing Conditions & Rules*

- 10. All Tournaments will be conducted on WSAB certified conditions.
- 11. If an equipment breakdown occurs or the game is delayed due to a pin setting machine or automatic scorer problem, the Tournament Director will make a ruling regarding continuation, using an alternate pair of lanes or rescheduling the game.
- 12. All re-racks must be approved by the Tournament Director or a Tournament Staff member unless it is obviously due to missing pins.
- 13. The Tournament Director will make a ruling on the re-bowling of a game or frames irretrievably lost by an automatic scorer. That decision will be final.
- 14. Any corrections of scores on automatic scoring devices must be made by a WSAB Director, bowling center employee, or designee. Bowlers are not allowed to make any scoring corrections.
- 15. The Tournament Director is to be called to the lanes to settle any dispute arising over whether or not pins fell as a result of the ball delivery or the machine.



16. WSAB Tournament rules will be followed regarding fouls.

- j. If the foul light comes on, it is considered an automatic foul.
- k. If there is a question or discrepancy regarding a foul or the function/malfunction of the equipment, the Tournament Director must be called to the lane to determine if the foul detection device is operating correctly. This must be done prior to another ball being thrown. If it is not, the foul will stand.

A ruling, to be accepted as a final decision, will then be made by the Tournament Director after the following tests are performed:

Test 1: A bowling ball is dropped on the approach behind the foul line.

Test 2: A bowling ball is dropped behind the foul line and rolled through the foul line.

Test 3: Tournament Director intentionally fouls by stepping on foul line.

- A foul light that does not come on in Tests 1 & 2 but does in Test 3 indicates it is functioning correctly.
- A foul light that comes on in Tests 1 or 2 indicates a malfunction.
- A foul light that does not come on in Test 3 indicates a malfunction.
- If the foul light malfunctioned, the bowler would be credited with the pins knocked down and the remaining pins would be re-spotted and the game would continue from where it was interrupted.
- If it is determined the foul light functioned properly and the bowler did foul, he/she would be credited with zero (0) pinfall and would be required to roll a full set of pins for a spare.
- If the foul light occurred on the second ball and it was functioning properly, the bowler would receive zero (0) for the ball rolled. However, if there was a malfunction the pins would be re-spotted and the bowler would roll the ball again.



- i. If a foul detection device becomes inoperative, the Tournament Director would appoint a foul line judge for that pair of lanes.
 - m. During Tournament Finals, the Directors on the championship pair will act as foul line judges. If it becomes apparent that a bowler has fouled, whether the light comes on or not, the Director will make the call and that decision will be accepted as final.
- 17. One (1) lane courtesy is to be observed at all times, meaning one (1) lane to each bowler's right and left. Bowlers who fail to observe this courtesy and/or require more than one (1) lane will be warned once and then fined for subsequent occurrences.
- 18. During the practice session (approx. 5 minutes) bowlers are not permitted to reset the pins after each shot to get a full set of pins. They are required to roll the ball at the pins left standing so each person will receive adequate deliveries to warm up. Failure to observe this rule is an automatic fine.
- 19. SLOW BOWLING
 - n. Slow bowling will not be tolerated. You must be at your lanes and ready to bowl when it is your turn.
 - o. Each bowler should meet the previous bowler as he/she comes off the approach.
 - p. Any bowler not at his/her lane and ready to bowl his/her turn will receive a zero (0) for each frame missed and will not be allowed to make up the frame(s).
 - q. Each bowler will be allowed a maximum of 20 seconds to make his/her first ball delivery from the time he/she steps on the approach. For spares or the 10th frame, 20 seconds is allowed from the time the ball is picked up from the ball return.
 - r. A bowler using too much time will receive one (1) warning prior to being fined \$10.00.



20. PACERS

- s. Pacers are only allowed when a bowler must withdraw due to illness, injury or emergency.

However, if the number of bowlers on the pair of lanes still meets the minimum requirement, the remaining bowlers could be allowed to complete the game and series without using a pacer.

If, due to the emergency, there are no longer a minimum number of bowlers on the pair of lanes, play could be allowed to continue.

- t. A pacer can not have bowled in the current Tournament. If they do, their scores will be disqualified.
- u. If a bowler is used as a pacer, he/she will not be allowed to compete in that same Tournament.

C. Equipment

- 21. It is the bowler's responsibility to make sure each bowling ball has an identifying serial number and manufacturer's identity. Most bowling pro shops can engrave a serial number, consisting of a minimum of four (4) alpha/numeric characters, near or in the label area for easy identification. Each bowling ball must have a different serial number. Failure to meet these qualifications may result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of prize monies and entry fees.
- 22. Each bowler is responsible for meeting WSAB weight and hardness specifications on any/all balls used in WSAB Tournaments/Special Events.
- 23. The Tournament Director and/or Staff may randomly select bowling balls for weight and hardness checks at any time. An illegal ball is an automatic disqualification from the Tournament and a forfeiture of prize monies and entry fees.
- 24. A bowler who wins an optional pot is subject to having all his/her balls weighed and checked for hardness following that game. Any ball(s) not meeting WSAB specifications will result in the bowler's score being disqualified and forfeiture of all prize monies and entry fees.
- 25. The use of baby powder and/or talcum powder is strictly prohibited on bowlers' hands, in holes of any/all bowling ball(s), in bowling shoes, and on approaches.



26. The cleaning and/or polishing of any/all bowling ball(s) to be used during competition must be completed prior to the start of any squad. Cleaning and/or polishing are not permitted during any qualifying squad or Semi-Finals and Finals.
27. The use of chemicals or any type of liquid or fluid for cleaning bowling balls is strictly prohibited during competition.
28. If a bowler gets a foreign substance on his/her bowling ball from the lanes or equipment, it must be removed by a Director or representative of the Host Center if it cannot be removed by the bowler with a dry cloth.
29. Rosin is permitted to be used on a bowler's hands and in the holes of a bowling ball, but is prohibited from use on the soles of bowling shoes. When used in the holes of a bowling ball, any excess on the outside must be wiped clean before entering the settee area and stepping up on the approach. Rosin bags must be kept behind the bowlers' settee area.

Rosin is not to be applied to the outside of any bowling ball to change its natural roll. Excessive amounts of rosin are not permitted. If there is any possibility of rosin coming out of the ball's holes and getting on the lane or approach, it is to be considered excessive.

30. BOWLING BALLS *ALLOWED* IN WSAB PLAY

- v. Any bowling ball currently manufactured which is available in majority of bowling pro shops, bowling centers, and other retail outlets are allowed if it meets WSAB specifications.
- w. Any bowling ball previously manufactured which is available in majority of bowling pro shops, bowling centers, and other retail outlets are allowed if it meets WSAB specifications.
- x. Bowling balls which have not been altered in any manner and meet all specifications for weight, hardness, size and number of holes.
- y. Bowling balls which have been resurfaced, scuffed, or sanded over the complete ball provided it has been done prior to the beginning of the Tournament in which it will be used. The manufacturer and serial number must be readable.



- z. Bowling balls which have been plugged with approved materials that are compatible with the material originally used to manufacture the ball.

31. BOWLING BALLS *NOT ALLOWED* IN WSAB PLAY

- aa. Prototype, experimental, or any bowling balls which are not currently available, nor have been available in the past, through bowling pro shops, bowling centers and other retail outlets.
- bb. New types of bowling balls being tested by the PBA which are not available to the general public.
- cc. Any bowling ball failing to meet current WSAB specifications for weights, hardness, size, number and size of holes, and all other specifications.
- dd. Bowling balls sanded, scuffed, or changed in the track area only. Use of a bowling ball altered in this manner will be cause for disqualification and forfeiture of prize monies and entry fees.
- ee. Any ball that has been resurfaced, resulting in the manufacturer and/or serial numbers being unreadable.

D. Scoring

- 32. Any/all corrections on automatic scoring devices must be made by a WSAB Director or their designee.
- 33. Upon completion of each game, it is the responsibility of the lead off bowler on each lane to enter the scores on the respective recap sheets for each bowler on the opposite lane. Each bowler is responsible for verifying his/her score entries/calculations and initialing in the space provided. If an error appears in a score and/or calculation, it must be corrected by a Director. No bowler is allowed to enter his/her own scores on the recap sheet. If the lead bowler on the opposite lane is not available, a Director should be called. If a bowling score error appears to be intentional, the bowler may face suspension and/or termination of membership.
- 34. The use of red pencils and/or red ink is strictly prohibited on recap sheets.
- 35. Write-overs are prohibited on recap sheets. Any bowler signing a recap sheet with a write-over or correction which has not been approved by one of the WSAB Directors is subject to a \$10.00 fine.



36. Bowlers are not to fill in totals on the last line of the recap sheets. This space is for Tournament Staff use only.
37. It is each bowler's responsibility to be sure that the original copy of his/her qualifying, re-entry, or semi-final recap sheet is turned in to the Tournament Desk or the designated person or location within five (5) minutes following the end of the squad. Failure to do so will disqualify the bowler(s) and cause forfeiture of prize monies and entry fees.
38. Any bowler who turns in a recap sheet that is not calculated correctly, not initialed, not initialed improperly, not signed, or not legible will be fined a minimum of \$10.00.
39. Each bowler is to receive a copy of his/her recap at the conclusion of each squad. Any bowler will have up to 30 minutes after the completion of the squad to make corrections on the recap. The bowler's copy of qualifying scores must accompany the bowler qualifying for a Semi-Final or Finals match.

E. Prizes & Awards

40. All prizes and awards will be determined by scratch scores, plus the bowler's handicap and bonus pins, if any.
41. All cash prizes in ALL Divisions will be fully guaranteed by the WSAB Branch hosting the Tournament, not by the WSAB Headquarters.
42. Prize funds will be returned 100%.
43. All prize checks should be ready at the conclusion of the Championship Match in all Regular Singles Tournaments. Any check not picked up immediately following the Tournament will be mailed following the conclusion of the tournament.

Management is not allowed to give a FREE entry in lieu of a prize check. Each bowler who cashes must receive a check.

44. The winner(s) of each Tournament will receive a specially designed plaque with the official Championship design.



F. Singles Tournaments

45. Entry fees will vary in different Branches because they are based on current costs of lineage and Branch Office operating costs. One dollar (\$1.00) from each Regular Singles entry may be held in trust and placed into a separate savings account (Special Events Account) to build a prize fund for an end of the year Special Event.
46. One (1) in every ten (10) entrants is guaranteed to cash in each handicapped event. Scratch events could have a cashing ratio as low as one (1) in twenty (20).
47. Bowlers are only allowed to cash once in the regular prize list for a Regular Singles Tournament. Prize checks will be available to all bowlers who cash immediately following the championship match. Special tournaments will be authorized by WSAB in which multiple cashing can be allowed. These tournaments must have the prior written approval of the WSAB Office.
48. **QUALIFYING**
 - ff. The Qualifying Rounds are usually held on Saturdays. While squads vary by branch, they are normally every two (2) hours: noon, 2, 4 and 6 p.m. These days and times may be adjusted due to special circumstances. Members will be notified well in advance of squad time changes as well as any venue (bowling center) changes.
 - gg. Qualifying Rounds will vary among Branches and even Divisions. It is recommended that they consist of four (4) games bowled across eight (8) lanes or three (3) games across six (6) lanes.
 - hh. Qualifying scores will consist of scratch scores plus the bowler's current handicap and bonus pins, if any.
 - ii. Only the highest scores rolled will be considered for the Semi-Finals or for cashing purposes in Beat the Field Tournaments. Multiple cashing singles tournaments are allowed and must be advertised and approved by WSAB Headquarters in advance.
 - jj. A minimum of one (1) bowler out of every eight (8) will advance to the Semi-Finals (based on lane availability) for handicapped events. This could be one (1) in twenty (20) for scratch events.



49. SEMI-FINALS

- kk. It is each bowler's responsibility to keep track of Semi-Final cut scores and starting time. The starting time for Semi-Finals will be announced prior to each qualifying round.
- ll. If there are five (5) or less Semi-Finalists, the Semi-Finals may be eliminated and these bowlers may advance directly to the Finals.
- mm. Semi-Finals will consist of three (3) games bowled across three (3) different pairs of lanes, normally skipping a minimum of one (1) pair of lanes as the bowlers move to the right. This allows each bowler the opportunity to bowl on three (3) different sections of the lanes being used for Semi-Finals.
- nn. Semi-Finalists will not be allowed to practice on any of the lanes to be used in the Semi-Final competition. If there are not enough additional lanes available for all Semi-Finalists who wish to practice, then no Semi-Finalist will be allowed to practice.
- oo. Any bowler that is late for Semi-Finals or is not as his/her assigned lanes and ready to bowl his/her turn will receive a zero (0) for each frame missed. No makeup of missed frames will be allowed.
- pp. Any Semi-Finalist who no-shows the Semi-Final competition will receive the prize money designated for last place in the Semi-Finals. If more than one (1) Semi-Finalist no-shows, these bowlers will be positioned according to their three (3)-game handicap.
- qq. If there are ten (10) or more Semi-Finalists, the five (5) with the highest scores, including handicap and bonus pins, from the three (3)-game Semi-Finals will advance to the Pro-Style Stepladder Finals (if this is the format to be used for Finals). If there are less than ten (10) Semi-Finalists, then only half the field will advance. There will be no carryover of pins from Qualifying on to Finals.

The highest total score, including handicap and bonus pins, for the three (3)-game Semi-Finals is automatically seeded into the championship match of the Pro-Style Stepladder Finals (if used).



rr. TIES

In the event of a tie for any Finalist position in the Semi-Finals, the bowler with the highest single game, including handicap and bonus pins, will move into the higher position. If this does not break the tie, then the second highest game, including handicap and bonus pins, will be used to determine the bowler who moves into the higher position, etc. Remaining ties may be broken, at the Branch Director's discretion, by a one-game roll-off or a 9th and 10th frame roll-off where the handicap would be determined by dividing a bowler's total handicap by ten (10) for each frame bowled. This could result in a bowler winning a 9th and 10th frame roll-off by a fraction of a pin.

ss. Remaining Semi-Finalists will cash based on their positions from the scores rolled, including handicap and bonus pins, during the three (3) games of Semi-Finals. All Semi-Finalists are guaranteed to cash with the minimum payout equivalent to the Tournament's base entry fee.

In the event of a tie among the remaining Semi-Finalists, the committed prize money will be split appropriately.

50. PRO-STYLE STEPLADDER FINALS

tt. Four (4) Single Game Matches will determine the Tournament Champion and 2nd through 5th place finishers. The bowler qualifying in the higher position for the Finals will have his/her choice of starting lanes. Winners will be determined by scratch scores plus current handicap and bonus pins.

Match 1: 4th and 5th place qualifiers in Semi-Finals.

Match 2: Winner of 1st Match and 3rd place qualifier in Semi-Finals.

Match 3: Winner of 2nd Match and 2nd place qualifier in Semi-Finals.

Match 4: Winner of 3rd Match and 1st place qualifier in Semi-Finals.

uu. If any Finals Match results in a tie, the bowlers would bowl another complete game to determine the winner. At the Branch Director's discretion, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off may be used, with each bowler using 10% of his/her handicap plus bonus pins for each frame. Under these circumstances a winner could be determined by a percentage point of a pin.



51. SINGLE MATCH GAME ELIMINATION FINALS

Single Match Game Elimination Finals may be seeded or determined by the luck of a draw. No alternates due to disqualifications or no-shows will be allowed in the Finals.

- vv. The top four (4), eight (8), sixteen (16) or multiples thereof (32, 64, etc) scores, including handicap and bonus pins, from the Semi-Finals will advance to the Single Game Elimination Finals.

If a tie for 4th, 8th, 16th, 32nd, or 64th place exists, a one (1)-game roll-off will determine which bowler will advance to the Finals. A tie for any other position will be determined by the highest single game, including handicap and bonus pins, bowled during Semi-Finals.

- ww. If a top four (4) Single Match Game Elimination format is used, the bowler qualifying in the 1st position will be matched with the bowler qualifying 3rd and the bowler qualifying 2nd will be matched with a bowler qualifying 4th. With more than four (4) qualifiers, the matches and prizes will be adjusted accordingly.

Following the 1st match, the top two (2) scorers will advance to the next match. The remaining two (2) bowlers are eliminated from further competition and will be awarded 3rd and 4th finishing positions, according to their respective scores. However, since they have each lost only one (1) match, they will receive identical prize money determined by equally dividing the total prize money designated for 3rd and 4th positions.

- xx. With eight (8) competing in the Single Match Game Elimination format, the 2nd match is determined by the scores bowled during the 1st match with the highest scorer matched against the 3rd highest, and the 2nd highest matched against the 4th highest. Matches and prizes will be adjusted accordingly for additional bowlers.

Following the 2nd match, the two (2) bowlers with the highest scores will advance to the Championship Match. The other two (2) bowlers will finish in 3rd and 4th positions, based on their respective scores in Match 2, with the total prize money for Positions 3 and 4 being equally divided and awarded to them.

- yy. With 16 competing in the Single Match Game Elimination format, the 3rd match is determined by the scores bowled during the 2nd match and the pairings follow the same format as above.



Following the 3rd match, the two (2) bowlers with the highest scores will advance to the Championship Match. If at all possible, a pair of lanes should be used for the Championship Match which has not been used in any of the previous matches so neither bowler has an advantage. The Champion will be the bowler with the highest score.

- zz. All matches, including the Championship Match, will be determined by scores consisting of the scratch score plus the bowler's current handicap and bonus pins.

A tie in any match, other than the Championship, will be resolved by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off in which each bowler will be handicapped at 10% of his/her total handicap, including bonus pins, per frame.

A tie in a Championship Match will be resolved by bowling another full game or, at the Branch Director's discretion, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off may be used.

52. TOP TWELVE (12) MATCH GAME ELIMINATIONS

This is a special format used for Tournaments where there are a large number of entries. This format can be used without having Semi-Finals by advancing the top 12 qualifiers in Preliminary competition or as a Finals following Semi-Final competition.

- aaa. In the 1st match, the bowlers seeded in the 3rd through 12th positions will draw for lane assignments and compete against the bowler on the same pair of lanes. The five (5) bowlers losing the 1st match will finish in 8th through 12th place and receive the same prize money.
- bbb. In the 2nd match, the five (5) bowlers with the highest scores from Match 1, plus the bowler seeded in 2nd position will draw for lane assignments and compete against the bowler on the same pair of lanes. The three (3) bowlers losing the 2nd match will finish in 5th through 7th place and receive the same prize money.
- ccc. In the 3rd match, the three (3) bowlers with the highest scores from Match 2, plus the bowler seeded in 1st position will draw for lanes and compete against the bowler on the same pair of lanes. The two (2) bowlers losing the 3rd match will finish tied for 3rd place and receive the same amount of prize money with the higher of the two losing scores being listed first.



- ddd. The two (2) remaining bowlers will compete for the Championship to determine 1st and 2nd place.
- eee. A tie in any match, other than the Championship Match, will be resolved in a one (1) game roll-off. If a tie still exists, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off using 10% of the bowler's handicap plus bonus pins, will be used.

In the Championship Match, an additional game will be rolled each time a tie exists until the Champion is determined.

At the Branch Director's discretion, either of the above tie-breakers can be resolved with a 9th and 10th frame roll-off using 10% of the bowler's handicap plus bonus pins per frame.

G. Double Tournaments

- 53. Doubles Tournaments consist of any two (2) WSAB members, bowling two (2) games, with each game on a different pair of lanes.
 - fff. Regular Doubles are two (2) bowlers from the same division, i.e. Classic or Masters.
 - ggg. Combo Doubles are two (2) bowlers who may or may not be in the same division.
- 54. For Combo Doubles only, the recommended minimum entering average will be 330 with 415 being the maximum team strength. Handicap will be based on 70% of the difference between the total of the combined tournament entering averages, including handicaps, (not to exceed 52) and 415. Bonus Pins should not be used for this Tournament format. However, if Bonus Pins are allowed, the maximum allowable handicap would be 75 per game per bowler.
- 55. Combo Doubles may also be open to all teams with no team or handicap max. This may vary by branch. Please check with your local branch as to how their Doubles events are conducted.
- 56. There should be a minimum of four (4) bowlers per pair of lanes, two (2) sets of doubles. Pacers are not to be used except in cases of emergency or injury to one of the bowlers.



57. Entries in Doubles Tournaments are unlimited, allowing any bowler to compete as many times as he/she wishes. However, bowlers will not be allowed to sign up to bowl consecutive squads on the same pairs of lanes.
58. The Doubles entry fees will vary in different Branches and will be shared equally by the two (2) members who bowl as partners. It is suggested Branches use the Masters Division entry fee and prize fund.
59. A minimum of one (1) place will be paid for each eight (8) entries. Special doubles events may have as low as 1 in 20 cashing ratio, based on entry fees and other factors.
60. Doubles Tournaments should be tracked as “Beat the Field.” Scores will be posted following each squad. After the last squad of the Tournament, averages and handicaps will be verified and the pair of bowlers posting the highest score will be declared Tournament Champions.
61. In case of a tie for 1st and 2nd place, the prize monies for the two (2) positions would be added together and divided equally among the four (4) bowlers, with each of them being declared a Champion.

If one (1) or more ties exist for other positions, the monies from those positions will be combined and divided equally among the participants.

62. A bowler can cash multiple times with different partners, but only once with any one partner. Exceptions may exist; check with your local branch.
63. Bowling partners will share equally in the prize monies for each position, but will be issued separate checks.
64. All prize checks will be mailed to all bowlers who cash within four (4) days following the last day of the Tournament.
65. Doubles Tournaments will have the same estimated prize fund as Regular Singles events, except where a higher minimum guaranteed prize fund is advertised prior to the start of the Tournament.
66. Prize fund amounts must be listed on bowlers' average record sheets with cashing positions and amounts won.
67. If a bowler cashes in a Doubles Tournament, his/her average may be adjusted under the guidelines set forth in re-rating averages.



68. Doubles Tournaments may not count toward qualifying for or receiving bonus pins.
69. Doubles Tournaments may not count toward qualifying for special event tournaments as scores may not be recorded on average record sheets and money may not be added to the special event savings account.

RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES

A. Conduct

1. It is the responsibility of a WSAB member to conduct himself/herself as a gentleman or lady at all times. Any conduct considered derogatory to the WSAB organization shall result in a minimum \$20.00 fine and a minimum three (3)-month suspension, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
2. Anyone deliberately throwing channel balls or intentionally trying to miss pins will receive a \$10.00 fine and a three (3)-month suspension. It will be each bowler's responsibility to inform one of the Directors if they observe this behavior.
3. All complaints must be registered in writing to the Tournament Director or such persons authorized by the Tournament Director. Registering a complaint with the host proprietor or any other bowling center employee is cause for a fine and suspension.
4. Any WSAB member caught soliciting for a competitive bowling organization will be suspended with possible loss of membership.
5. Smoking is permitted if allowed by local laws. A bowler may not carry a pipe, cigar or cigarette in his/her mouth, lighted or not, while bowling or on the approach during a tournament.
6. The use of flash cameras during competition is strictly prohibited.
7. Cell phones and pagers are not permitted in the bowlers' area unless they are set in a 'silent' or 'vibrate' mode.



8. OBSCENE GESTURES & LANGUAGE

- a. Anyone seen making obscene gestures will automatically receive a fine and a disqualification warning. A second occurrence will result in automatic disqualification, a forfeit of entry fees, a fine, suspension for a minimum of three (3) months, and possible membership termination.
- b. Anyone heard using obscene language will automatically receive a fine and a disqualification warning. A second occurrence will result in automatic disqualification, a forfeit of entry fees, a fine, suspension for a minimum of three (3) months, and possible membership termination.

B. LANES & EQUIPMENT

9. Anyone using the lanes or equipment for any purpose other than intended will be subject to a fine, possible disqualification and membership termination.
10. Placing feet on settee benches or chairs is considered misuse of equipment and bowlers will be fined.
11. Sitting on the backs of benches is considered misuse of equipment and bowlers will be fined.
12. Anyone intentionally fouling will be fined, possibly disqualified and suspended from further participation in the current event.
13. Anyone kicking, or attempting to kick but missing, a foul light or ball return will be fined, disqualified, and suspended from further participation.

C. GROOMING STANDARDS & ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

14. All members are required to present a professional image by dressing in a neat, clean and appropriate manner at all times while in the Host Center during a Tournament. Any bowler, whose personal hygiene may be considered offensive to others, may be denied entry into any Tournament.

Failure to comply with any of the standards outlined below may result in fines and/or disqualification which may include forfeiting prize monies and entry fees.



15. A bowler is allowed to compete in only two (2) Tournaments before being required to wear a shirt/blouse with his/her first and last names on the back. Nicknames are not permitted. Upper case letters must be a minimum of 2-1/2 inches and lower case a minimum of 1-1/4 inches and can be embroidered, ironed on or silk screened as long as they look professional. The shirt/blouse must also have the official WSAB logo permanently attached to the left sleeve or the normal pocket position on the left side.

No other type of lettering or patches (advertising) will be allowed on the back of the shirt/blouse. Any special designs, such as a state logo or the St. Louis Arch, must be approved by WSAB's International Headquarters.

USBC patches or patches from other tournament organizations may be allowed provided they are permanently attached or ironed on the front or sleeve of the shirt/blouse. Patches can not be pinned, stapled or attached with Velcro.

Failure to comply with the above will result in a minimum fine of \$5.00 and a bowler may be refused entry into tournaments if he/she refuses or continually fails to wear the proper attire.

16. Champions' shirts from other tournament clubs may be permissible provided they meet the name and WSAB logo requirements stated above.
17. All shirts/blouses are required to have collars and sleeves. The collars must be two (2)-piece or polo style, not ribbed. Tee shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, mid-drift blouses and halters are strictly prohibited.

Shirts/blouses are not allowed to be open (unbuttoned or unzipped) more than six (6) inches from the base of the neck and/or top of the shoulders.

18. Proper attire includes pants, shorts, slacks, skirts, split skirts, and jeans that are no more than four (4) inches above the knee. All garments must be neat and clean with no holes or tears. Athletic wear, such as sweats or that worn for a specific sport, is not allowed.
19. Bowling shoes are to be clean and polished at all Tournaments.
20. Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed and should not include hair curlers or pins used for that purpose. Headbands and hats are not permitted during competition.
21. Beards, goatees, moustaches and sideburns are permitted provided they maintain a neat, trim appearance.



D. Forms of Payment

22. Cash, check and credit cards (at Branch Director's discretion) are acceptable forms of payment for membership dues, tournament entry fees, miscellaneous fees/charges and fines.
23. PERSONAL CHECKS
 - c. Personal checks are acceptable at Tournaments or the WSAB office for entries, memberships, and dues.
 - d. The acceptance of personal checks is a privilege which can be revoked at any time. It is the member's responsibility to know the check will be honored by his/her banking institution. Any check returned to WSAB unpaid will be subject to a minimum fifty dollar (\$50.00) handling fee and no more checks will be accepted from that member without the Tournament Director's approval. A second similar occurrence will result in an automatic three (3)-month suspension and possible membership termination.
 - e. No checks are to be accepted from new members without a valid local driver's license or identification card with picture and two (2) credit cards.
 - f. A personal check will not be accepted from any member who refuses to give his/her driver's license number and social security number.
 - g. Two (2)-party checks will not be accepted under any circumstances.
 - h. Personal checks will not be accepted for amounts greater than entry fees, memberships, and dues.

E. Fines, Suspensions, & Membership

24. Any outstanding fines must be paid before you will be allowed to bowl in the next Tournament. There are no exceptions. It is each bowler's responsibility to check the Fine List posted at the check-in table or on the scoreboard prior to bowling. If a bowler is bowling on the lanes with an unpaid outstanding fine, he/she could receive an additional fine.
25. All money collected for fines is to be deposited in a special savings account (Special Event) along with the \$1.00, if deducted from each Singles Tournament entry, within six (6) days after the completion of the Tournament.



26. MOST COMMON FINES

The following rule violations will result in a minimum fine of \$5.00:

- i. Not wearing a shirt/blouse with full first/last names.
- j. Not having the Official WSAB patch/logo permanently attached, as previously described, on shirt/blouse.
- k. Incorrect score, addition, or subtraction.
- l. Writing over the top of a score making it unreadable (write-overs).
- m. Failure to sign recap.
- n. Failure to initial recap in each box provided.
- o. Placing feet and/or sitting on backs of chairs, benches or settees.
- p. Failure to stop practice when told to do so.
- q. Re-setting for full set of pins during practice.
- r. Dirty shoes.
- s. Arriving late for Semi-Finals check-in.
- t. Arriving late for Finals meeting.

The following rule violation will result in a minimum fine of \$5.00:

- u. Obscene language and/or gestures with hands, arms or body. This is an automatic fine and possible disqualification.

The following rule violation will result in a minimum fine of \$10.00:

- v. Misuse of equipment including, but not limited to, intent to misuse such as: kicking at but missing ball return, foul indicator, or settee. A minimum 30-day suspension must accompany this fine and disqualification is possible.



- w. Unauthorized withdrawal from a Tournament in progress results in a minimum 30-day suspension and possible membership termination in addition to the fine.
- x. Unbecoming and/or unsportsmanlike conduct by any member. Also includes a minimum 30-day suspension and possible membership termination.
- y. Complaining about lane conditions. Also includes a minimum 30-day suspension and possible membership termination.
- z. Complaining about WSAB rules. Also includes a minimum 30-day suspension and possible membership termination.
- aa. Soliciting WSAB members for a competitive tournament club. Also includes a minimum 30-day suspension and possible membership termination.
- bb. Continuous refusal to abide by grooming and dress standards. Tournament entry may be refused and membership termination is possible.
- cc. Complaining about the average and handicapping system. May also include membership termination.
- dd. Unfair tactics will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic fine and possible membership termination. No warnings will be given.

The dollar amounts of fines and length of suspensions are only minimums. The Tournament Director or an authorized representative will determine the fines and suspensions based on the severity of the incident.

F. Tournament Termination

27. A Tournament may be prematurely terminated due to war, a national emergency or emergency causes relating thereto or therefrom fire, flood, fog, hurricane, tornado, snow, earthquake, natural disaster, or any other reason beyond the control of WSAB. A termination of this nature shall cause, to the extent required thereby, all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in the event to the time of such termination.



28. If such termination occurs during qualifying rounds, the bowlers who have not finished their 4th or last game would be refunded their entry fees. Bowlers who completed their 4th or last game in their qualifying round prior to the termination would be paid based on the number of entries to that point and their respective positions determined by score.
29. If such termination occurs during Semi-Finals and the bowlers had not finished all three (3) games, the prizes would be awarded based on the scores from the qualifying round(s). If the bowlers had finished the Semi-Finals but were unable to start Finals, the prizes would be awarded based on the scores from the Semi-Finals.
30. If such termination occurs during the first game of the Finals, prizes/positions would be determined by the scores bowled in the Semi-Finals. After completion of the first game, any and all completed games would be used to determine prizes/positions. Interrupted games would not be used to determine a position. Any position already determined would not be subject to change. Any bowler unable to complete his/her Final matches would be placed according to his/her qualifying score from Semi-Finals.

G. Board of Directors & Their Responsibilities

31. During the first year of a Branch's operation, the Director will appoint a Board of Directors to be selected from members who exhibit an above average interest in the WSAB.
32. Following the first year of operation, the membership will elect a Board of Directors each year.
33. The Board of Directors will consist of two (2) male members, two (2) female members, the Local Director, and a representative from the International Office.
34. The Board of Directors will serve at least a one (1) year term and will not be eligible to serve consecutive terms.
35. The Board of Directors does not have the authority to change any of the basic playing rules, policies, regulations, standard operating procedures and by-laws of the WSAB.



36. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ee. To act as liaisons between members and Branch Directors.
- ff. To review tournament operations and make suggestions for improving and better serving the membership, within the scope of the rules, policies, regulations, standard operating procedures, and by-laws of the WSAB.
- gg. To assist management whenever, wherever, however, and for whatever amount of time they can devote.
- hh. To review all applications for re-instatement when membership has been terminated due to graduation, misconduct, or any other reason. Any re-instatement requires the unanimous approval by all members of the Board of Directors and the International Office Representative.
- ii. To review all applications for membership from people with unusual circumstances.
- jj. To uphold the policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and by-laws.
- kk. To protect the reputation of the WSAB.

- ll. To settle disputes and grievances on the Local Branch level. To impartially and objectively judge and vote on these protests and grievances. The International Office must be notified of each Board of Directors' meeting and advised of the planned agenda. Notice should be received by the International Office with sufficient time to make travel arrangements for a representative to attend. If it is impossible for a representative to attend, a proxy will be issued to someone who is attending or a written vote will be mailed to the Director of the Branch.