

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF DEAF BOWLERS  
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## **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Eastern Association of Deaf Bowlers of the United State Bowling Congress, hereafter referred to as Congress, hereby submit ourselves to be governed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Congress, the following Constitution and the appended By-Laws, not in conflict with the Congress, adopted for Association.

## **ARTICLE 1. NAME**

Section 1: The organization shall be known as the Eastern Association of Deaf Bowlers, hereafter referred to as Association.

Section 1a: The official abbreviation is E.A.D.B.

## **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE**

Section 1. It shall be the purpose to promote and foster the game of American Tenpins with the assistance, guidance and direction of the Congress by:

Section 1a. Uniting the members of the leagues, teams, and individuals within its jurisdiction;

Section 1b. Encouraging sportsmanship and fair play;

Section 1c. Enforcing the playing rules;

Section 1d. Conducting an annual tournament to determine the five-man team handicap and scratch championship, at its option for the doubles, singles, and all-events handicap and scratch championships and the options for the double-single combo championship for the area within its jurisdiction, and;

Section 1e. Conducting the Joey Trimarchi Annual Master tournament.

## **ARTICLE 3. ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1. The tournament is open to all deaf bowlers.

Section 2. Shall be USBC membership

Section 3. The deaf bowlers must explain their eligibility under the following conditions:

Section 3a. The hearing loss must be at 55 dB or above;

Section 3b. Having attended the school for the deaf, either residential or day mainstreamed programs, or,

Section 3c. Minors, under the age of 18 and/or no high school student, will be allowed to participate in our tournament.

## **ARTICLE 4. ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT**

Section 1. **Organization.**

Section 1a. The control and management is vested in the Council of Representatives, hereafter referred to as Council, the Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as Board, and the Executive Committee.

Section 2. **Council of Representatives.**

Section 2a. Representatives to the annual tournament meetings shall be based on the number of teams entered in the tournament in progress and the captain of each team shall comprise the Council.

Section 2b. A quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the Council shall be considered at the General Meeting.

Section 3. **Board of Directors.**

Section 3a: Shall permanently reside in the boundaries of the states listed in tournament bid and shall be a participant in the tournaments.

Section 3b: Board shall consist, as a maximum of eight (8), of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Law Chairman, two (2) members of the Law Committee, Hall of Fame Chairman and the Host Chairman of the following year's tournament.

Section 3c: A quorum of six (6) members of the Board shall be considered at the board meeting prior to the General Meeting in the current tournament in progress.

Section 3d: Shall be vested with the control and management of the annual tournament and by a majority vote may delegate its authority in whole or part.

Section 4: **Executive Committee.**

Section 4a: Shall reside in the boundaries as listed in tournament bid and shall be a participant in the tournament.

Section 4b: Shall consist as a maximum of four, of a President, Vice-President, Secretary- Treasurer, and the Law Chairman.

Section 4c: A quorum of three (3) members of the committee, shall meet periodically at a time and place convenient to discuss important business and financial matters concerning the Association.

Section 5: **Affiliations.**

Section 5a: The organization shall affiliate with the United State Bowling Congress.

## **ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS.**

Section 1: The Board meeting shall be held on Thursday evening at the headquarters at the time whenever it is convenient for all that arrives on that evening.

Section 2: The General meeting shall be held on Friday evening at the headquarters at 8:00 PM.

## **ARTICLE 6: ELECTION, TERMS, VACANCIES, REMOVAL**

### **Section 1. Elections and Terms:**

Section 1a. In order to be elected for the officers of the Association, the Council of Representatives shall be bowler of EADB and attend the General meeting for 3 consecutive years.

Section 1b: Officers shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. In the order of the election will be President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 1c: Officers shall begin their term on July 1st.

Section 1d. Officers may be re-elected to the same position previously held or to any other office unless provided in the By-Laws.

Section 1e: Only members of the Board and Council may vote at any General meeting.

Section 1f: Two members of the immediate family shall not be eligible to hold office of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer concurrently.

### **Section 2: Vacancies.**

Section 2a: The President with the approval of the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of the Council shall fill vacancies in the office.

Section 2b: The President, subject to the approval shall fill vacancies on the Board by the Board.

Section 2c: Vacancy of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled temporarily by the President, provided that an audit is completed before the new Secretary-Treasurer is elected at the next General meeting.

### **Section 3: Removal from Office.**

Section 3a: When an officer or board member is accused in writing of failure in the proper performance of his duties by any member, the Board shall conduct a hearing within a reasonable time and then make a report, with recommendations to the Executive Committee for action or reference to the Council for the decision.

## **ARTICLE 7: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.**

### **Section 1: Duties of the President.**

Section 1a: Shall be the chief executive officer performing all duties pertaining to the office.

Section 1b: Shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Council.

Section 1c: Shall see to the enforcement of the object, provisions and purpose of this Constitution.

Section 1d: Shall, when so mandated by the Board, countersign all checks drawn by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 1e: Shall appoint the Executive Board to oversee the Hall of Fame nominations and procedures.

Section 1f: Shall appoint the Law Chairman to record all the minutes of the Board and Council meetings and see that copies of the proceedings are distributed within 30 days and changes in the By-Laws and Constitution of the Association.

Section 1g: Shall appoint the Law Chairman and two (2) members to serve on the Law Committee.

Section 1h: Shall appoint the Hall of Fame Chairman.

Section 1i: Shall have complete authority to remove any member from the Board as deems necessary for just cause in the interest of the Association.

Section 1j: Shall appoint a Parliamentarian annually prior to the Council Meeting.

### **Section 2: Duties of the Vice-President.**

Section 2a: Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, next in numerical order.

Section 2b: Shall chair the Joey Trimarchi Masters Tournament.

Section 2c: Shall chair the Seniors Master Tournament

### **Section 3: Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer.**

Section 3a: Shall receive and deposit all revenues from the tournament proper, direct or indirect, to the credit of the Association, which he may withdraw only in checks drawn by him and countersigned by the President.

Section 3b: Shall make regular deposits of all revenues received in a recognized banking institution in the name of the Association of his residence city subject to the approval by the Board.

Section 3c: Shall maintain a true and accurate statement of the current financial condition available upon request by the President, Board and the Council before the Annual meeting.

Section 3d: Shall be bonded for the full amount of the funds and bank deposits at the Association's expense with the bond being held by the President for safekeeping.

Section 3e: Shall mail entry blanks to all officers, bowlers (had participating EADB Tournament within 2 years), Host Chairman and organizations on or before the first week of February.

Section 3f: All entry blanks will include USBC Individual Verification form, league secretary's name, address and phone number.

Section 3g: Shall mail the Joey Trimarchi Masters Tournament entry forms to all bowlers and host chairman who will distribute to individuals who wishes to participate.

Section 3h: Shall mail an updated Constitution to all current captains and the Host Chairman of the forthcoming tournament and the Board.

Section 3i: Shall mail proposal forms to all the current bowlers and the Host Chairman of the forthcoming tournament and the Board.

Section 3j: Shall mail one (1) team alley assignment and one (1) doubles and singles alley assignment to the current bowlers, the Host Chairman and the Board.

Section 3k: Shall oversee matters in regards to at least three (3) complimentary rooms between headquarters and Association and overseeing reservations are in order for the officers and the members of the Law Committee.

Section 3l: Shall make an annual inspection of all host city sites for proper procedures.

Section 3m. Shall request a sanctioned tournament certificate from the Executive Secretary of the United State Bowling Congress.

Section 3n. Shall collect entertainment fees and membership fees from all bowlers participating in the tournament and reimburse back to the Host City.

Section 3o. Shall receive \$2,000.00 flat rate fee or 50%, whichever is greater from the Host City during the tournament in progress.

Section 3p. Shall receive a Masters Prize list from the Masters Chairman and add to the Association Prize List within 30 days after tournament event.

Section 3q. Shall print the following paragraph at the end of all annual prize lists: Any suggestions, proposals, amendments, or changes for the EADB By-Laws may be submitted in writing to the current Law Chairman (Name and Address). This applies to all EADB officers, law committees, local current Host Chairman, Council of Representatives and the bowlers.

Section 3r. Shall appoint three (3) members residing in the resident city of the Secretary-Treasurer to serve on the Auditing Committee.

Section 3s. Shall distribute any prize monies to individual bowler within 30 days along with a copy of official prize list.

#### **Section 4. Duties of the Officers**

Section 4a. Any board to attend host city for a final inspection trip, where the host city is near by, at least six months prior to the tournament and see to all arrangements with the Host City Association, Headquarters and Bowling Alley and secure a contract to be in effect for that tournament.

Section 4b. If any board can not attend final inspection, then host city chairperson will perform the procedure with guideline

Section 4c. If host city chairperson can not attend final inspection, then EADB Secretary-Treasurer will attend final inspection

#### **Section 5. Duties of the Captains.**

Section 5a. Shall attend the Council of Representative meeting.

Section 5b. Shall attest the average of his bowlers by mailing the current league standing and average sheets or City Association copy with entry form or bring to the tournament secretary at the time of bowling.

Section 5c. Shall inform the Secretary-Treasurer of any changes in the lineups with substitution or changes in bowler's averages.

### **ARTICLE 8. COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 1. Law.**

Section 1a. A committee with a Chairman and two (2) members constitute the Law Committee.

Section 1b. The committee shall meet annually at a convenient time during the Board meeting to review, alter and propose changes to the Constitution and the Council shall ratify its actions.

Section 1c. The Executive Board minutes and General Meeting minutes to be finalized and send to President within 30 days.

#### **Section 2. Auditing.**

Section 2a. A committee of three members shall be appointed by the Secretary from a list of candidates in the resident City of the Secretary-Treasurer's subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 2b. Shall audit the books of the Association and the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **Section 3. Hall of Fame.**

Section 3b. Shall be the only member who shall collate all information and shall inform the other committee member in regards to the selection of the Hall of Fame Bowler or Leader nominations before the presentation to the Executive Board to be voted on.

Section 3c. Shall report all findings to the Executive Committee who shall constitute the nominating and voting body.

#### **Section 4. Joey Trimarchi Masters.**

Section 4a. Shall be reimbursed for all the expenses incurred between the tournaments from the Master Tournament expenses.

Section 4b. Shall see that the final financial report of Master Tournament is given to Secretary-Treasurer to be added to the Association's final financial report within 30 days after Master Tournament event

Section 4c. Shall see that the prize list of the Masters Tournament is given to the Secretary-Treasurer to be added to the Association's Prize List within 14 days after Master Tournament event.

Section 4d. Shall be bonded for the full amount of the Masters Fund and bank deposits at the Association's expenses with the bond being held by the Secretary/Treasurer for safekeeping.

Section 4e. Shall choose whomever to serve with him in the proper function of the Joey Trimarchi Masters subject to the approval by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 9. EXPENSES.**

Section 1. The Association shall reimburse the officers and the committees for any and all expenses incurred between the tournaments on the Association's behalf.

Section 2. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be reimbursed for the travel expenses to and from the Tournament City.

Section 3. Whenever headquarters issues complimentary room, the President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Law Chairman shall receive first consideration.

Section 4. The Law Committee members shall be provided two night's lodging (Thursday and Friday) according to the Headquarters current room rate with costs being covered one (1) night by the Association and one (1) night by the Host City and provided that they are in attendance at the Board meeting within the half hour after the start of the meeting.

Section 5. The Host City Chairman for the following year's tournament shall be provided one night lodging provided that he is in attendance at the Board meeting within the half hour after the start of the meeting.

Section 6. The Recording-Secretary shall be compensated for his service as determined by the Board.

Section 7. Members of the Law Committee who reside in the host city radius of 25 miles shall receive transportation and parking expenses at a flat rate as determined by the Board and shall receive no lodging reimbursement.

Section 8. The Hall of Fame Chairman shall be provided for two nights, which one night covered by the Hall of Fame fund, and other night covered by the Association...

#### **ARTICLE 10. TOURNAMENT CITY BIDDINGS.**

##### **Section 1. City Location.**

Section 1a. Any city in the below listed states of the USA may bid for the Annual Tournament.

Connecticut	Delaware	Maine
Massachusetts	Maryland	New York
New Hampshire	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Rhode Island	Vermont	Virginia
Washington, D.C.	West Virginia	

Section 1b. The city in which the annual tournament is to be held shall be decided upon by ballot at the annual Council meeting held prior the progress of the tournament.

Section 1c. Bids shall be received at least six (6) years in advance with money earmarked for six- (6) month's certificate with interest going to scratch prizes.

Section 1d. At least one (1) team from Host City shall bowl three (3) consecutive years before they can be eligible for a bid, shall bowl each year after bidding until host year, and shall continue one (1) year after its tournament.

Section 1e. Host City shall not have the opportunity to present a bid during its tournament.

Section 1f. A sum of \$5,000.00 will be the maximum amount toward the prize fund of the Association of which maximum of \$1,000.00 will be toward sponsorship of EDWBA.

Section 1g. When two or more cities present bids to host a tournament, the majority rules. No runner-up shall be awarded a bid and shall re-submit its bid at the next tournament.

##### **Section 2. Letter of Intent.**

Section 2a. Bidder(s) shall be from a bonafide organization of, for and by the deaf.

Section 2b. Bidder(s) shall present a letter from a bonafide organization on an official letter with dates available.

Section 2c. Bidder(s) shall present a letter from a hotel so designated as headquarters, estimated room rates, a general meeting room and a small executive meeting room and ballroom with dates available.

Section 2d. Bidder(s) shall present a letter from a proposed minimum 48-lane house's location and estimated lane charges with dates available.

Section 2e. Bidder(s) with small organizations, with consent approval by the Board, shall present a letter from a proposed 40-lane house's location and estimated lane charges with dates available.

Section 2f. Bidder(s) shall present all copies to the Secretary-Treasurer with copies of all letters also for the EDWBA Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2g. Bidder(s) shall mail or deliver at least twenty-four (24) hours to the Secretary-Treasurer to check for legality and details prior to bidding.

##### **Section 3. Host City Responsibilities.**

Section 3a. Shall make a maximum tournament fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of which is assigned to the

General Fund.

Section 3b. Shall deposit a minimum tournament fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the Secretary-Treasurer at the time of bidding with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days.

Section 3c. Shall be required to pay within ninety (90) days of its promised donation of prize money upon awarding of the bid.

Section 3d. Shall deposit team entry bond of \$375. Anytime a host team did not show up in any tournament in-between bidding to host year, shall pay penalty of \$375 each time.

Section 3e. Shall donate a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) toward the Senior Citizen Tournament.

Section 3f. Shall be responsible for the lodging expense of three (3) suitable rooms at headquarters for three (3) nights, provided no complimentary rooms are issued, for the President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Law Chairman.

Section 3g. Shall agree to print the alley assignment, schedules, prize lists, records of all-time high handicap and actual teams, doubles, singles and the all-events of the past five (5) years, in its souvenir book.

Section 3h. Shall set April 1, as the deadline for receiving advertising materials.

Section 3i. In the event, a Host City withdraws prior to their Tournament, the Executive Board shall either assign an alternate host or assume responsibility at the Host City's site. The Host city's Team Entry Bond of \$375 and Tournament fee of \$500 shall be forfeited, if within a year of Tournament date and EADB will keep it. If more than a year, both fees will be refund.

Section 3j. Shall donate plaques Eighteen (18) in number: Nine (9) for handicap and nine (9) for actual, five (5) for the team event handicap champions, five (5) for the team event actual champions, two (2) for the doubles event handicap champions, two (2) for the doubles event actual champions, one (1) for the single event handicap champion, one (1) for the single event actual champion, one (1) for the all-events handicap champion and one (1) for the all-events actual champion.)

Section 3k. Shall pay the Association \$2,000.00 minimum fee or up to 50% of combination, during the tournament in progress.

Section 3l. Shall advertise in souvenir book with at least half (½) page in following tournaments annually following the award of the bid until its own tournament.

Section 3m. Shall include an entry deadline that would coincide within the stated deadline as printed on entry form by the Secretary-Treasurer in all future flyer advertisements.

Section 3n. Shall not solicit any advertisement without the consent approval from the Board.

Section 3o. Shall not be responsible for any arrangements with the Host's headquarters for complimentary rooms without prior notification to the Executive Board. Any contract signed between the Host City and the headquarters shall be declared null and void.

Section 3p. Shall make arrangement with headquarters for use of the ballroom, general meeting rooms for Friday evening and Executive Committee room for Thursday evening.

Section 3q. Shall be responsible for registration, which are to be displayed on the person for entrance to any events of the Association.

Section 3r. The association shall use band identification with Host City responsible for the costs.

#### **ARTICLE 11. MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION FEES.**

Section 1. Membership fees of \$10.00 shall be charged to all the bowlers and the registration fees of \$5.00 shall be charges to all bowlers.

Section 2. The Association shall supervise membership fee annually to all bowlers of which all the fees will be forwarded to the Association's General Fund.

Section 3. All bowlers participating in the tournament are required to pay the tournament fee of \$10.50.

#### **ARTICLE 12. AVERAGES AND HANDICAPS.**

Section 1. The deadline of the current average shall be on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This applies to both, the Joey Trimarchi Masters and the Association's tournament.

Section 2. The tournament of the Association shall be conducted on a handicap basis to wit: 70% of 210 actual – 48 pins handicap limit per game, using the previous year's average. A bowler with no average for the past 2 years shall bowl scratch with no exceptions. A bowler with an average from the previous season may use his present average, if he has one, of the first 21 games rolled in an USBC sanctioned league.

Section 3. If the average for this year is 10 pins or more than last year's, the average for this year will be used.

Section 4. The above rules are subject to change without notice upon the Congress's approval.

#### **ARTICLE 13. RERATINGS.**

Section 1. The Secretary-Treasurer of any individual who has won more than six hundred dollars (\$600.00) in any event in the past year shall determine rerating.

Section 2. Individuals shall be responsible for reporting any major prize winning to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to bowling and if not done, the individual will be disqualified from any prize money in any events of the tournament.

Section 3. A five-pin rerating shall be added to the individual's average.

Section 4. if the current average is more than 10 pins from last year, shall not receive re-rate

#### **ARTICLE 14. TOURNAMENT AVERAGE.**

Section 1. Association shall calculate Tournament Average based guideline below

Section 1a. Shall use 10 pins difference between Tournament Average and League average

Section 1b. Shall based last 3 years

Section 1c. Shall use 1/3 (9 games), 2/3 (18 games), 3/3 (27 games)

Section 1d. Shall use only Team, Double, Single event actual score as total of 9 games to be counted

Section 1e. Senior citizens shall not be waived

Section 1f. Re-rate shall not apply to Tournament Average

#### **ARTICLE 15. JOEY TRIMARCHI MASTER TOURNAMENT.**

Section 1. Shall be held on Friday, the day before the Association's Tournament annually.

Section 2. Shall follow the Constitution.

Section 3. In order to enter the Master Tournament, which starts the day before the Association Tournament, bowlers must participate as member of the team, doubles and singles (3 games each- 9 games total) in the Association Tournament.

Section 4. It shall be the responsibility of each bowler to check the lineup board for his starting time and lane assignment.

Section 5. The Masters entries shall close approximately two weeks prior to the opening of the Joey Trimarchi Master Tournament and the chairman shall have the option to accept the last minute entries.

Section 6. Prize estimates will be revised according to the number of entries. The prize ratio will be based on elimination.

Section 7. Handicap shall be based on 70% of 210 actual with maximum of 32 pins handicap per game

Section 8. All participants will bowl three (3) games with handicap across six lanes to qualify for the Joey Trimarchi Master Championship.

Section 9. The top 25 % of the total number of entries will advance to the first round.

Section 10. If there are extra bowlers that are tied for the final cut-off, they will be automatically entered in the qualifying round with no exceptions.

Section 11. In the first round of elimination, each bowler will bowl two (2) games with handicap and the top 50 % with the highest total scores of the qualifying and first round will advance to the second round.

Section 12. In the second round of elimination, the top 50 % with the highest total scores of the qualifying, first and second round will advance to the third round and all subsequent rounds until the start of the quarter finals and semi-final round, the bowler will bowl one (1) game until there are only four (4) bowlers remaining.

Section 13. The final four (4) bowlers will use the step ladder elimination, and the total scores from all previous rounds will not be included in the final four (4).

Section 14. Bowler #4 will bowl against bowler #3. The winner will challenge bowler #2. The winner will challenge bowler #1 for the Joey Trimarchi Master Championship.

Section 15. Each round must have an even number of bowlers, add or remove a bowler to make it even.

Section 16. In case of a tie in the top 4, the tie bowlers will bowl a whole game to break a tie.

Section 17. Bowlers will pay an entry fee, which includes the prize and bowling and expense fees for the tournament. No re-entries will be accepted.

Section 18. Walk-in bowlers will be levied \$8.00 extra to be used toward the master prize list.

Section 19. The Chairman shall be reimbursed for all expenses from the Joey Trimarchi Masters Tournament fees.

Section 20. The champion would receive an embroidered bowling shirt, selected and designed by the Master Chairman.

Section 21. The champion shall be responsible for the traveling plaque for one year and shall return the plaque the following year and defend the title during the Masters Tournament.

#### **ARTICLE 16. COSMO CARAGOLIANO HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

##### **Section 1. Nominations.**

Section 1a. The Association shall have the Cosmo Caragoliano Hall of Fame to honor and remember those bowlers and leaders whose activity has been outstanding and worthy of merit and recognition.

Section 1b. The Board shall hold an election to elect the bowler (s) to the Hall of Fame at the Executive Board meeting during the even numbered years.

Section 1c. The Board shall hold an election to elect the leader (s) to the Hall of Fame at the Executive Board meeting during the odd numbered years.

Section 1d. The nominations shall be in writing together with historical data and bowling records to the Hall of Fame Chairman at the annual General Meeting to be considered by the Board on the following year.

Section 1e. Nominations must be submitted to the Hall of Fame Chairman at least three (3) months prior to the election in order that he may notify other members of the Board and provide them with any data available to him.

##### **Section 2. Bowler Nominee Requirements.**

Section 2a. A nominee must meet the following requirements as a bowler.

Section 2b. A nominee must have participated in at least fifteen appearances in the tournaments to be eligible for the nomination.

Section 2c. A nominee must have shown outstanding achievement in the Association's tournaments; however nominee's records in other sanctioned bowling tournaments and competitions hosted or sponsored by an Association or bonafide organization of the deaf shall be considered and may be used as a basis for his nomination.

Section 2d. League averages, or winners of individual classics where less than sixty (60) bowlers participated and any participation in competition not sanctioned by the Congress shall not be recognized.

### Section 3. **Leader Nominee Requirements.**

Section 3a. A nominee must meet the following requirements as a leader.

Section 3b. A nominee who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and provided valuable services for fifteen (15) years shall be eligible for nomination.

Section 3c. A waiver can be requested for the above rules by writing to the Council, which may or may not make special exceptions.

Section 3d. The current officers are not eligible for nomination until two (2) years has passed since they last held offices. Death or disability voids the eligibility requirements and can be nominated.

### Section 4. **Voting Procedures.**

Section 4a. Nominee in either category receiving 23 points of the possible total of first place ballots that can be cast at election shall be declared elected.

Section 4b. Nominee in either category failing to receive 23 points of the ballots shall remain a nominee for no more than the next two Hall of Fame elections unless renominated.

Section 4c. If no nominee receives 23 points of the ballots, the election shall be declared null and void.

Section 4d. Write-ins or additions to the ballot shall be declared null and void.

Section 4e. First place vote shall count as five (5) points, second place shall count as three (3) points, and third place shall count as two (2) points.

Section 4f. Electors shall be entitled to three ballots for election of bowler and leader nominees.

Section 4g. An honorary member, elected by a three fourth (3/4) of the vote at the Board of Directors, shall automatically be admitted to the Hall of fame.

Section 4h. Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a plaque, complimentary ballroom pass and EADB membership card, which shall permit him to attend to all events of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 17. PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION**

Section 1. Any bowler who is member and has participated in the Professional Bowlers Association tournaments shall not be eligible to participate in the Association tournament until two (2) years after severing connection to the PBA.

## **ARTICLE 18. MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1. The annual tournament shall be held on the weekend prior to the first Sunday in May.

Section 2. The team event will be held on Saturday and the doubles and singles events will be held on Sunday.

Section 3. Tournament entries shall close approximately 30 days prior to the opening of the tournament.

Section 4. The prize fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per man, per event entered with the money used proportionately among based on ratio breakdown in the team, doubles, and singles handicap events.

Section 5. Cash prizes, based on a percentage of receipts from all entries, shall be awarded to the winners of each events, at the ratio of 1 to 4 except handicap all events and actual all events as ratio shall be 1 to 10.

Section 6. General fund need to be maintaining of \$25,000 in account at all time

Section 6a. In any event, the general fund goes below \$25,000, put in maximum of \$2,000 per year to meet the balance requirement.

Section 6b. In any event, the general fund exceed \$25,000, shall be used as an actual pinfall prize fund

Section 6c. In any event, the annual exceed \$2,000, shall goes to actual pinfall prize fund

Section 7. No bowler is eligible to compete more than once in any events.

Section 8. Bowlers on team shall choose for their doubles partner from their own city whenever possible. Any bowlers without a doubles partner may request upon the entry form that the Secretary-Treasurer match him with another in the same situation.

Section 9. The team, doubles, singles and the master's event shall be combined into one entry.

Section 10. Bowlers must be participating on the team and will be eligible to participate on doubles, singles, and Master and Senior Master Events.

Section 11. Any complaints, protests and contentions as to the scores bowled, may be filled with the Executive Committee at any time during the tournament or at least 48 hours after the tournament closes.

Section 12. All bowlers shall be levied entertainment fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) to the team entry as their assurance to attend the ballroom of the tournament.

Section 13. Bowlers who score a perfect 300 game will be paid one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from the General Fund.

### **ARTICLE 19. DRESS CODE**

Section 1. A dress code for all bowlers participating in the tournament will be in effect.

Section 1a. Dress code as in shirt with collar and sleeves, wear trouser, and no head cover

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall determine what is presentable.

Section 3. A list shall be attached to the entry form to all the captains.

Section 4. The bowlers who do not present him properly dressed shall be disqualified from participating.

### **ARTICLE 20. AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Any resolution(s), amendment(s) or change(s) in the Constitution and By-Laws shall be sent to the Law Chairman, sixty (60) days prior to the current tournament, otherwise all rules and regulations that are to be amended, changed or repealed should be in written form and shall be referred to the Law Committee for action in the following year. Lists of proposals to be sent to all Executive Board at least 30 days prior tournament.

Section 2. Any rules and regulations that are to be amended, changed or repealed should be in written form and presented to the Law Committee prior to the presentation to the Council for action.

Section 3. Any rules and regulations may be amended, changed or repealed at the Council meeting by a two-third (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that there is a quorum.

### **ARTICLE 21. ORDER OF THE BUSINESS**

Pledge to Flag

Silent Prayer, If need

Roll Call

Reading of Minute

Reading of Financial Report

Report of the Officers

Report of the Committees

Unfinished Business

Election of Officers

New Business

Tournament City Bidding

Announcement

Adjournment

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