

WEST VIRGINIA DEAF BOWLING ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1- NAME AND LOCATION

1) This organization shall be known as the West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association (WVDBA), an affiliate of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), herein referred to as the “association”. The location of this organization shall embrace all the boundary borders of the state of West Virginia. Pike, Martin, Lawrence, and Boyd Counties in Kentucky; Garrett, Allegheny, Washington, and Frederick Counties in Maryland; Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs, Athens, Washington, Monroe, Belmont, Jefferson, and Columbiana Counties in Ohio; Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Beaver Counties in Pennsylvania; Tazewell, Bland, Giles, Alleghany, Bath, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Clarke, and Loudoun Counties in Virginia.

2) The state of West Virginia shall host the tournament every two years with an exception of the fifth year. However, if another state does not bid, WVDBA can bid. The fifth year must be hosted by WVDBA.

ARTICLE 2- OBJECTIVES

1) To promote and foster the game of USBC ten pins with the assistance, guidance, and directions of the USBC.

2) To encourage the creation and development of events for amateurs.

3) To foster programs to increase bowling skills among its members.

4) To cooperate with local men’s and women’s association in the state to arrange an annual state jamboree for officers and directors of those association.

ARTICLE 3- ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The annual association tournament will be sanctioned. It shall decide the association champion in the following events:

- a) Four-people teams
- b) Singles
- c) Doubles
- d) All Events
- e) James Ennis Senior Citizen All Events
- f) Gerald W. Musick Masters (by WVDBA)
- g) Charlotte L. Teets Queen or Scratch Series (by WVDBA)

It shall give medals or awards, emblematic of the championships, to the winners. The awards will be presented only in the name of WVDBA.

ELIGIBILITY

1) Non-residents are eligible to participate in the WVDBA tournaments.

- 2) Bowlers must be deaf or hard-of-hearing and use sign language.
- 3) State requires a bowler to be a member of WVDBA
 - a. All participants must be current members of USBC
 - b. Non-USBC members may qualify for entry and all USBC services by paying an association membership fee prior to bowling. If the state and local dues are not known, the associate dues will be \$21.00 (USBC Adult).
 - c. Non-USBC members pay a participation fee (\$5 adult)
 - d. Family members of deaf bowlers who can sign are eligible to bowl. Each team is limited to one hearing person. Other hearing family member can join another team.
 - e. Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) or Professional Bowler Ladies Association (P.B.L.A.) * members are not permitted to enter in any events.

WHEN AND WHERE HELD

- 1) The annual tournament shall be held on ANY weekend in March.
- 2) The annual meeting of the congress shall be held after the opening of the annual tournament each year in the city hosting in tournament.
- 3) The annual tournament shall not be held in the same county more than once every three years.

ARTICLE 4- OFFICERS

The officers shall be a president, a secretary/treasurer, and tournament director. There shall be at least one male and one female officer.

TERM OF OFFICE

- 1) The term of office of the president, secretary/treasurer, and tournament director is unlimited.
- 2) The officers and tournament director must be West Virginia residents.
- 3) Election of new officers on every alternation year.
 - a. President and Secretary/Treasurer on odd year.
 - b. Tournament Director on even year.
- 4) New officers shall under oath to serve the term. "I do hereby pledge myself to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of WVDBA and to faithfully perform the duties of my office to the best of my knowledge and ability."

VACANCIES IN OFFICE

- 1) A vacancy in officer shall be filled for the unexpired term as follows:
 - a. A vacancy in the office of president or vice-president shall be filled by the board. In the office of Secretary/Treasurer or Tournament Director shall be filled by the president.

ARTICLE 5- OFFICERS DUTIES

PRESIDENT

- 1) He/she shall preside at all meetings of captains and the Executive Committee.
- 2) He/she is the chief executive officer and responsible for the enforcement of all objectives of the association.
- 3) He/she shall arrange for a quarterly audit of the association accounts to verify the proper number of deposits and expenses. He/she shall arrange for an annual audit of the association accounts by an auditing committee.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

- 1) He/she shall perform duties assigned by the president.
- 2) He/she shall keep a permanent record and account of the proceedings of all meetings that shall always be available to any the property of the association.
- 3) He/she shall receive all receipts, record, and report all money or property donated or paid to the association within five days.
- 4) He/she shall keep a record of all scores made in tournament conducted by the association for at least three years.
- 5) He/she shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and be prepared to present a report of all financial transactions of the association for prior or current season at the annual meeting.
- 6) He/she shall maintain a statement of the current financial condition of the association to be available if requested by the president.
- 7) He/she shall receive such monies from the annual tournament stated in the bylaws, and other money or property due to the association.
- 8) He/she shall deposit in a recognized banking institution all money receive in the name of the association.
- 9) He/she shall pay out all prizes and monies on WVDBA checks within 10-45 days after the close of recent WVDBA tournament and will mail checks to the individual winners.
- 10) He/she may withdraw only from checking and savings accounts with two (2) required signatures.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

- 1) He/she shall be manager of the tournament.
- 2) He/she shall do alley inspection.

- 3) He/she shall negotiate with bowling manager for lane fee(s).
- 4) He/she shall report to secretary/treasurer and president if there is a problem with bowling alley/manager.
- 5) He/she shall receive \$100.00 in payment for working the weekend of the tournament. However, lodging and food will be his/her responsibility.
- 6) He/she shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- 7) He/she shall oversee the event of the Master.
- 8) He/she shall gather advertisements for the program book.

ARTICLE 6- ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Reading of minutes, financial report and action thereon
- 3) Moment silence in memory of past bowlers
- 4) Reports of officers
- 5) Reports of standing committees
- 6) Unfinished business
- 7) New business
- 8) Selection of tournament city
- 9) Election of officers
- 10) Adjournment

ARTICLE 7- HOST CITY

- 1) Any local city shall pay one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to become a member of WVDBA and shall be eligible to bid to be a host city. Those local cities who are members of WVDBA are: Beckley Association of the Deaf, Charleston Association of the Deaf, Fairmont Association of the Deaf, Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf, Interstate Association of the Deaf, JADCAL, Logan Association of the Deaf, Louisville Silent Deaf Club, MADCAL, Montgomery County Association of the Deaf, Northern Club of the Deaf, Parkersburg Association of the Deaf, Quad State Deaf Bowling Association, Richmond Valley Club of the Deaf, Shenandoah Valley Club of the Deaf.
- 2) WVDBA will refund the money to the host city if it is no longer an organization except for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) that the host deposited to join the organization.

- 3) Shall pay to the Secretary/Treasurer the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) security bonds on the floor (during the annual tournament) with a letter each from management of the lanes with 24 lanes and up; and the management of the head quarter's hotel with the exact dates (month, date, and year); plus, non-refundable one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
- 4) After winning the bid, the host city shall deposit five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and next two (2) annual tournaments to WVDBA.
- 5) After winning the bid, the host city must send a least one team to the annual tournament each year until its tournament year.
- 6) If the host city fails to send at least one or more teams entering the WVDBA tournament every year for three years prior to the host's tournament, WVDBA will take over (monies will not be refunded). The fees per team will be deducted from \$300.00 if host city failed to send a representative. In the event WVDBA becomes dissolved all monies shall be returned to those cities who bid to host a tournament.
- 7) The WVDBA tournament shall not be held in the same county more than once every three years.
- 8) Along with the Tournament Director, the Host City shall be responsible to inspect and select the bowling lanes; negotiate an agreement with the management of the bowling lanes; and give a copy of the agreement to the Secretary/Treasurer.
- 9) Shall be responsible for registrations the registration fee shall be five (\$5.00) dollars from the fans (at open house, bowling lanes and ballroom) and all monies will go to WVDBA FUND.
 - a. Bowlers Combo: \$15.00 (\$10.00 goes to host city and \$5.00 goes to WVDBA)
 - b. Fan Combo: \$5.00 will goes to WVDBA and rest of combo will be kept by the host city.
- 10) Shall pay one (1) night lodging for the President and Secretary-Treasurer of WVDBA.
- 11) Shall plan and host a Saturday evening entertainment to be located at the deaf club or other preferred location decided by the host city.
- 12) Shall arrange a place for the annual meeting of the captain, members, and the officers of the WVDBA to be held on Friday after bowling events as (9 tap, baker system, and etc.)
- 13) WVDBA will not be responsible for Friday bowling tournament. It is up to host city to host no tap, baker system, etc. on Friday afternoon or evening.
- 14) Shall pay an advertisement fee (\$50.00) for the program book prior to the tournament date.
- 15) The WVDBA shall not be responsible for any debts by the host city.

ARTICLE 8- MISCELLANEOUS AND FULL HOUSE

- 1) Transportation expenses for officers (ten cents per mile) must be paid for any other meetings not held at the tournament city.
- 2) Tank tops, shorts, holes in pants or caps or hats may not be worn while bowling. Bowlers must wear appropriate clothes. Team Captains is responsible to check with his/her team. If the captain is not sure, the captain is responsible to check with WVDBA officers. The first offense will result in a warning. Second offense will result in disqualification.
- 3) Loans shall not be made at any time to individuals or group.
- 4) READ CAREFULLY THE W.V.D.B.A. TOURNAMENT RULES AND THE GERALD W. MUSICK MASTER TOURNAMENT RULES AND THE JAMES ENNIS SENIOR CITIZEN MASTER TOURNAMENT RULES.
- 5) 319a-5 Apply= When WVDBA publishes a yearbook, the tournament will use the previous season average and the highest USBC sanctioned league average to determine the handicap shall as the official average. 80% of 220 averages, women with 72 pins per game and men with 50 pins per game. The rerate of \$300.00 (three hundred) and up will be assigned 3 points to bowler's average.

ARTICLE 9- WVDBA HALL OF FAME

- 1) May be eligible when bowler earns a total of 21 points.
 - A) Championship for events shall earn 3 points.
 - B) Second place for events shall earn 2 points.
 - C) Third place for events shall earn 1 point.
 - Team Event
 - Single Event
 - Double Event
 - D) Gerald W. Musick Master
 - James Ennis Senior Citizen Master
 - Charlotte Teets Queen or All Events Scratch Series- Female Only
 - 1st Place- 3 points
 - 2nd place- 2 points
 - 3rd place-1 point
 - 4th place 1 point

If a bowler is eligible for Hall of Fame, his/her name will be put in the program book