

BYLAWS and TOURNAMENT RULES

NEW ENGLAND BOWLERS ASSOCIATION



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WELCOME

We endeavor to create a quality bowling experience and hope you enjoy many years of competition as a NEBA member.

Please familiarize yourself with the Bylaws and Tournaments Rules as they contain important information you need to know.

BYLAWS

NAME

The Association shall be known as and called the New England Bowlers Association, and commonly abbreviated as NEBA.

PURPOSE

The purpose of NEBA shall be to unite amateur bowlers to

- a. Promote and run a monthly scratch tournament for the enjoyment of the members of NEBA.
- b. Encourage and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, good sportsmanship, and fair play among the members of NEBA.
- c. Hold meetings periodically to conduct the business of NEBA.
- d. Encourage, educate, inform and promote the game of bowling by utilizing the talents of the higher average bowlers in New England.
- e. Promote bowling as a major sport.

ORGANIZATION

MANAGEMENT

The management of NEBA shall be vested in a Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board, consisting of the following:

- a. President (elected)
- b. First Vice President (elected)
- c. Second Vice President (elected)
- d. Secretary/Treasurer (elected)
- e. Tournament Director (appointed)
- f. Members at large (appointed)
- g. All past Presidents in good standing (emeritus)

The Board shall enforce and carry out the provisions of these Bylaws and Tournament Rules. All Board Members must have been members in good standing for the entire previous calendar year.

The Executive Board consists of the president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary/treasurer and tournament director. The executive board shall be allowed to handle the business of the organization between meetings and may not create rules for itself. The Executive Board is authorized to act for the board in the time in between board meetings and reports to the board.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Board shall appoint a qualified individual to perform the duties of Tournament Director. The Tournament Director shall remain in that position as long as the performance of duties meets the approval of the Board.

If, in the judgment of the Board, the Tournament Director has failed to uphold the responsibilities of the position, the Board may vote for dismissal. A majority vote of a quorum of the Board shall be necessary for dismissal.

In the absence of the Tournament Director at a tournament site, the Board members present shall appoint an acting Tournament Director for that tournament.

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

At the Annual Meeting, the NEBA President appoints Board Members at Large for the next calendar year. Any member in good standing that desires to be Board Member at Large for the following year must submit in writing his or her interest to the President no later than one week before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the President shall appoint members at large with the advice and consent of the board. All Applications shall be retained as official NEBA records. The term of membership for a Member at Large shall be one calendar year.

REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER

No Board member at any time shall exceed the Bylaws of NEBA. If this occurs, in the judgment of a majority of a quorum of the Board, the Board member in question shall be immediately removed.

Any Board member, who fails to attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings, is subject to removal by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board. The Board shall determine the terms and length of the removal.

REPLACEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

If in the event of death, resignation, or removal of any Board member, the Board may select a successor for the remainder of the Board member's term.

If there is a change in the Tournament Director or an Officer during the middle of the year, the President may appoint the individual leaving the position to the Board of Directors with the approval of the board.

SALARIES

The following positions are salaried with the compensation set by the Board:

- a. Secretary/Treasurer
- b. Tournament Director

DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Duties of the President

The duties of the President are the following:

- a. To act as the Chief Executive Officer of NEBA.
- b. To serve and protect interests of all members of NEBA.
- c. To call for and preside at all meetings of NEBA and the Board.
- d. To appoint working committees as necessary and to designate the committee chairperson with the approval of the Board.
- e. To appoint Members at Large with the approval of the Board.
- f. To approve the use of funds dispersed via checks, debit cards or electronic payments.
- g. To verify quarterly the accuracy of all NEBA financial statements by auditing all deposits, withdrawals, checks, and receipts.

Duties of First Vice President

The duties of the First Vice President are the following:

- a. To serve and protect interests of all members of NEBA.
- b. To perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- c. To approve the use of funds dispersed via checks, debit cards or electronic payments in the Secretary/Treasurer's absence.

Duties of Second Vice President

The duties of the Second Vice President are the following:

- a. To protect the interests of all members of NEBA.
- b. To perform the duties of the First Vice President in the First Vice President's absence.

Duties of Secretary/Treasurer

The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer are the following:

- a. To serve and protect interests of all members of NEBA.
- b. Administrative:
 1. To keep the minutes of all meetings held by NEBA.
 2. To issue the call for such meetings at the direction of the President.
 3. To perform the duties of statistician to include records of all scores, participant averages, and Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year point totals.
 4. To publish a monthly newsletter, that shall include the results, prize list, and income and disbursements for the previous tournament. It shall also include a listing for the next scheduled tournament, and as appropriate, minutes of the previous month's Board meeting, and the agenda and voting items for the next scheduled Board meeting.
 5. To inform the Board of any requests for access to the NEBA mailing list. Approval of the Board shall be required for any such access. The Board shall also determine what fee is to be charged for such access.
- c. Financial:
 1. To coordinate tournament prize funds with the Tournament Director.
 2. To keep the financial statements of NEBA and collect all money belonging to or due NEBA, and to deposit them into a checking account in the name of the New England Bowlers Association. This account shall

- have three signatures, those of the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Tournament Director, any two of which are required for any withdrawal.
3. To cosign, with the President or Tournament Director, all checks drawn on the funds of NEBA.
 4. To report, in writing, the state of the finances of NEBA when required to do so by the Board, and to provide the President with a quarterly statement for verification.
 5. To present a written report each December showing the financial status of NEBA for the year and to publish the report in the December NEBA Newsletter.

The Secretary/Treasurer may appoint assistants who meet the approval of the Board. In the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer at a tournament site, the Board members present shall approve an acting Secretary/Treasurer for that tournament.

Duties of the Tournament Director

The responsibilities of the Tournament Director are the following:

- a. To serve and protect interests of all members of NEBA.
- b. To conduct tournaments in accordance with the Bylaws & Tournament Rules.
- c. To be available at the tournament site for the duration of the tournament.
- d. To make all rulings relative to the Bylaws and Tournament Rules during a tournament.
- e. To resolve, fairly and justly, all disputes and protests, and handle all exceptional situations that occur during a tournament.
- f. To immediately suspend any member who, in the opinion of the Tournament Director or a Board member, violates Bylaws or Tournament Rules or engages in behavior that injures or destroys the reputation or standing of NEBA.

The Tournament Director may appoint assistants who meet the approval of the Board.

Duties of Member at Large

The duties of a Member at Large are the following:

- a. To serve and protect interests of all members of NEBA.
- b. To assist in the management of NEBA by attending Board meetings and voting on issues before the Board.
- c. To assist in the operation of tournaments as requested.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Each individual Board Member recognizes and acknowledges that by accepting a position on the Board, they become an official representative of the NEBA Organization. Accordingly, it is expected that each individual member of the Board shall conduct themselves and represent the NEBA organization in a manner consistent with the highest levels of integrity and professionalism, shall behave themselves with proper decorum and behavior, and at all times shall demonstrate respect for other members of the Board and all NEBA members. A NEBA Board member may be subject to discipline, suspension, or removal from the Board, consistent with the NEBA Rules, Procedures, and Bylaws, for failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct. An alleged Violation of the Code of Conduct shall be brought in writing and be presented in front of the NEBA Board being duly constituted under the Bylaws. A

hearing shall be held, consistent with the Bylaws at the next available tournament, after due notice to the Board, and the individual subject to the alleged Violation shall have the opportunity to present relevant information of whatever form to the Board. Consistent with the Meeting Quorum section of the Bylaws, the Board shall vote, by secret ballot, as to whether the Violation was founded or unfounded and a majority vote by the Board shall be sufficient. The Secretary shall archive all ballots. If the Board determines the Violation to be founded, the Board shall have a further Hearing to determine the proper remedy for the Violation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may formally reprimand or censure a Violator, impose a fine, suspension, or remove of the Violator from the Board, or impose any combination of remedies thereof, with a majority vote being sufficient. In the event of no majority vote, the Tournament Director shall cast the deciding vote relative to whether or not a Violation occurred and/or the appropriate remedy in the event of a founded Violation.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

NEBA Membership is open to all bowlers who meet the following criteria:

- a. Possesses a current USBC membership card. The USBC membership card may be obtained when applying for membership by paying the current annual USBC fee.
- b. Has attained the age of 18, or has graduated from high school, or has written approval from a parent or guardian in accordance with the current USBC rules.
- c. Any PBA or PWBA member that has not won a PBA, PWBA or PBA50 national tournament in the past five (5) years (US Open and USBC Masters are exempt) or is not in the top 40 on the national PBA points list for the prior season. Any NEBA member in good standing who wins a national title and maintains their NEBA membership can continue to compete in NEBA.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application shall be made on a form prescribed by NEBA and accompanied by the membership fee to the NEBA Secretary/Treasurer. Should an applicant be declined membership for failure to meet the membership requirements, the membership fee shall be returned to the applicant minus a \$2 handling fee.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Honorary memberships may be granted after a candidate is nominated and subsequently approved by the Board. Honorary members shall not be allowed to vote or to participate in any tournaments held by NEBA.

MEMBERS IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Members called into military service shall be granted continued membership until discharge. Military service members shall not be allowed to hold office or to vote, but shall be allowed to participate in NEBA tournaments.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

NEBA collects membership fees on a calendar year basis. Membership fees collected after November 1 shall apply to the next calendar year.

The annual membership fees shall be as follows:

- a. New Members & Membership Renewal- Determined by the Board
- b. Honorary and Military Service members - No fee

ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS AND TOURNAMENT RULES

Upon payment of the membership fee, a member is entitled to enjoy the privileges of membership and is considered to have accepted the Bylaws and Tournament Rules.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

A member in good standing shall meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Membership fees have been paid in full.
- b. No fines are outstanding.
- c. No disciplinary action is pending.

BENEFITS FOR A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

A member in good standing is entitled to all of the following benefits:

- a. To participate in all regularly scheduled tournaments
- b. To receive the monthly NEBA Newsletter
- c. To vote in general elections
- d. To hold a NEBA office

SUSPENSIONS

The Tournament Director has the power to immediately suspend any member who, in the opinion of the Tournament Director or a Board member, violates the Bylaws or Tournament Rules, or engages in behavior that injures or destroys the reputation or standing of NEBA. A suspended member shall be notified in writing and given the privilege of a hearing before the Board. The hearing to determine the length of suspension shall be held at the next tournament site.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting shall be held in December prior to the new NEBA bowling season. This meeting is open to all NEBA members. Only members in good standing are eligible to participate and vote during the meeting. The members present, regardless of the number, shall constitute a quorum.

These Bylaws may be amended only at the Annual Meeting by a majority of those voting. Any Bylaw changes to be voted on must have been submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer by September 15 for publication in the September NEBA Newsletter or publication in the October newsletter prior to the October/November meeting. The "thirty-five mile" rule shall be waived for any member attending the Annual Meeting.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Biannually in November, the following Board members shall be elected by a simple majority of those voting:

- a. Secretary/Treasurer
- b. Second Vice President
- c. Any other elected positions that are vacant

Candidates for all elected positions must be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer, in writing, for publication in the November NEBA Newsletter and thirty (30) days prior to any elections.

In the event no written applications are received for an open position, thirty (30) days prior to the election, nominations for that position shall be accepted from the floor during a Board meeting.

Any candidate must have been a member in good standing for one (1) year. Any member restricted from participation in another organization's activities or tournaments shall not be eligible to hold any NEBA position, elected or appointed.

SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENT

On a biannual basis, the First Vice President assumes the role of President and the Second Vice President assumes the role of First Vice President.

BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board shall be open to any NEBA member in good standing. Only members of the Board shall be allowed to vote. A Board member must be present to vote; no proxy voting shall be allowed.

The agenda for a Board meeting must be published in the NEBA Newsletter prior to the Board meeting. Other motions from the floor may be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

All rule changes for consideration by the board shall be brought to the attention of the board by means of a proposal in writing and placing said proposal on the agenda prior to the meeting for which the matter is to be considered. The board shall only consider the proposal as written by the person proffering the proposal. Any variation of the proposal shall be brought as an additional proposal. Any so-called "new business" relating to rule changes shall no longer be considered by the board at any meeting. In the event that a rule change or other such proposal should arise that required immediate attention of the board, the member(s) of the board desiring to address said issue shall notify the by email of the rule change and request the board convene at the next tournament. The Board shall then vote to determine whether or not a meeting should take place to discuss the issue. A majority vote of the Board shall be sufficient to call a meeting. Should the board vote to convene a special meeting, the meeting shall then be published in the NEBA newsletter and posted on the NEBA website along with the rule change to be considered so as to put the entire membership on notice of the meeting and the rule change.

The Board shall vote on all items and issues including changes to the Tournament Rules.

MEETING QUORUM

The number of Board members present, regardless of number, shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum of the Board shall be required to pass any issue.

TOURNAMENT SITES

Tournament sites shall be selected at a Board meeting. Selection shall be based on the following criteria:

- a. Area membership
- b. Location
- c. Previous knowledge of tournament history at the bowling center
- d. Time of year

REQUIREMENTS FOR TOURNAMENT SITES

Bowling establishments considered as tournament sites must meet the following requirements:

- a. USBC certified
- b. Minimum of 32 ten pin lanes for open singles and doubles tournaments and 24 lanes for special tournaments.
- c. Snack bar or suitable facilities for hot meals
- d. Lanes conditioned as uniformly as possible prior to the Saturday and Sunday squads and match play.
- e. Bowling fees and lane availability stated in writing by the proprietor/manager in advance of the tournament.
- f. Proprietor/Manager must agree to a fee, determined by the Board, to be used towards the purchase of the Championship trophy and shirt.
- g. Automatic scoring system desirable.
- h. Meeting room for tournament operations and/or a meeting desirable

RECOMMENDATION FOR TOURNAMENT SITE

To solicit tournament sites, every year the Board shall mail bid sheets to a number of bowling centers in New England. Timely return of the bid sheet, containing appropriate information, shall be one of the determining factors for scheduling a tournament at that bowling center.

The Board shall have the final determination for tournament site selection.

REPLACEMENT OF TOURNAMENT SITE

The Board shall determine the need for and selection of a replacement site.

TOURNAMENT RULES

USBC RULES CONFORMANCE AND CERTIFICATION

All tournaments and special events conducted, sponsored, or cosponsored by NEBA shall be conducted in conformity with the Bylaws and Tournament Rules adopted by NEBA and the current USBC Playing Rules. The current USBC rules shall prevail where not superseded by the Bylaws and Tournament Rules of NEBA.

All tournaments conducted by NEBA shall be submitted for USBC certification.

USBC MEMBERSHIP

Non-USBC members must purchase a USBC membership at the current fee before bowling in any tournaments conducted by NEBA.

PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS

Non-NEBA members are allowed to participate in NEBA tournaments provided they meet the membership requirements on page 5. Non-NEBA members must pay an additional non-member fee of \$15 per entry. These fees are to be used toward NEBA operating expenses. The non-member fee is waived for “guests.” A guest is someone who has not competed in NEBA the prior two years.

BEHAVIOR

All participants in NEBA tournaments are expected to behave in the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play.

FINES

Fines will be used as a method to enforce NEBA rules. Fines are typically \$10 for the first offense. Higher fines can be imposed at the discretion of the Tournament Director for serious offenses or habitual offenders.

SUSPENSIONS

As described in the Membership section of the Bylaws, the Tournament Director has the power to immediately suspend any member who violates the Bylaws or Tournament Rules, or engages in objectionable behavior. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, profane language, obscene gestures, excessive celebration, un-sportsmanlike conduct, disruption to other participants, and withdrawal from competition without permission.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION

Withdrawal during a tournament shall not be permitted without the permission of the Tournament Director. Penalty for this infraction shall be immediate suspension from NEBA, and/or a fine, with the length of suspension and the amount of the fine to be determined by the Board.

EQUIPMENT

Bowling balls must be on the USBC approved list. The penalty for using a ball which is not on the USBC approved list is immediate disqualification for that squad or round of match play and loss of all prize money

DRESS CODE

NEBA strives to project a professional image. All participants in a NEBA Tournament are required to observe the following dress code:

1. A shirt with a polo type collar, mock neck collar, or crew neck collar with bowling logo is required. The participant's name on the back of the shirt in 2" – 4" high letters is required, in a color that contrasts with the shirt's color. Removal name tags and abbreviated names are subject to Tournament Director approval. Nametags must be horizontally oriented and securely affixed to the back of the shirt. Embroidered names are preferred. The following shirt restrictions apply:
 - a. Advertising and logos are permissible with the Tournament Director's ultimate discretion.
 - b. Only previous NEBA champions are permitted to wear a white shirt.
2. Pants or shorts of a "business casual" quality are encouraged. Denim pants and shorts are allowed but must present a neat appearance. No gym/athletic shorts or pants, balloon pants or sweat pants are allowed.
3. Women may wear capris, skirts. Skirts and shorts must be at least fingertip length when standing with arms down at sides and the garment's outer material must be at least half the distance of the upper leg. Yoga pants are not allowed.
4. No excessive or intentionally tattered or frayed clothing, clothing with excessive or intentional holes, hats, or headbands are allowed.
5. Headphones and earbuds are not allowed.

All decisions regarding attire are at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

The following violations of the dress code will result in denial of tournament participation:

1. Wearing t-shirts or other non-conforming shirt.
2. Wearing gym/athletic pants or shorts, excessively or intentionally tattered clothing, clothing with excessive or intentional holes, or wearing of hats or headbands.

The following violations of the dress code will result in a \$10 fine for the first infraction with second and subsequent infractions possibly resulting in denial of tournament participation:

1. A shirt without the bowler's name on the back
2. A nametag that is not horizontal and/or securely affixed to the back of the shirt.

New members and members who have ordered a shirt prior to the start of a tournament shall be exempt. New members can compete three times without a name on the back of their shirt without being fined.

PUBLICATION AND BROADCAST CONSENT

Each contestant agrees that if the tournament is broadcast, permission for such coverage shall be given without compensation. If requested, each contestant agrees to allow photographs and coverage of their accomplishments to be used in television or published media.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

To recognize accomplishments of NEBA's members, the following yearly awards using NEBA funds shall be presented with the award amounts to be determined by the Board. Results for tournaments with restricted entries (i.e. Point Leader Invitational, Non-Champions' weekend, etc.) will not be counted towards end of year awards. The Non-Champions and Tournament of Champions held the same weekend are eligible for awards.

- a. Bowler of the Year
- b. Rookie of the Year
- c. Senior Bowler of the Year
- d. Super Senior Bowler of the Year
- e. Woman Bowler of the Year
- f. Youth Bowler of the Year
- g. High Average – to qualify for this award, the member must have bowled a minimum of one-half (1/2) of the tournaments and the minimum number of games required. The minimum number of games is two-thirds (2/3) of one 5-game qualifying block per tournament.
- h. High five (5) game qualifying block

REPORTING TO IRS

Official tournament prize fund awards, as reported in the NEBA Newsletter, shall be reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for all bowlers with awards over \$600 in a calendar year. From NEBA, bowlers shall receive a 1099-MISC form.

SINGLES TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Qualifying Format

All participants shall bowl five (5) games of qualifying across a prescribed number of lanes as determined by the Tournament Director. Pairs will move to the right after each game except at the Tournament of Champions and Invitational. For the Invitational and Tournament of Champions, bowlers on the left lane will move left and right will move right.

Entry Fee

The fee to enter a tournament shall be determined by the Board. Included in this fee shall be the funds to cover the Prize Fund, bowling fees, and expense money. All entry fees must be in cash, with receipts available upon request. Checks are acceptable for all other fees.

Number of Qualifiers, Byes, and Seeding

The table below shall determine the total number of qualifiers, byes if applicable, and seeding.

Number of Entries	Number of Qualifiers	Byes
		Seeding
28-36	8	None
		Seeding by qualifying score
37-54	12	1 st round – qualifiers 1-4
		Seeding by qualifying score starting with 2 nd round
55-72	16	None
		Seeding by qualifying score
73-108	24	1 st round – qualifiers 1-8
		Seeding by qualifying score starting with 2 nd round
109-144	32	None
		Seeding by qualifying score
145-180	40	1 st round qualifiers 1-16
		<i>For round 1, the highest 2 (of 3) scores from each pair will advance to round 2.</i>
181-216	48	1 st round – qualifiers 1-16
		Seeding by qualifying score starting with 2 nd round
217-252	56	1 st round – qualifiers 1-8
		Seeding by qualifying score starting with 2 nd round
253 or more	64	None
		Seeding by qualifying score

In the event that more qualifiers are guaranteed than stated on the above tables, the first round will be an eliminator instead of matches. The top scores of the round will advance. Bowlers would be reseeded before entering into the bracket. All other rules for seeding and byes apply.

Squad Cut (1:5 ratio)

One of five (5) participants in each squad will qualify for the match play finals.

Senior, Super Senior & Women's Cut

One in six senior (age 50 and over) participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals with a minimum of one (1) in singles tournaments.

One in six super senior (age 60 and over) participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals. If there are not six super senior entries, the bowlers will be moved into the senior cut.

One in six woman participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals. If there are not six women entries, the bowlers will be moved into the regular division.

One \$50 cash spot will be paid to the woman or senior participant with the highest qualifying score that did not qualify for the match play finals.

Ties During Qualifying

Ties, including ties for squad cuts, will be broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. The participant with the highest total pinfall for the two frames will be the winner. If the 9th and 10th frame roll-off results in a tie, a one ball sudden death settles the tie. Bowlers will start on the lanes they finished for all sudden death rounds. Bowlers swap lanes until the tie is broken using the best ball format.

For roll-offs for squad and overall cuts, each participant receives three balls practice on each lane. The bowler with the highest game in qualifying has the choice of starting lanes. Any bowler who is eliminated from the last qualifying position by a roll-off shall receive a sponsor's prize, if applicable, or a paid entry into a subsequent regular entry fee tournament, which must be used within two months.

In the event of a tie for a seeded position, including a bye, the participant with the highest single game rolled in qualifying will be the winner.

Match Play Finals

Upon completion of qualifying squads, qualifying spots up to the number specified above will be filled by qualifying score by participants that did not qualify via a squad cut.

Qualifiers shall enter into one (1) game elimination matches with the highest total pinfall determining the winner. The tournament director will assign lanes. The bowler with the highest qualifying block has a choice of lanes on each pair.

The bowler on the left lane shall bowl one (1) frame first. The bowler on the right shall bowl two (2) consecutive frames. Both bowlers shall then continue bowling two (2) frames at a time, alternating turns, until the game is completed. This procedure shall prevail for all matches bowled in the finals.

In the event of a tie in match play, a two (2) frame (9th and 10th frame) roll-off shall be held with the highest total pinfall for the two frames determining the winner. Bowlers start the roll-off on the lane he/she finished. If the tie-breaker results in a tie, a best ball format will be used with each bowler throwing one ball. Each bowler starts on the lane they completed their last tenth frame. Bowlers swap lanes until the tie is broken using the best ball format.

Final Standings

The final standings shall be determined, from highest to lowest, in the order of the losers' total pinfall for the match just completed. In the event of a tie for any position other than 1st, the prize money shall be divided equally.

Distribution of Tournament Prize Fund

The prize fund shall be returned 100% and shall be based on tournament participation, the total number of entries and re-entries, with a minimum of a 1 in 4.5 cashing ratio. The amount of the last paying position shall be no less than 1.25 times the entry fee.

In the event of more than 293 entries, cash only positions shall be paid starting with qualifying position 65. Multiple cashing positions are allowed, but only the highest position shall be used for Bowler of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Senior Bowler of the Year points.

An appropriate cash award, trophy, and champions shirt shall be presented to the champion in conformance with USBC requirements. A free entry into the next NEBA Tournament of Champions shall be presented to the champion. For multiple champions within a year, cash shall be paid instead of the entry into the Tournament of Champions starting with the 2nd championship.

OTHER TOURNAMENT FORMATS

Doubles

The format for a NEBA doubles tournament shall be the same as the singles format, except for the following:

- a. Tournament entries are two person teams.
- b. Only one previous NEBA champion is permitted per team unless the person has not won a NEBA, PBA national, PBA50 national or PWBA national title within the last fifteen years.
- c. Each person pays the current entry fee.
- d. Re-entries with the same partner are permitted. Bowlers are allowed to switch partners provided both bowlers agree to void previous scores. Both bowlers must state this to the Tournament Director.
- e. All participants shall bowl five (5) games of qualifying across a prescribed number of lanes as determined by the Tournament Director. Total pinfall for each team is used for qualifying and match play.
- f. During the season, one doubles tournament will use baker type scoring for match play.
- g. Doubles teams may defend their title one time. The team that won the baker tournament defends their title at the next baker tournament and the team that won the regular format tournament defends their title at the next regular format doubles tournament.
- h. In baker doubles, a team not following the rule for order of bowling will be subject to the following penalties. If the error was found within the first two frames, the team gets a zero for each frame out of order and play continues in the correct order. If it was found after the second frame, the match is forfeited.

Tournament of Champions

The format for a NEBA Tournament of Champions singles tournament shall be the same as the singles format except that the minimum number of qualifiers shall be sixteen (16) and two (2) game matches shall be used during match play.

Special Tournaments

The board will vote on the format of special tournaments.

RULES OF TOURNAMENT BOWLING

Squad Times

The Tournament Director shall schedule qualifying squads with the approval of the Board.

Entries

All entries shall be assigned in the order of their receipt. Entries close fifteen (15) minutes prior to the last qualifying squad.

Re-Entries

Tournament re-entries shall be allowed for all participants. Those that have qualified via a squad cut may re-enter but their score doesn't affect the squad cut and they may enter a maximum of twenty-five brackets. A guaranteed reentry will may not bowl if another entry is turned away.

The Tournament Director shall maintain a re-entry list to insure re-entries are handled fairly. Re-entries are taken on a first come, first served basis, until the squad is full, with first time re-entries having precedence over second time re-entries. Re-entering bowlers are allowed to sign in when the Tournament Director announces that re-entries are being accepted.

Squad Reservations

Reservations can be made for a particular squad using a sign up sheet at the previous tournament, by phone or on the NEBA on-line reservation system at www.BowlNEBA.com. The Board requests that no reservations be made after 10 PM on the Friday preceding a tournament. The "35 Mile Rule" must be observed when making a reservation.

Bowlers who fail to claim their reservations without giving notice to the Tournament Director or the Secretary/Treasurer before the squad starts shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$10.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign reservations for any bowler who does not report and pay the entry fee at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled qualifying squad time.

The "35 Mile" Rule

Entries into the last qualifying squad shall be handled in the following order:

- a. Any Board member attending a Board meeting prior to the squad
- b. First time participants residing outside a 35 mile radius from the tournament site
- c. New members that joined at the tournament site
- d. First time re-entries
- e. Second time re-entries
- f. Members residing within the 35 mile radius
- g. Non-members
- h. Guests
- i. Bowlers with a guaranteed spot in mach play on a previous squad

Squad Sign In

All participants are required to report to the Tournament Director at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled qualifying squad time with their current membership card and wearing their NEBA shirt. Failure to do so shall subject the member to a fine of not more than \$10.

It is the responsibility of each participant to verify their entry and to find their lane assignment. Fines may be enforced for incorrect or incomplete score sheets.

Practice Prior to and After Tournament Play

Once lanes are oiled for the tournament, the only bowling allowed on tournament lanes is for competition in NEBA until the tournament has ended or a bowler has been eliminated from competition. Bowlers shall not be allowed to practice on any lanes that have been conditioned with the tournament shot before or after a squad.

Number of Bowlers per Pair of Lanes

The Tournament Director shall determine the number of bowlers assigned to a pair of lanes based upon squad size and lane availability. There shall be no more than five (5) bowlers assigned to a pair of lanes except for a special circumstance agreed upon by the board.

Practice Balls

For all qualifying squads, allow three minutes per bowler of open practice prior to the first game each qualifying squad. This is 9 minutes when 3 on a pair, 12 when 4 on a pair and 15 when 5 on a pair. For subsequent games, no practice balls shall be allowed.

Prior to a match during the finals, the bowlers on a lane pair shall be allowed either:

- a. Ten (10) minutes of practice for singles and fifteen (15) in doubles the first round, or
- b. Five (5) minutes of practice in match play if either bowler or team is entering competition from a bye, or
- c. Two (2) practice balls per lane.

Lane Courtesy

Two lane courtesies shall be observed. Bowlers shall make a delivery without an intervening delivery from one of the lanes adjacent to the specific lane. The bowler on the right should bowl if both reach the approach at the same time.

Number of Re-Racks Allowed

During tournament qualifying, bowlers shall be allowed two re-racks per game. No exceptions shall be granted. During the match play finals, bowlers shall be allowed two re-racks per game unless given permission for additional re-racks by the Tournament Director. Failure to adhere to these rules shall subject the bowler to a penalty of zero for the frame.

Notification of Dispute or Protest

In the event of a dispute or protest during tournament play, the game shall cease and the Tournament Director shall be notified immediately. Claims for disputes or protests shall not be allowed if the participants involved continue bowling without such notification. No unreasonable delay shall be permitted while the tournament is in progress.

Mechanical Breakdowns

In the event of a mechanical breakdown, a game shall start or continue on an alternate pair of lanes designated by the Tournament Director. In the event a special ruling is required, the Tournament Director shall make all decisions regarding such matters.

Score Sheets and Verification

All qualifying score sheets must be completed as follows:

- a. Each qualifying game and the associated plus/minus filled in and initialed by the bowler to verify the game score.
- b. Qualifying totals and the associated plus/minus filled in and signed by the bowler to verify the total score.
- c. Qualifying totals cosigned by another bowler assigned to the same pair of lanes to verify the total score.

Incomplete score sheets shall subject the bowler to a fine of \$10 per offense. Errors in scoring that have a direct bearing on the results of that tournament (qualifiers) shall carry a fine of not more than \$10 plus disqualification, forfeiture, and return of all awards won for that tournament.

In the event of a disqualification, each bowler below the disqualified bowler shall move up one place in the standings.

Scoring Errors

Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within thirty (30) minutes after completion of the squad in which such errors occurred, or before the start of the match play finals. The Tournament Director disclaims all responsibility for errors unless this rule is strictly adhered to.

Alternates

Bowlers who fail to qualify for the finals shall be designated as alternates, in the order in which they finished in the qualifying rounds. Should a finalist fail to appear at the finals roll call, the alternate present with the next highest qualifying score shall participate in the match play finals. When a senior/women misses roll call, the spot will be filled with the next alternate on the at-large list

Match Play Finals Roll Call

Bowlers who have qualified for the finals must report to the Tournament Director when the call for the finals has been announced. Failure to report shall result in the replacement of the absent bowler with the alternate who has the next highest qualifying score.

Oil Patterns

Oil patterns will be announced at least seven days in advance. The type of pattern, ratio and distance will be provided. If the pattern has an official name, the name will be provided. When the center has the capability to provide a printout of the lane graph, it will be posted on BowlNEBA.com and Facebook. NEBA isn't responsible if there is an error in putting down the pattern.

There will be an effort to provide a variety of shots including "house", "challenge" and "sport" shots.

The Tournament of Champions will be hold on a sport compliant shot and the event will be certified as a sport shot tournament. It can be any sport pattern with the collaboration between the center and tournament director.

The Invitational will be a challenge pattern designed by Kegel. Kegel will design three pattern of different lengths. Each year, the pattern will be randomly drawn by the tournament director.

Oiling

Lanes will oiled before the first squad of each day. Lanes will be re-oiled before match play providing the center is able to do it. All match play and practice pairs for byes will be re-oiled.

Sponsors

All members who find a sponsor for NEBA are entitled to receive compensation of 10% of the sponsorship in NEBA entry free credit.

APPENDIX – NEBA INFORMATION

Tournament Information

Membership Fee: \$25 - New Member & Membership Renewal
No Fee - Honorary and Military Service members

Entry Fee: \$ 90 members - Prize Fund \$68.50
Expenses \$8.00
Lineage \$13.50* (based upon 201 entries)
* Lineage is based upon \$2.50 per game. If less,
the money will go into the prize fund
\$105 non-members

Singles Squad Times: Saturday 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday 12:30 PM

Other Squad Times: Announced in the NEBA Newsletter & Website

Special Tournament Squad Times: Announced in Newsletter & Website

Center Fee

The center fee to be put towards the trophy \$50. The fee is waived for the point leader invitational, Tournament of Champions and senior tournaments. The treasurer has the right to waive the fee for centers which host other special tournaments.

Salaries

On a per tournament basis, the NEBA Tournament Director receives \$150 plus \$2 per entry. The Secretary/Treasurer receives \$150 plus \$3.50 per entry. Incidental expenses, for example hotel, meals, assistants, and so forth are to be covered out of the salary.

Board Compensation

On a calendar year basis, members of the NEBA Board of Directors are compensated according to their attendance at scheduled Board meetings and work on committees. The monies will be used toward entry to a tournament or future membership.

- a. \$25 per board meeting attended, and
- b. Compensation for Committee Work is Chairman to receive a one-time \$25.00 award for the committee Chairman and a \$20 one time for committee members. The Chairman is responsible reporting to whether committee members are active to the tournament director.

Bowler/Rookie/Senior of the Year Point System

Points are awarded in all tournaments unless noted. No points will be awarded for tournaments with restricted field except for the non-champions and Tournament of Champions, which falls on the same weekend.

When the non-champions tournament and tournament of champions fall on the same weekend, the non-champions tournament winner will only receive points for the non-champions tournament. Senior tournament points will be awarded only for senior and super senior bowler of the year awards.

On a per tournament basis, points are assigned for the following:

- a. High qualifier: 5 points
- b. Tournament entry: 5 points
- c. Qualifying for match play finals: 10 additional points (15 total)
- d. Advancing to next round of match play:
 - 7 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (22 total)
 - 8 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (30 total)
 - 9 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (39 total)
 - 10 additional points for advancing to the 5th round (49 total)
 - 11 additional points for advancing to the 6th round (60 total)
 - 12 additional points for winning the 6th round (72 total)

For Doubles, the following points are awarded:

- a. High qualifier: 5 points each
- b. Tournament entry: 5 points
- c. Qualifying for match play finals: 7 additional points (12 total)
- d. Advancing to next round of match play:
 - 5 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (17 total)
 - 6 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (23 total)
 - 7 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (30 total)
 - 8 additional points for advancing to the 5th round (38 total)
 - 9 additional points for winning the 5th round (47 total)

Tournament of Champions (based upon 16 finalists):

- a. High qualifier: 5 points
- b. Tournament entry: 5 points
- c. Qualifying for match play finals: 15 additional points (20 total)
- d. Advancing to next round of match play:
 - 10 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (30 total)
 - 12 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (42 total)
 - 14 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (56 total)
 - 16 additional points for winning the 4th round (72 total)

Eligibility:

Rookie of the Year – Limited to first time members

Senior of the Year – Limited to those who are 50 years old. Points are awarded once a bowler attains their 50th birthday.

Youth of the Year – Limited to those who are youth members of USBC. Youth points will not be awarded as soon as a youth bowler changes to adult membership.