

**Traveling Classic Bowling Association
Central Arkansas Women's Division
2007-2008**

I. ORGANIZATION

- A. The board of directors shall be the governing body of this league and shall consist of the officers and team captains. A captain may name another team member to act as the team representative at board of directors meeting. Each member of the board is entitled to one vote whether an officer of the league, a team representative or both. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- B. The league will consist of 8 teams from 6 centers. All teams will draw for district placement with no preference given to bowling centers sponsoring more than one team.
- C. The league will bowl 18 stops beginning August 5th, 2007. League play will begin at 11:00 A.M.
- D. Rules shall be adopted at a meeting prior to the start of the league schedule by the board of directors and members present. After the league schedule begins, a change in the league rules and approved prize list can be made only with the written consent of every team captain or designated representative.
- E. The league will consist of 2 districts with 4 teams in each district.

II. BOWLING FEES, RETURNED CHECK POLICY, FORFEITED GAMES

- A. Bowling fees will be \$25.00 per bowler per stop. Lineage will vary depending on location of the competition. The Secretary's fee will be \$.75 per bowler per 3-game set. All fees are due to the Secretary by the beginning of the second game, first set. Because the league may have team rosters of up to 8 persons, if a team floors only 4 bowlers during a weeks' bowling (6 games), and the following session has 5 bowlers, all fees must be paid current. If a team has less than 5 bowlers during the first set, but knows there will be 5 bowlers during the second set, the full fee is due for the day. The fees for the final stop are due by the last bowling date in January, 2008.
- B. The \$135.00 team membership fee is due by the second stop.
- C. There will be a \$20.00 service charge for each returned check. Any bowler having a returned check will be unable to write checks to the league for the

remainder of the season unless documentation of bank error is provided stating reimbursement for service charge.

- D. All teams will be charged a fine of \$6.25 for 1 game, \$12.50 for 2 games, or \$25.00 for a set of forfeited games. The fine will be \$50.00 of a forfeit of a complete session.

III. SANCTIONING , SANCTION FEES, TEAM ROSTERS

- A. This league will be sanctioned by the CA USBC WBA. If a member has sanctioned through her home association, she may choose not to join the CA USBC WBA. Bowlers must provide proof of sanctioning on their first day of bowling or must sanction through this league.
- B. USBC dues are \$17.00. National dues - \$10.00; State dues - \$1.00; Local dues \$6.00.
- C. Each team shall have no more than 8 members on the roster. If adding another bowler to your roster will result in exceeding the 8 -person maximum, see the Secretary for the appropriate form to drop a former member. Failure to do so can result in forfeiture of all games bowled before the correction has been made.

IV. APPROPRIATE ATTIRE, FINES (from TCBA Rulebook, Rule #5)

- A. Captains are responsible for obtaining uniform team bowling shirts from their sponsor, or for having each member buy their own. All shirts must include the standard TCBA patch to be worn by all members. **The patch must be sewn, not pinned, on the front side, right chest.** On the back, all shirts must have the sponsor(s) city and state represented.
- B. All teams must have their bowling shirts by October 1st, or the 1st bowling date in October. If mailing or lettering should delay receipt of shirts, the fine may be waived if proof of purchase is provided. New members added after October 1st will have 30 days to obtain a shirt. **Failure to comply with the shirt or patch requirements will result in a fine of \$5.00 per 3-game set.**
- C. Skirts and shorts will be permitted, but must be no more than **5 inches** above the bend of the knee, measured in a standing position from the back. Skirts with slits that allow undergarments or backsides to show should not be worn. Articles of clothing with a mix of lycra/spandex will be allowed. Any questionable attire shall be referred to the Elected Officers to decide if said article is cleared or if the bowler shall be asked not to wear it again. **Clothing violations will result in a \$5.00 fine per 3-game set.**

- D. The TCBA team shirt **may not** be covered with coats, sweaters, or similar outerwear while the bowler is completing a frame of competition or while the bowler remains in the scorekeeping/settee/pit area. **Failure to comply will result in a \$5.00 fine per 3-game set.**

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF PRACTICE!!!

- E. Derogatory conduct and/or language shall be subject to a \$1.00 fine for each offense.

V. **AVERAGES, TEAM HANDICAP, LINE-UPS**

- A. Individuals will use the same average maintained from the prior TCBA season, provided 21 or more games were completed. All others shall use their highest USBC BA, WBA, USBC Youth book average of 21 games or more from the previous year. If a bowler has no winter league average, a summer league average of 21 games or more shall be used. A bowler with none of the above may use their last book average going back no more than 2 years. A bowler with none of the above may use their last book average going back no more than 2 years. A bowler with none of the above may enter the league with a 150 average.

- B. Each member will use her entering average for a minimum of 12 games in TCBA competition. Her current average will be computed following the 3-game set in which the 12th game occurs.

- C. The handicap allowance shall be eighty (80%) percent of the difference in a team's current lineup average and the base of 1,000. If one team in a contest has a current team average over 1,000, that team will award 100% of the overage back to the lower team. If both teams are over 1000 current average, 80% handicap of the difference will be awarded to the lower average team.

- D. Names and handicaps should be entered prior to the beginning of practice. If both teams are present, the team on the odd numbered lane should input names first. USBC Rule 11 will be in effect: No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a league or tournament refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by a league or tournament official, the game or series shall be declared forfeited.

VI. **COURTESY, ETIQUETTE**

- A. There will be no smoking, eating or drinking in the settee/pit area.

- B. Only bowlers competing in the current set are allowed in the settee/pit area.
- C. A team will not move, in person or with equipment, into the settee/pit area for their second set of bowling until the teams on that pair of lanes from the first set have completed bowling and vacated the area. Bowler should remain on the concourse until their lanes for the second set are available.
- D. Bowlers should be careful not to “step up” on other bowlers when retrieving balls from the ball return.
- E. Bowlers should be in the settee/pit area when the bowler before her is delivering her first ball.
- F. Cell phones/pagers should be turned to off or vibrate so as not to disturb other bowlers.

VII. **PRE/POST BOWLING, POSTPONEMENT PROCEDURES.**

- A. The league President will appoint a postponement committee and they shall determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement. If a team is unable to bowl at the regular scheduled time, the Secretary must be notified at least 48 hours in advance, except for emergencies. A postponement must be granted when a team cannot field a minimum legal lineup for reasons beyond its control. The Postponement Committee shall determine whether any other postponements shall be granted. The committee will consist of 5 members with 3 out of 5 approval.
- B. If a postponement or pre-bowl is granted, the Secretary will notify the opposing team captain, and the procedure outlined in USBC Rule 111f will be followed to schedule the postponed or unopposed match.
- C. If 2 teams are bowling unopposed (pre- or post- bowling), but are not scheduled to bowl each other, they may not bowl on the same pair of lanes.
- D. Unopposed make-ups must be completed before the next bowling date or 2 weeks, whichever is longer. Failure to makeup games within this time frame will result in a forfeit, unless an extension (in case of an emergency) is granted by the League Board of Directors.

VIII. **PRIZE LISTS, AWARDS**

- A. The prize committee will have recommended prize list(s) available on the 2nd stop. The Board of Directors will meet at 10:30 A.M. on that date to discuss

the proposed list(s).

- B. Individuals/Teams can qualify for only one prize. This does not include honor awards for individuals including most improved, high average, bowler of the year and most valuable bowler.
- C. The award that will take precedence will be High Series Handicap (3 games) or the prize with the highest monetary value.
- D. Bowlers will be eligible for league awards during postponed or pre-bowled games.

IX. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. The election of officers for the coming season will be held on the last bowling stop. Only members present are eligible to vote. All officers will be elected by a majority vote of those present. Absentee and proxy votes are not allowed.
- B. The Vice President will chair the nominating committee with other individuals appointed by the President. The Vice President will conduct the elections. The Sergeant-At-Arms and two appointed tellers shall count votes. A written record of the election results shall be given to the Secretary for league records.
- C. Pre-printed ballots will be provided, including spaces for write-in candidates.
- D. Those wishing to run for office should submit resumes to the nominating committee by the last stop in February.

X. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. All rules apply for each individual 3-game set of bowling. Each set is considered a separate event.

EXAMPLES: If a team bowls the first set, but requests a postponement of the 2nd set, the first set will stand;. If a player's skirt is illegal for the first set, she could have someone bring her an acceptable garment for the second set and not be further penalized.

- B. USBC and TCBA rules will prevail over any questions not addressed in the rules.