

OREGON BOWLERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS 2022-2023

This organization shall be known as the Oregon Bowlers Association. Any valid member of the USBC will be eligible to bowl as long as they adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the OBA. The OBA participates in the SMART program; juniors in good standing are eligible to bowl in singles events.

- (a) Paying membership established by the Board of Directors
- (b) Duration of membership shall be for 1 year, July 1 thru June 30.
- (c) All members must be current members of USBC.
- (d) Director is responsible for tournament duties, therefore not allowed to compete.

The Board of Directors will consist of President, Vice President, Sgt. at Arms and 3 Directors elected from the general membership. Board members will serve a one-year term. Election of officers will be done at the general membership meeting prior to the start of the new season. A vote will be taken as first order of business at this general membership meeting. Any vacancy on the board of directors by reason of resignation or for any other reason may be filled by the President.

No part of the income or dues paid into the association shall be distributed to the members, officers or directors, except to reimburse said individual for expenses or salaries as may be set forth by the board of directors.

The general membership will meet at the call of the president or a majority of the board of directors. Each meeting will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

The Oregon Bowlers Association will conduct and play all of its tournaments in strict compliance with the USBC rules and regulations and such special tournament rules as shall be set forth by the Oregon Bowlers Association, when not inconsistent with the rules of USBC.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws or the General Playing Rules may be submitted in writing by any member, 72 hours prior to any meeting. These amendments will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before being submitted to the general membership. No changes shall be made until a general membership meeting is held, after all members have been duly notified. Those present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

MEMBERSHIP: \$ 50.00 will be charged for membership for the season.

TOURNAMENT FEES: \$125.00 for members per tournament. \$150.00 for non-members. The additional \$25.00 will be added to the current tournament prize fund or towards the Grand Finals prize pool, at the tournament director's discretion. The \$125 entry is to be broken down as such: \$5 Expense, \$5 Grand Finals pool, \$7 tournament director, the remaining amount will be paid out in lineage expenses and prize fund. There will be optional brackets, in the instance of a \$5 bracket; the bracket manager will earn \$3 and then \$2 returned to the OBA Grand Finals prize pool. (\$3/\$1, \$6/\$4). As an incentive to the director to obtain additional added money, any event that pays \$1000 cash for first place (and remaining pay schedule is to normal scale) the director will earn \$9 per entry (\$1500/\$10).

FORMAT: All tournaments will have the following (unless other format is specified by director): 6 games of qualifying, changing lanes after each game. 4 games in the semi-finals, with carryover pins from the qualifying. Semi-finals matchup will be as follows for the first game, 1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15, 3 vs. 14 and so on...each game thereafter will be a

position round. The top four/five bowlers will be seeded into the TV format at each tournament where lanes are available for this segment. If lanes are not available, the tournament will end after the 4 games. At certain times we will allow up to eight bowlers to each pair during qualifying,

DOUBLES: The top four teams will be seeded into the finals. The ratio of one for three will be used in the doubles as well as all tournaments. A maximum of 24 individuals or teams will be taken to the semis.

ONE FOR EVERY THREE ENTRIES WILL CASH IN ALL OBA EVENTS. In singles events, a high senior or ***woman out of the cash will receive \$125. In case of 5 or more women in the field, a separate high woman out of the cash award will be paid out for \$125 in addition to the high senior out of the cash award. To be considered a senior, the bowler's age must be 50 or higher on date of the event.

BOWLERS DUTIES: During the qualifying round each bowler is responsible for their own score sheet and also the score sheets of any other bowlers on their starting lane. Score sheets should be signed by the bowler and initialed by the other bowler (bowlers). Any error discovered by the tournament director when auditing the score sheets will result in a \$10.00 fine, not only to the bowler whose score sheet was in error, but also, to the other bowler (bowlers) on their assigned lane. During the semi-final round each bowler is responsible for their own score sheet and also the score sheet of their opponent. Any error discovered by the tournament director while tabulating the scores to determine positioning will result in a \$20.00 fine, not only to the bowler whose score sheet was in error, but also, to the opponent of that bowler in the game that was in error.

THREE RE-RACKS PER GAME WILL BE ALLOWED...NO OTHER WILL BE CONSIDERED (Any player taking more than three re-racks in any one game will receive zero for that frame where the additional re-rack has been taken)

A 10/15 minute practice session will be allowed before the start of qualifying and the semi-finals. Each bowler in the TV finals will be allotted 5 shadow balls on the finals pair. The player who is waiting has the option to go to the practice pair and stay warmed up. If a player is injured during the semis or finals they have 10 minutes before they must withdraw and allow the alternate to take over. Semi-finals: All ties will be determined by 9th and 10th frame roll off when outcome determines seeding for the top 4/5 finals. If there is a tie in the finals, the players will roll a 9th and 10th frame, with the player who finished last starting first. If there is a tie for last qualifying spot, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off will be held, with the starting position determined by the highest game score within the qualifying block. If players tie for any of the top sixteen spots during qualifying, the bowler with the highest game score within the qualifying block will determine their starting positions, except as noted above.

BOWLING BALLS: All bowling balls must meet USBC specifications. No altering of the surface of the bowling balls will be allowed once each level of competition has begun, qualifying squads, semi-finals and finals. No finalist may alter the surface of any of his bowling balls after the first match of the finals begins. **THE PENALTY FOR THIS RULE INFRACTION WILL BE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BOWLER.**

ATTIRE: All bowlers must wear a clean and pressed bowling shirt, with their name on the back, at least one inch in height. **NO TEE-SHIRTS, TANK TOPS, OR JEANS WILL BE ALLOWED....ALL BOWLERS MUST WEAR SLACKS, SKIRTS, DRESS SHORTS (APPROVED BY BOARD), OR NICE PANTS DURING ALL O.B.A. EVENTS....A NEW BOWLER HAS UNTIL THEIR SECOND TOURNAMENT TO OBTAIN A SHIRT WITH THEIR NAME ON THE BACK. ALL SHIRT AND DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED A \$5.00 FINE FOR THE FIRST OCCURANCE, ANY SUBSEQUENT INFRACTION OF THIS RULE THE BOWLER WILL BE ASSESSED A FINE OF \$10 AND FUTURE VIOLATIONS COULD WARRANT A SUSPENSION AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCRETION.**

N.S.F. CHECKS: Checks not clearing the bank on the first time through will be assessed a fine equal to the amount of the check. Sponsors checks not clearing the bank will be the responsibility of the bowler and they must pay any fee assessed by the bank and make this check good before bowling another tournament. **ALL BOWLERS NOT PAYING**

FOR ANY NON-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL USBC OFFICE FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

CONDUCT: A fine of \$20.00 (first offense) will be assessed for conduct derogatory to the best interest of bowling or the OBA. If any tournament bowler is carded two (2) times in one season for misconduct violations, they could be called by the Board of Directors for appropriate action. They could be prohibited from participating in any further tournaments. If a bowler is a current member of the PBA, a letter could be sent to the national office explaining the bowlers conduct.

Any bowler who DNF's from competition will be subject to a fine, unless the tournament director is consulted, and permission is given. DNF from qualifying will carry a fine of \$25.00. DNF from semi-finals or finals will carry a fine of \$50.00.

The tournament director will keep a tournament entrants list and sign-up sheet on the OBA website. Tournament sign-ups for first event will open up at tournament director's discretion. Sign-up sheets for the next event will be available the day of the current tournament for current members only. In case an event is full, a waiting list will be kept. OBA members on the waiting list will get preference over non-members. Members and Non-Members that have signed up for a tournament and need to cancel must do so before 5PM the day before the tournament. If the player cancels after that time or does not show up for his/her squad that person will be fined \$50 payable before bowling another OBA event.

All fines need to be paid before bowling the next OBA event. Any fine not paid will result in that player not being eligible to bowl until all fines are paid in full.

THE OREGON BOWLERS ASSOCIATION WILL APPLY FOR A BLANKET SANCTION FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS.

ADDED MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 MINIMUM (HOST FEE) WILL BE OBTAINED FROM EACH BOWLING CENTER HOSTING AN O.B.A. EVENT.

Only current member's banners will be displayed in the bowling establishment that is hosting the tournament. The OBA will furnish the banners as soon as possible after the preceding tournament.

No outside promotional advertising, with the exception of the sponsor's name will be allowed or printed on the OBA mailers. The OBA will not be responsible once printed material has reached the bowling establishment, for any additions to these printed flyers.

THERE WILL BE NO PRACTICING ON TOURNAMENT LANES THE DAY OF YOUR COMPETITION.....NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED..... THE TOURNAMENT WILL POST THE PATTERN THE NIGHT BEFORE OR DAY OF THE EVENT.

The final tournament shall be open to the top 24 members by point totals. Bowlers will have until the week prior to the final event to enter, after that time bowlers will be called in point order until we have 24 participants.

2021-2022

Director – Rebecca Cole

President – Marcus Winklepleck

Vice President – Darren Stanley

Sargeant @ Arms – Sean Daniels

Board of Directors:

Joe Lipan, Jake Klemsen, and Chris Tuholski

Webmaster: Brian Schmit