

*Western Women
Premier Bowlers*



2006 Code of Operations

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 - b. No high qualifier points will be awarded
 - c. Highest game and block, qualifying only, will be awarded 10 points each.

- 4. Point System for Doubles Events
 - a. Performance points awarded will be 50% of the above table
 - b. No high qualifier points will be awarded
 - c. Highest game and block, qualifying only, will be awarded 10 points each.

- 5. Points awarded at the end of the tournament year for the top 10 High Average members with at least 2/3 of the tournaments bowled in the year.

Position #	Points	Position #	Points
1	200	8	80
2	175	9	75
3	150	10	70
4	125		
5	100		
6	90		
7	85		

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WWPB for the following year.

D. Award Committee

1. The President, for the selection of a recipient, shall appoint a committee. It is the responsibility of this committee to select an appropriate award and to make all necessary arrangements for a distinguished presentation at the first tournament the following year.
2. The decisions of this committee regarding eligibility, nominees, and the final recipient(s) may be presented to the Board of Directors for approval by majority vote.

E. Point System for Rookie and Bowler of the Year:

1. Point system below for use with standard format using 12 and 16 finalists. Points will be adjusted for special formats with fewer or more finalists.
 - a. 12 Finalists:

Position #	Points	Position #	Points	Position #	Points
1	500	7	80	13	20
2	250	8	75		
3	150	9	70		
4	125	10	65		
5	100	11	60		
6	90	12	55		

b. 16 Finalists:

Position #	Points	Position #	Points	Position #	Points
1	500	7	80	13	50
2	250	8	75	14	45
3	150	9	70	15	40
4	125	10	65	16	35
5	100	11	60	17	20
6	90	12	55		

2. Additional points awarded each tournament
 - All other cashers 15 points
 - All participating entrants 10 points
 - High qualifier (2-day events only) 15 points
 - Two highest blocks, qualifying only(two bowlers) 10 points each
 - Two highest games, qualifying only(two bowlers) 10 points each

(Note: The same contestant may earn points for high series and high game.)

**CHAPTER V
SPECIAL AWARDS**

A. Honorary Lifetime WWPB Member

1. The Board of Directors may designate Honorary Lifetime members at any time it is considered to be warranted.
2. A Lifetime Member is exempt from payment of any annual membership dues beginning January 1, 1976.
3. Any recipient of the Merle Matthews Distinguished Service Award shall be granted all benefits listed above.

B. WWPB Bowler of the Year

1. Bowler of the Year is determined on the basis of the following:
 - Accumulated point total for the tournament year, excluding special events. Point totals are accumulated from January 1 for the full calendar year.
 - Sportsmanship and conduct.
 - Participation.
 - Performance Records (top average, etc.).
 - Member in good standing.
2. Recognition of this achievement, with appropriate award, will be made at the first tournament the recipient bowls the following year.
3. Bowler of the Year will receive gratuitous membership in the WWPB for the following year.

C. WWPB Rookie of the Year

1. An award may be given to a Rookie of the Year in accordance with the following procedures and rules:
 - Bowler must be a new, never previous member of the WWB or WWPB.
2. Eligibility considerations:
 - Eligibility is based only upon the bowler's first year of membership participation.
 - The bowler's total participation performance records in any and all WWPB tournaments, except the Tournament of Champions, during the given WWPB tournament year must be reviewed and considered.
3. Selection of the Rookie of the Year is primarily based upon the point systems shown in the point system section. Other factors to be carefully evaluated before final selection are:
 - Accumulated point total for the tournament year, excluding special events. Point totals are accumulated from January 1 for the full calendar year.
 - Sportsmanship and conduct.
 - Participation.
 - Performance Records (top average, etc.).
 - Member in good standing.
4. The Rookie of the Year will receive gratuitous membership in the

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4. Conduct detrimental to bowling center proprietors or the organization will be subject to fine according to Article III, Paragraph G, Chapter 1.

K. Smoking, Beverages, and Food

1. No smoking, no beverages, and no food allowed in squad rooms (see fines).
2. In centers where smoking is permitted, it is never permitted in the settee area at any time during competition. Cigarettes should be kept behind the bowlers' area.
3. There is no objection to beverages while bowling as long as they are kept behind the bowler's benches.
4. All alcoholic beverages must be consumed from a cup or glass.
5. Bowlers shall keep their consumption of alcohol under control at all times while in the Host Center (see fines).

L. Complaints

1. Report any complaint regarding rules, disputes, equipment, conditions, etc. to the Tournament Director or his/her representative on the floor.
2. A member of the Board of Directors may be contacted providing she is not in tournament play at the time.
3. Do not take any complaints to or make any demands of any official or employee of the host bowling center.

M. Reracks

1. Each player will be allowed four reracks per game. The Tournament Director must authorize any further reracks.

dresses and clean shoes. Skorts, culottes, and walking shorts are permitted according to the guidelines below:

- Any bowler wearing attire that is considered by the Image Committee to be outside the guidelines listed above shall be fined \$25 per block. Should the bowling attire jeopardize the image of the WWPB, a warning will be issued. If the player does not comply with the warning, participation may be denied and entry fee forfeited. Guests will be allowed two attire warnings. A third will result in a fine of \$25.
 - Hosiery is optional with approved attire.
2. Skirt lengths shall be long enough to insure that panties are not visible to the audience while bowling.
 3. Non-denim slacks and capris (no patch pockets) are permitted.
 4. No tank tops, crop tops, and no type of top where flesh in the mid-section can show when bowling can be worn during tournament play. All attire must be loose fitting, no shorter than half the distance between the inseam and knee.
 5. Bowling tops must have the bowler's last name on the back in English and must be worn for the Pro-Am, qualifying rounds, and final round (See Fines section).
 6. While bowling, no other tournament club emblem except WWPB may be worn.
 7. Approved competition attire must be worn for any public acceptance of awards and/or prize money.
 8. Members entering the hosting establishment, either as a competitor, visitor, or spectator the weekend of the tournament cannot be dressed in halter or bathing suits. Bermuda shorts (the approximate length of a bowling skirt) will be permitted for unofficial practice sessions and transporting equipment. They will not be permitted for official WWPB functions. Members and guests should always be dressed in good taste at the tournament site.
 9. Image Committee shall be comprised of Board and non-board members. Any questions regarding attire should be referred to the committee.
 10. The Image Committee has the final decision on any attire, even if it seems to follow the guidelines.

J. Conduct and Etiquette

1. Bowlers must observe standard tournament etiquette:
 - Slow bowling must be avoided, and is subject to progressive fines. A bowler must start within 25 seconds from the time she has stepped onto the approach.
 - Proper consideration must be given others that have a possibility of making finals or cash prize list even though you may or may not.
2. Sponsor appreciation should be shown.
3. Misconduct may be dealt with according to Article III, Paragraph G, under Chapter I.

CHAPTER I BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Western Women Premier Bowlers established in 2007.

A professional organization established in 1975 through 2006.

Organized as Western Women Bowlers in 1965.

Also known as Worldwide Women Professional Bowlers from January 1983 through December 1989.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The WWPB was formed for the following objectives and purposes:

1. To provide an organization in which the high average women bowlers may participate as tournament competitors and as involved members for the betterment of the organization.
2. To develop more interest by the higher average women bowlers in supporting national, state, and local competitive events.
3. To promote an interest for all women bowlers in participating in highly competitive events.
4. To foster understanding and cooperation between all women bowlers regardless of race, religion, or creed.
5. To encourage the spirit of good fellowship and sportsmanship and to help impart knowledge as to competitive conduct and desirable public image thereby promoting and elevating the sport of bowling as a whole.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

A. Residency Requirements

1. This organization shall be open to all women bowlers who qualify for membership.

B. Term of Membership

1. This organization shall be on a calendar year basis, i.e., Jan 1 through Dec 31.

C. New Member Qualifications

1. Bowler must be a USBC member in good standing.
2. Bowler must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Bowler must have current season book average for 60 games or more of 175 or higher.
4. Bowler must have current league average of 60 games or more of 175 or higher.
5. Applicants may use a summer league average of 60 games or more, or may composite consecutive summer and winter league averages to meet the 60 game requirement.
6. Applicants may use a verified composite tournament average (from one tournament organization) of 175 for 60 games or more.
7. The Board of Directors will consider petitions for exceptions to the

average requirement.

D. New Member Applicant Procedures

1. Applicant must complete the membership application.
2. Applicant must attach evidence of average with application i.e.: a league sheet, a statement signed by league secretary, or average verification by association secretary with any verification to include number of games bowled to attain average.
3. Applicant must attach required fee to membership application. New member dues when joining Jan-Feb-Mar are \$100. This is for the calendar year January 1 through December 31.
4. Prorated new membership dues:

Apr-Dec	\$75
Jun-Dec	\$50
Oct-Dec	\$25

These are from the date of joining through Dec 31.

E. Renewal Membership Qualifications

1. Member must retain status of a USBC member in good standing.
2. Members whose averages do not meet the 175 minimum will be allowed to renew.

F. Renewal Membership Application Procedures

1. Member must complete membership application.
2. Member must attach required fees to renewal application. Annual renewal dues of \$85 are payable no later than February 1 of each calendar year. If membership is allowed to expire through failure to pay the renewal fees by that date, a penalty of \$15 will be levied, and payment of \$100 will be due.
3. Renewal dues must be paid before a member can participate in a tournament after December 31.
4. If a member rejoins after a leave of one year or more, the membership dues will be \$100 and will be prorated as in D #4.

G. Member; Expulsion, Suspension, and/or Fines

1. Action may be taken by the Board of Directors to expel, suspend, and/or fine any member for the following:
 - Conduct, physical or verbal, that is detrimental in its reflection on the sportsmanship, high behavioral standards, and spirit of the organization.
 - Violation of rules established by and for the proper functioning of the organization and its tournaments.
2. Should a member be withdrawn from a tournament in progress by action of the Board of Directors, said member shall be considered suspended from future participation in tournaments until a hearing is conducted.
3. The Board of Directors shall hold said hearing within 60 days from the date of suspension in accordance with USBC rules and following USBC

1. A standard allowance of 10 minutes. Contestants will be instructed when to begin tournament play.
2. For morning rounds of the finals, shadow practice shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director. The afternoon round of finals shall have the standard 10 minutes of shadow practice. The position round game shall have two practice balls per lane for shadow practice.
3. In the event of any breakdown during qualifying rounds or finals, lasting longer than five frames, all participants affected by this breakdown shall be allowed two practice balls on the pair of lanes to which they are assigned.
4. In the event of any non-breakdown delay during qualifying or finals, lasting longer than five frames, all participants affected by this breakdown shall be allowed one practice shot on the lane opposite of starting lane.

F. Pacing Rule

1. No consecutive shots may be rolled on the same pair, either by the same bowler or another bowler on that pair. Before another ball is rolled on the same pair, a bowler on the pair to the right and a bowler on the pair to the left must take a turn. In effect lane courtesy is defined as one pair to the right and left.

G. Lane Schedule and Movement

1. Lane assignments will be left to the discretion of the Tournament Director with an effort to satisfy two conditions: even usage of pairs and even pacing for all bowlers.
2. Moving to next lanes during qualifying rounds shall be done only if the pair of lanes have been vacated.
 - Starting lanes shall alternate each game.
3. During match game play, bowlers may move to their next assigned lane when it is open, but must wait until all have moved before starting game.

H. Scores

1. Bowlers are responsible for accuracy of individual scores.
2. When automatic scorers are being used, a bowler shall have another bowler on her pair initial her recap to confirm the correctness of the score.
3. Scorekeepers should correct obvious errors immediately; unless a question that must be resolved by the Tournament Director arises. Bowling must stop until such decision is made.
4. Bowler's signature on her official score sheet is required before leaving the lanes.
5. 15 minutes will be allowed after completion of squad to remove any tabulation errors that may have been made on that score.

I. Attire

1. All bowlers, including alternates, must wear skirts and blouses or

CHAPTER IV
TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND RULES

A. WWPB PRO-AM

1. All entrants shall be required to participate in the Pro-Am if necessary.
 - A squad preference shall be indicated on entry forms for Pro-Am. If no preference is given, entrant must give reason for omission, or a fine will be levied.
 - Finalists of the most recent tournament must choose to be assigned a Pro-Am squad at the next tournament in which they participate.
 - Bowlers scheduled to bowl are NOT permitted to find their own replacement.
 - Champions should expect to bowl; they will be the last to be excused when not needed.
2. The Tournament Director shall determine if reason given is sufficient to excuse the entrant from Pro-Am participation.
3. Pro-Am check-in time is 30 minutes prior to squad time. Failure to check-in will result in a \$5 fine. Failure to appear will result in a \$75 fine.
4. Guest bowlers will be allowed in the Pro-Ams as representatives of the WWPB.

B. Practice, Pre-tournament

1. No open play practice in the tournament center will be permitted prior to the first squad on each day of tournament competition.

C. Squad Reporting Time

1. All participants must be in the squad room 20 minutes prior to their first squad time and 15 minutes prior to each succeeding squad during the qualifying rounds.
2. Bowling balls must be placed at assigned lane and shoes changed before reporting time.
3. Finalists and alternate are to report 15 minutes prior to each squad, with bowling balls placed on rack of assigned lane and shoes changed before reporting time.

D. Bowling Balls

1. Bowling balls will not be screened for weight or hardness. Plugged and re-drilled bowling balls are acceptable.
2. If there is ever a question of the legality of a participant's bowling ball, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director to have that bowling ball weighed and durometered on site.
3. The surface of bowling balls can be changed (polish or sanding) up to the bowler's first ball in each block. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.

E. Shadow Practice

procedures.

4. Right of appeal shall be in accordance with applicable USBC rules.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

A. Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following voting members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, and a minimum of two Directors. The number of Directors shall be determined on the basis of a minimum of one for each forty members with the membership total of the prior year used as the determining factor. A minimum of six shall be maintained regardless of membership total.

B. Duties; Board of Directors

1. The Directors shall be responsible for the management of the organization within the framework of the rules and regulations as established.
2. The Directors shall have reports prepared of their meeting for presentation to the membership as deemed necessary throughout the year.
3. The Directors will appoint and employ for the organization a Tournament Director on a yearly basis with the majority of the Board of Directors required.
4. The Directors may appoint and employ for the organization any employee on a yearly basis. Dismissal of any employee of the WWPB must be on a majority approval of the full Board of Directors. Board Membership must vote in person, by mail, or phone prior to the dismissal of any employee.
5. The Directors will appoint or employ a committee, accounting firm, or independent accountant to audit the account of the WWPB at the close of the fiscal year, or as should be necessary, at the discretion of the Board.
6. The Directors shall determine, by majority vote, any payment for special services to any Officer or Director with such payment to be made at the time the service is performed.
7. The Directors shall award year-end bonuses, by majority vote, if financial status of the organization permits, to the Tournament Director, Board, and Committee Members.

C. Duties; Officers and Representatives

1. The President will:
 - Call a Board of Directors meeting.
 - Preside at every Board meeting, Open meeting, and any special meetings.
 - Appoint any and all committees required for the proper functioning of the organization to serve a one-year term. An appointed chairperson may select from the Membership-At-Large to give her committee assistance. A Board member is not required to chair a committee of which she is a member.

- Appoint a Legislative Standing Committee
 - Be an ex-officio member of all appointive committees except the Nominations committee.
 - Determine the necessity of and authorize expenditure for any special activity by any member on behalf of the organization that will incur expenses for reimbursement. Such authorization may only be granted prior to the activity.
 - Receive copies for her file of:
 - ⇒ Board meeting minutes.
 - ⇒ Treasurer's reports, along with the monthly bank statements.
 - ⇒ USBC financial statement at the close of each tournament.
 - ⇒ Pertinent correspondence of WWPB matters.
 - Perform all duties that are relevant to the office of the President.
 - Receive compensation of no less than \$1 per member as established by the Board of Directors.
2. The Vice President will:
- Assume all duties of the President whenever the President is temporarily absent. Notification of such absence to the Vice President shall be the responsibility of the President along with the transference of information concerning matters that may require action and/or decision during the President's absence.
3. The Secretary will:
- Record minutes of all meetings and prepare the minutes in written form for distribution as follows:
 - ⇒ To all members, the minutes of the annual Open Meeting within 30 days of said meeting.
 - ⇒ To all Board members, the minutes of every meeting within 14 days of said meeting.
 - Maintain an accurate, up-to-date membership file.
 - Furnish an accurate, up-to-date membership file to the Tournament Director by February 15 of each calendar year. New membership shall be reported to the TA within 10 days after receipt and acceptance of application as they occur throughout the year.
 - Obtain USBC sanction for each tournament and/or assign a Board Member as designated chairperson for all sanctioning.
 - Distribute membership cards for renewal memberships annually and furnish each new member with a copy of the Code of Operations and membership card.
 - Perform all other duties that pertain to the office of Secretary.
 - Receive compensation as established by the Board of Directors with a base of no less than \$3.50 per member.
 - Be an ex-officio member of all appointive committees except the Nominations committee.
4. The Treasurer will:
- Maintain checking account with a two-signature requirement for all disbursements.
 - Receive and retain in her files all invoices covering WWPB expenses.

3. Non-members (guests) will enter at \$115, and be identified as Non-member I. An guest bowler who finishes in the top 5 or makes the finals twice in one tournament year will pay an Non-Member fee of \$140, and be identified as Non-member II until they join. Special events will post current guest fees. Guests are not eligible for Bowler of the Year or Rookie of the Year. Non-member II entry breakdown is \$110 to prize fund, \$25 for tournament expenses, \$5 to the general fund.
4. If a guest bowler (either Non-member I or Non-member II wins a tournament, she becomes an Non-member II (until she joins), and will be recognized as a WWPB Champion. She will also be considered a Champion for any Doubles event and be eligible for the Tournament of Champions.
5. Guest bowlers shall attend a brief orientation meeting 10 minutes prior to their first squad meeting on the morning of qualifying.
6. A past member may bowl as a guest one year from her last tournament as a member.
 - If this past member is a titleist, she must be considered Non-member II, unless she has not been a member for 3 years (or has not won within the last 5 years).
 - Any past member who does not wait one year from her last tournament may enter a tournament as a Non-member II.

O. Guest Bowlers; Mixed Doubles Tournaments

1. Non-member I Teams will enter at \$300. Non-member I entry breakdown is \$240 to prize fund, \$30 lineage and \$30 for tournament expenses.
2. Non-member II Teams will enter at \$350. Non-member II entry breakdown is \$290 to prize fund, \$30 lineage and \$30 for tournament expenses.

1. If the alternate must replace a finalist at any time, the following distribution of prize money will apply:
 - Alternate and the replaced finalist shall receive one half the alternate position prize money.
 - Alternate and the replaced finalist shall receive one half the final position prize money resulting from match game play.
 - If the alternate should replace a finalist before match play commences, prize money will not be split.

K. Alternate Replacing Finalist; Position Points

1. If the alternate must replace a finalist at any time, the following distribution of points will apply:
 - Alternate and the replaced finalist shall each receive one half of the alternate position points.
 - Alternate and the replaced finalist shall each receive one half of the final position points resulting from match game competition.
 - If the alternate should replace a finalist before match play commences, final position points will not be split.

L. Alternate, Withdrawal as; Prize Money

Alternate must remain for the finals or forfeit both the position prize money and any additional money apportioned the alternate's position.

1. Alternate's replacement will receive the position prize money and any additional money apportioned the alternate position.

M. Alternate, Withdrawal as; Position Points

1. Although it is highly recommended that the alternate stay for the finals, points will not be forfeited if the alternate leaves .

N. Guest Bowlers; Tournaments

1. Guest bowler spots may be allowed as follows:
 - Priority shall be given to the host establishment for guest spots, if available. The Tournament Director shall determine number of guest spots allowed. Proposed House Guest must comply with all WWPB guest eligibility requirements.
 - Guest bowlers may be used to complete the field after official closing date or to complete the field in the event of an entrant cancellation.
 - Guest bowlers must be a USBC member and abide by WWPB Tournament Standing and Policy Rules.
 - Guest bowlers are permitted to enter Pro-Ams as amateurs, however the Tournament Director may assign a guest bowler to bowl in a Pro-Am as a professional.
2. The entry fee for a regular guest is \$115, \$85 for the prize fund, \$25 or tournament expenses, and \$5 to the general fund.
 - Money order, cashiers check, or cash must cover all NSF checks returned from the bank with a \$20 penalty within seven days after being notified by the WWPB Treasurer.

Maintain and keep accurate financial records of income and disbursements with a financial report in writing presented to each Board member with the closing of each month's business.

- Prepare the Tournament Financial Statement within 30 days of the completion of each sanctioned tournament and mail to the USBC in accordance with USBC Rule 345.
 - Prepare an annual financial report in writing for distribution to all members within 30 days after the close of the fiscal year.
 - Issue checks for payment of all expenses, excepting the tournament prize checks, only with the written authorization of the Secretary.
 - Receive compensation as established by the Board of Directors, with a base of no less than \$3.50 per member.
5. The Sergeant-At-Arms will:
 - Maintain order at all meetings and serve in whatever capacity deemed necessary by the President.
 6. Directors will:
 - Actively promote membership in their respective geographical area.
 - Determine and reflect the wishes of the area membership, which she represents while serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE

A. Candidates; Eligibility Requirements

1. Any current (active) WWPB member is eligible to hold any directorship.
2. To be eligible for President, a member must have served a minimum of two years on the Board of Directors.
3. To be eligible for the remaining line offices, a member must have served a minimum of one year on the Board of Directors.
4. The presiding President, Secretary, and Treasurer cannot hold the office of Tournament Clerk.
5. A Board member whose term of office is not completed may be eligible for any WWPB office provided any specific eligibility requirements have been fulfilled.
6. Any former Board member may not be eligible for any line office who has:
 - Been removed from office by action of the Board of Directors for reasons allowable by and in accordance with applicable USBC rules.
 - Resigned her position as voting member of the Board for reasons other than physical disability or inability, financial hardship, or family necessity.
7. Board members must be available to attend regular Board meeting prior to tournaments and any special meeting that may become necessary. Absence from two consecutive meetings without just cause may

result in a request for resignation.

B. Election Procedures

1. The Nominations Committee shall present a slate of eligible candidates at the annual Open Meeting.
2. Nominations from the floor may be added to said slate of candidates.

C. Terms of Office

1. All elective offices shall be for one-year terms.
2. Any Officer or Director of the WWPB may accept nomination and run for election of another office on the WWPB Board of Directors without resigning her present office. If she is defeated she automatically remains in her present office on the Board of Directors until her term expires.
3. Election for President and Treasurer shall take place on each even-numbered year.
4. Election for Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Sergeant-At-Arms shall take place on each odd-numbered year.

D. Vacancy Appointments; Board of Directors

1. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors may fill vacancies occurring in office. The appointees shall hold that position for the remainder of the unexpired term.
2. Any current active WWPB member is eligible for appointment to any Director vacancy that occurs.
3. Only current or past WWPB members of the Board of Directors may be appointed to any vacancy that occurs in the Line Offices.

E. Removal from Office; Board of Directors

1. Any elected member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office in accordance with applicable USBC rules.
2. Any appointed member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office upon the decision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

A. Executive Board

1. Executive Board meetings may be called prior to each tournament at the discretion of the President.
 - A quorum of six is necessary for the transaction of business.
2. Majority vote of the Executive Board quorum is required in order to revise, add, or amend existing policy rules and regulations.
3. Executive Board shall determine the date of the annual Open Meeting.
4. Members-At-Large may request time for presentation of specific matters at any scheduled Board meeting. When such requests are received, the Board meeting will be separated into two sessions:
 - Open session for the Members-At-large.
 - Executive session for Board members only.

- All NSF checks must be paid with penalties before an entry into another tournament will be accepted.
- If a tournament check is returned prior to the tournament, said check plus penalty must be covered in said manner before tournament play starts.
- After the second NSF check by a member, all dues, entries, and fines must be paid by money order, cashiers check, or cash.
- After paying cash, cashiers check, or money order for 10 tournaments, a member may petition the Board for reinstatement of her personal check privileges. Further NSF violations will result in permanent loss of personal check privileges. This does not pertain to NSF checks due to bank error.

G. Tournaments; Position Ties

1. Qualifying
 - If two or more bowlers are tied after completion of the qualifying rounds for the final qualifying position, and are on the last squad, the tie will be rolled off immediately.
 - If bowlers involved in the tie for the final qualifying position are on different squads, the roll off will be held the next morning approximately one hour before the finals are to begin.
 - A one game match will constitute the roll off.
 - If a tie exists between any two or more positions among the 16 finalists after qualifying, their position will be determined by high block.
2. Finals
 - If a tie should occur in the position round of the finals, the bowler with the highest scratch score will take the higher position. If a tie still exists, the highest game in the finals will decide the position.
 - Should a tie occur for 1st and 2nd place in the finals, a one game match will determine the champion.

H. Alternate; Ties

1. If, after completion of the qualifying rounds, a tie should exist for the alternate position, the alternate may be determined by a one game roll off according to the desires of the bowlers involved. If there is no agreement, it shall be an automatic one game roll off.

I. Alternate Replacing Finalist; Procedure

1. If the alternate must replace a finalist at any time, the following will apply:
 - There will be a penalty of 15 pins per game already completed up to a maximum of 120 pins.
 - Ten-minute delay only will be allowed.
 - One shadow ball on each lane will be allowed both the incoming alternate and the remaining finalists.

J. Alternate Replacing Finalist; Prize Money

E. Tournaments; Prize Fund Distribution

1. All two day tournaments, with 40 or more entrants, except the Tournament of Champions, shall have first place minimum guarantee of \$1,000
2. Prize money shall be distributed on a minimum ratio of 1 of 4 entrants.
3. Alternate position shall receive that position prize amount plus any additional amount that may be allocated.
4. All positions paid after alternate position shall receive an amount on a graduated basis.

F. Tournaments; Entries

1. Entries will be accepted in order of postmark. Earliest postmark of entries from both guests and members will determine the priority for squad assignment to bowlers.
2. No seeded spots shall be allotted in any tournament.
 - The last defending champion shall be guaranteed position in the tournament she won.
 - If she does not defend her championship without just cause, a fine of the entry fee will be levied.
 - She shall notify the Tournament Administrator if she does not plan to participate in said tournament. It shall be the Tournament Administrator's decision if the defending champion has complied with the privilege granted her.
3. Current WWPB members are not eligible to accept spots in WWPB tournaments that are made available to host proprietor and for which he conducts a side tournament to determine recipients. Proprietors will be notified of this restriction.
4. Reservations will not be accepted unless both the entry fee and entry form is submitted together.
 - Entries paid prior to closing date will be \$100.
 - Entries paid after closing date, but prior to tournament date, a \$10 fine will be levied.
 - Entries paid at tournament site, a \$25 fine will be levied.
5. Cancellation of entry will result in the following procedures:
 - Prior to 1:00 p.m. the Wednesday before a tournament, the full entry fee will be refunded.
 - Between 1:00 p.m. the Wednesday before a tournament and 1:00 p.m. the Thursday before a tournament, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.
 - After 1:00 p.m. the Thursday before a tournament, no money will be refunded.
6. All tournament checks will be banked when received unless stated otherwise on entry blanks.
 - All NSF checks returned from the bank must be covered by money order, cashiers check, or cash within 7 days after being notified by the WWPB Secretary or Treasurer. A \$20 penalty will be charged for all NSF checks after notification. If the check and penalty are not paid within seven days, a registered letter will be sent and the NSF penalty will increase to \$40.

B. Annual Open Meeting

1. Minimum of one Open Meeting each year, with members to be notified in writing 30 days in advance by the Secretary.
2. Quorum shall be 15% of the current membership.
3. Potential women guest bowlers may attend and are allowed a voice, but have no vote.

C. Tournament Director, Public Relations Director, and Honorary Members Voice and Vote

1. The Tournament Director and Public Relations Director shall have a voice at Board meetings but no vote unless they are currently elected Board Members.
2. Lifetime Honorary Members shall have both voice and vote at Open Meetings.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In order to place recommendations on the Open Meeting agenda that would revise, add, or amend existing by-laws, such recommendations must be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the Open Meeting to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee or to the President or Secretary. All recommendations that are received in compliance with above shall be presented at the Open Meeting, with a resume of topics mailed to all members prior to the meeting.
2. The Board of Directors shall review all such recommendations prior to the Open Meeting and shall have the authority to initiate a mail ballot procedure for any recommendations) that is/are judged to be of major importance to all members. Results of such ballots to be distributed to the membership prior to the end of the calendar year.
3. The Board of Directors may initiate a mail ballot any time during a fiscal year on any recommendation, revision, addition, or amendment that may be judged to be of major importance to each member. Membership shall be notified of such ballot results within 5 days of ballot deadline date.
4. A simple majority of the votes cast at an Open Meeting is required for the passage of any recommendation or amendment.
5. A simple majority of the votes cast in a mail ballot is required for the passage of any recommendation or amendment.
6. The Board of Directors and the general membership have the authority to place any pertinent matter on the agenda without written notification. If she wishes to bring the matter up herself at the Open Meeting, she should provide the written material needed to present it to everyone.

ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICITY

1. A picture of the top five will be taken after each tournament.
2. A public relations firm or individual may be employed by the WWPB

- to engage sponsors and to promote the WWPB.
3. If such a firm or individual is retained, publicity and promotions shall be coordinated between the members, the Board of Directors, and the firm or individual.
 4. The public relations firm or individual shall be given a set annual operating budget that must be approved by the Board. The President may authorize expenditures up to \$500 from the set budget without the approval of the Board. Expenditures exceeding \$500 must have Board approval.

• Tournament Director (Min of 40 entries)	\$ 4.00
• Recording Secretary	\$ 1.00
• Corresponding Secretary	\$ 1.00
• Treasurer	\$ 1.50
• Tournament Publicity	\$ 1.25
• Tournament Expense (website/data storage)	\$ 1.25
• Tournament Lineage	\$ 15.00
• <u>Tournament Prize Fund</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$100.00

2. The Member Mixed Doubles tournament entry fee shall be \$270 allocated in the following manner:

• Tournament Expense	\$ 25.00
• Tournament Lineage	\$ 30.00
• <u>Tournament Prize Fund</u>	<u>\$ 215.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 270.00

* If the proprietor forgives lineage, said amount would revert back to the prize fund.

D. Tournaments; Formats

1. Standard two-day tournament format shall consist of:
 - 10 qualifying games on the first day of competition. Games can be bowled 10 straight or two blocks of five games each.
 - The high 16 bowlers based on total pin fall will bowl 16 games of match play games the second day, with carry over from qualifying competition.
 - In the event there are 40 or fewer entries, the Board has the option to cut to 12 finalists.
 - Finals shall be bowled using match game procedures with one game bowled against each opponent, with the final game a position round.
 - The Tournament Director shall schedule all lane assignments for the Final Position Round.
 - Bonus point system shall be used with 30 pins awarded for each game won and added to the total pins.
 - First block of match play competition shall begin at 8:30am.
2. Standard one-day tournament format shall consist of:
 - 5 or 6 qualifying games, as determined by host.
 - The high 8 bowlers based on total pin fall will bowl 8 games of match play, with carry over from qualifying competition.
 - In the event there are 24 or fewer entries, the Board has the option to cut to 6 finalists.
 - Finals shall be bowled using match game procedures with one game bowled against each opponent, with the final game a position round.
 - The Tournament Director shall schedule all lane assignments for the Final Position Round.
 - Bonus point system shall be used with 30 pins awarded for each game won and added to the total pins.
3. Other formats may be utilized under special circumstances.

**CHAPTER III
TOURNAMENT OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

ARTICLE I - TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

A. Tournament Director Responsibilities

1. All tournaments shall operate under the direct supervision of the Tournament Director.
2. The Administrator shall operate within the framework of the policies as established and set forth, and shall have full authority to contract, schedule, direct, and establish contingency rules for all tournaments.
3. Any unforeseen situation specifically covered in the rules and regulations shall be resolved by the Tournament Director.
4. Prepare all tournament checks in accordance with the approved prize lists.

B. Tournament Director Compensation

1. Tournament Director shall receive compensation yearly as established by the Board of Directors
2. Compensation for the Tournament Director established as follows:
 - Amount of \$4.00 per entry per tournament, minimum 60 entries.
 - Amount of \$3.00 per member per year from General Fund.
 - Office and personal expense reimbursement.
 - A bonus at the end of the year based on the financial status of the organization. Said bonus to be determined by the Board of Directors after the annual financial statement has been presented.

ARTICLE II - TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. Tournament Scheduling

1. Tournaments may be scheduled at reasonable intervals and as circumstances warrant.
2. Tournament dates shall not conflict, if possible, with other women's organizational tournaments on National and State levels. In the event that a scheduling conflict cannot be avoided, the Tournament Director shall determine the advisability of cancellation or change of dates based upon the wishes and/or requirements of host sponsor.

B. Tournaments; Host Sponsors

1. Amount of added money from host sponsors shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. The proprietor shall be allotted three guest spots at the regular membership rate, and if necessary, any additional spots at the regular guest rate. Money for these spots must be received by the closing date or will revert back to the WWPB.
3. If host center conducts a Win-A-Spot side tournament for guest's entry into a WWPB Tournament, the winning entries will be at the regular membership rate. A maximum of five spots will be allotted to the hosting center at this rate provided these spots are paid for prior to closing date. Proprietors to be notified of WWPB Policy Rule F-3.

C. Tournament; Entry Fees

1. The standard tournament entry fee shall be \$100 allocated in the following manner:

**CHAPTER II
STANDING RULES**

A. SPECIAL ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

1. Tournament of Champions may be conducted after completion of the regular WWPB tournament schedule for the year.
 - Eligibility requirements:
 - ⇒ All past tournament champions of the WWB and the WWPB who hold current membership, and all current WWPB regular tournament champions are automatically eligible for the Tournament of Champions if at least one tournament has been bowled in the current year.
 - ⇒ All active champions will be sent a notice prior to the Tournament of Champions in regards to participation, which must be returned within 10 days.
2. Merle Matthews Doubles Tournament
 - This Doubles Tournament will be held once a year (when possible)
 - Two champions of the WWPB and/or National touring organizations may NOT bowl together unless they are the defending champions with the exception - if a player held membership in the WWPB prior to winning a title in any National touring or any other professional organization, she will be considered a non-champion for the WWPB Doubles event. Defending champions can defend their title one time only. Should a non-champion win a title within 60 days prior to this tournament, she shall be considered a non-champion for this event only.
 - Guests will be permitted. Guests must have bowled at least two prior regular WWPB tournaments for the current year.
 - All members must have bowled at least one prior regular WWPB tournament for the current year.
 - The Tournament Director may consider a member for participation who does not meet the eligibility rule due to special circumstances of physical disability or illness, if submitted in writing prior to the closing date.
 - High 12 teams, based on total pin fall will bowl 12 matches on the second day of competition.
 - The 12 games shall be bowled using match game procedures with one game bowled against each opposing team. Final game to be a position round.
 - Bonus point system shall be used with 50 pins awarded. For each team game won 30 bonus points and 10 for each individual match won will be added to their total pins.
3. Mixed Doubles Tournament
 - A Mixed Doubles Tournament will be held at least once a year (when possible)
 - Two champions of the WWPB and/or National touring organizations may NOT bowl together unless they are the defending champions with the exception - if a player held membership in the WWPB prior to winning a title in any National touring or any other professional

organization, she will be considered a non-champion for the WWPB Doubles event. Defending champions can defend their title one time only. Should a non-champion win a title within 60 days prior to this tournament, she shall be considered a non-champion for this event only.

- Guests will be permitted. Guests must have bowled at least two prior regular WWPB tournaments for the current year to receive priority upon entering. Guests must have a USBC card.
- WWPB members must have a USBC card.
- All members must have bowled at least one prior regular WWPB tournament for the current year.
- The Tournament Director may consider a member for participation who does not meet the eligibility rule due to special circumstances of physical disability or illness, if submitted in writing prior to the closing date.
- High 12 teams (based on 48 entries), based on total pin fall will bowl 12 matches on the second day of competition.
- The 12 games shall be bowled using match game procedures with one game bowled against each opposing team. Final game to be a position round.
- Bonus point system shall be used with 50 pins awarded. For each team game won 30 bonus points and 10 for each individual match won will be added to their total pins.

B. Proposed Trial Tournament Formats

1. Tournament of Champions will be open to WWPB champions and will be held concurrently with a non-champions event. If this is adopted, only rules a-1 and 2 under "A. Special Annual Tournaments" will be used for eligibility requirements. New format for T of C will consist of match play throughout the tournament. The Board of Directors will determine the number of entrants and games. If the standard format is utilized for this event, qualifying pins will carry over into the finals.
2. If a non-champions event is being held concurrently with the T of C, it will be known as the Merle Matthews Invitational. The Board of Directors will decide eligibility requirements for this singles event.
3. With the adoption of the new T of C and MM Invitational, a WWPB Doubles will be created. Qualification requirements will be listed in the current MM Doubles rules, with the exception that two WWPB champions may bowl together if at least one of the champions has not won a title in the past ten years. Format will be determined at a later date.
4. In the event of two qualifying squads (A & B), the Board of Directors may qualify the top 8 from each squad, based on total pin fall, to advance to finals on the second day, with no carry over of pin fall.
5. If a tournament should draw 40 entries or less, the Board of Directors may choose to qualify the top 12 players based on total pin fall to advance to finals the second day, with no carry over of pin fall.
6. The Board of Directors may institute changing the bonus point system for match play finals to read: 10 bonus pins will be awarded for each match won.
7. The Board of Directors, after consultation with the Tournament Director, retains the right to utilize these or other formats for any WWPB

event.

C. Tournament Fines

1. Fines in the minimum amount of \$5.00 will be assessed any member for the following:
 - Failure to report to squad room at appointed time.
 - Failure to dispose of food, cigarette, and/or beverage upon entering the squad room.
 - Failure of signing qualifying or finalist recaps.
 - Signing incorrectly added recap.
 - Failure to abide by any Attire rule.
 - Such other fines that shall be levied at the discretion of Tournament Director.
2. Fines of \$25.00 each will be assessed any member for the following:
 - Progressive fines will be assessed any member for displays of bad language, crude gestures, physical abuse of equipment, or other unprofessional conduct.
 - First offense \$25.
 - Second offense \$50.
 - Third offense \$100 and automatic six-month probation.
 - Fourth offense is suspension for one full calendar year.
3. A fine of \$75.00 will be assessed for failure to appear for her scheduled Pro-Am.
4. Fines can be levied in the same tournament carried over succeeding tournaments.
5. A member's record will be cleared if it remains unblemished for three years.
6. All fines must be received before an entry into the next tournament will be accepted.