

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

The object of this organization shall be the development of bowlers and team competition. It shall encourage and foster the highest standards of sportsmanship and personal conduct among its members. This organization will be keenly interested in all aspects of duckpin bowling in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, in the Central Atlantic region, and on the National level.

A. This organization shall be governed by a committee selected from members of the League. This Committee will include: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, all Team Captains, Statistician, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.

1. Election Procedure:

- a. The league officers will be elected at the end of the season and will be effective immediately. Outgoing members who have been working on special projects shall work with the new Committee temporarily on a nonvoting basis.
  - b. At least two (2) members of the retiring league officers must be retained.
  - c. Nominations for all offices will be accepted from the League body. All officers must have been members of the BPDA the previous season.
  - d. In elections, a simple majority vote of the membership present will be necessary for the election to be valid. The order of elections at the end of the season will be (1) President, (2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, (4) Statistician, (5) Treasurer, (6) Recording Secretary and the remaining Committee Members will be comprised of all Team Captains. Nominees shall leave the room during discussion of candidates prior to voting.
2. The President shall be paid a fee set by the League for her services. It will be the duty of the President to set the dates for all Committee meetings and to preside over those meetings. A meeting may be held at the request of any Committee member. (See Addendum, Duties of the President, for delineation of duties).
3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in her absence.
4. It will be the duty of the Treasurer to oversee all financial transactions, keep all financial records, prepare financial statements and reports, which will be turned into the President

monthly, collect all bowling fees, and hold and dispense all League monies. The Treasurer shall be paid a fee set by the League for her services.

5. Duties of the Statistician:

- a. All substitutes or replacement bowlers must be cleared within one (1) week after they have rolled in a scheduled game or match so that their eligibility may be verified before bowling again.
- b. If a substitute is found to have submitted an incorrect average or is found to be a nonsanctioned bowler, the Statistician must inform the captain of the team who used her, **within one (1) week** and make the necessary adjustment to the games in which the substitute bowled, and also must note the correct average and publish the correction on the next standing sheet for the information of other teams. Nonsanctioned bowlers will not be allowed to bowl again.
- c. If the substitute submitted a correct average that made the team over their limit, the statistician must notify the team captain, **within one (1) week** and the Committee, make the necessary adjustment to the games in which the substitute bowled, and publish the correction on the next League standings sheet.
- d. Statistician shall provide a standings sheet each week, at least one (1) per team, at the scheduled establishment(s).
- e. Statistician shall keep the averages of all bowlers and submit an average sheet to all regular bowlers **every week** of league bowling. She will also submit averages to the Baltimore Bowlers' Association (BBA) and the National Duckpin Bowling Congress (NDBC) when requested and at the end of each season of play.
- f. Statistician will apply for all individual and team awards; all money games and/or sets must be reported immediately so that the bowler will receive her award as soon as possible.
- g. Statistician shall post tournament dates on standings sheet as a reminder to League members.
- h. Statistician shall provide a complete address and phone list (home, work and email) of all League members **within one (1) month**.
- i. Statistician shall provide a floating substitute list to team captains by completion of the first six (6) weeks of the season. All new substitutes (names, addresses, phone numbers, and averages) shall be listed on standings sheets for other captains' use. Names and averages of substitute can also be found on our web page [www.somensbpda.com](http://www.somensbpda.com).
- j. Statistician shall send a form letter to all substitutes explaining dress-behavior code.

- k. Statistician shall be paid a fee set by the League for her services.
- 6. The Recording Secretary will be established as a separate office and keep minutes of the General, Committee, and Captains' meetings. The office of the Recording Secretary is a nonpaid office; however, the League will pay postage if needed.

## B. Legislative Procedure

1. A league organizational meeting will be held yearly either the first or second Wednesday in August. All League members are requested to attend this meeting. Post cards or e-mails will be sent out as a reminder. All Constitution and By-Laws' changes, to include playing rules and format, will be made for the pending season of play at that meeting.
2. The Committee will be responsible for amending By-Laws; however, a new rule will not be put into effect until after it has been passed by a majority vote of the League members present at an appointed meeting. No change in playing rules or format will be made during a League year. The Committee will interpret all League rules as specific situation arise.
3. Any member of the BPDA, may suggest an addition or amendment to the By-Laws by submitting the suggestion to the President. The submitted By-Laws amendment will be presented to the League at a general membership meeting. A simple majority vote by the League membership will determine the outcome.
4. The Committee will discuss new developments in duckpin bowling on the local, sectional, and national levels and will keep the League membership informed. The Committee will readily express the opinion of the League membership to any other duckpin governing body. The League membership, on the other hand, will respect the judgment of the Committee, if an opinion or commitment had to be made without sufficient time to call a meeting of the League membership. If the League membership cannot, with conscience, respect the judgment of the Committee, the membership may resort to a "recall" procedure as follows:
  - a. A meeting of the entire League membership may be requested by obtaining the signatures of a minimum of 1/3 of the membership. A valid 4/5 representation of the League membership must be present at this meeting for an overrule vote to be cast. The disputed decision(s) will be presented, and a vote of 2/3 of those members attending will be required to overrule any decision of the Committee.
5. The duly elected Committee of the BPDA has the authority to take disciplinary action against any member who violates any rule or action approved by the League membership. Disciplinary action may take the form of fines, suspensions, or a combination of both. The Committee retains the authority to regulate participation in the League.