

## ARTICLE IV – TEAM SELECTION METHOD

In order to obtain the highest order of balanced competition possible, the BPDA will use an annual **draft** system to determine each bowler's team assignment for that season.

### A. Eligibility List:

1. The BPDA Committee or its appointed representative will compile a list of all bowlers in the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area in descending order of average who meet the following eligibility requirements:
  - a. New draftees must have a minimum of 80 games from the previous season. At least 80 of those games must be acquired as a regular member from one (1) league from the previous season of play, bowled August 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. Remaining game volume may be acquired from substitution and tournament play. Youth bowlers must have bowled 80% of their league games. **If a new bowler coming into the league is not sanctioned, a sanctioned bowler wishing to join the league will receive preference over the non sanctioned bowler. All non sanctioned bowlers accepted into the league must provide a final average sheet from all leagues in which they have bowled.**
  - b. A draftee's draft entrance average will be based on her highest interlane average in which she competed in at least 80% of the total possible number of league games. In the absence of an interlane average, her draft entrance average will be based on her composite house league averages. If, however, the draftee had a total of 45 games as a substitute/replacement bowler in the BPDA for the current season ending in June, that will be considered an established average, and supersede the above. Game volume requirements will remain the same, as outlined in 1a above.
  - c. Eligible BPDA returning members from the previous season will use their final BPDA league average from that season.
2. If a current BPDA member's average from the previous season of play, and a prospective draftee's average are the same, without regard to overpins, the current BPDA member shall be given first consideration in placement on the draft list.
3. BPDA members must have bowled in at least 80% of the total BPDA games of the last completed season to retain eligibility. This 80% requirement may be waived if a plea of hardship is submitted in writing to the Committee for consideration (see Article IV, Section B.3. for further definition).
4. BPDA members must have bowled in at least 80% of the total BPDA games to retain or acquire a Team Captainship. There is no exception to this requirement and no hardship plea applies.

5. Current NDYA bowlers are not eligible for participation as either a regular member or an alternate in the Women's Division of the BPDA.

#### **B. Selection List:**

1. The highest average bowlers on the eligibility list will automatically comprise the selection list.
2. If any bowler(s) on the selection list declines an invitation to bowl in the BPDA, the succeeding bowler(s) on the eligibility list will be elevated to the selection list.
3. A BPDA bowler who was eligible in the previous season, but did not compete due to pregnancy, severe illness, etc., which prevented her participation, may be reinstated by the Committee, if that bowler requests said reinstatement in writing by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If the Committee accepts the reinstatement request, she will be placed on the selection list at the position in which her last complete season's eligibility average would entitle her, unless she participated as a substitute bowler in the BPDA, and bowled 45 games or more. In this case, the eligibility average will be based on the substitution games, and will supersede the last complete season's eligibility average. (EXCEPTION: She may not be placed in any captain's position).

#### **C. Draft Procedure:**

The draft of bowlers from the selection list will be held on the **last Wednesday in June** (subject to change) and will proceed as follows:

1. From the selection list, the BPDA member with the highest average from the previous season will be designated as Team Captain #1; the second highest bowler will be designated as Team Captain #2, etc., through the total number of teams in the League. Ties for Team Captain's position will be determined by true average with the exception of the last captain's spot; then, a two-game total pinfall roll off will take place to determine the last captain.
  - a. A member who meets the Team Captain requirement may not refuse, either verbally or in writing, to accept the position of Team Captain, its corresponding responsibilities, or to select a team. If a member does not accept a position of Team Captain, she relinquishes her eligibility to bowl in the League for the current season. That same bowler is automatically reinstated; however, for the following season as long as all eligibility requirements have been met.
2. Each Team Captain will select her first team member by drafting in reverse order, with the lowest average Team Captain selecting first, up through the highest average Team Captain. For this Round 1 selection, each Captain will select bowlers from the entire drafted list.

3. At the conclusion of Round 1, eligibility averages of each Team Captain and her first draftee will then be totaled, including overpins. Ties in team average totals will be broken by true averages of all team members.
4. The Team Captain with the lowest team average total will then draft first in Round 2 and may select from the entire remaining draft list. The draft will continue in this order, lowest to highest, throughout the remaining rounds of the draft until all teams have been selected.
5. Any bowler who accepts the invitation to bowl in the BPDA, but refuses to bowl after the draft has been completed, for reasons other than those beyond her control, will not be allowed to participate in any capacity in any BPDA match for that season.
6. If a member drops out of the League for reasons beyond her control, and a permanent replacement bowler is selected, that member may only substitute for the team on which she was originally selected.
7. If a member drops out of the League either before or after the season has actually started, the Team Captain must select a replacement bowler according to ARTICLE V – SUBSTITUTES.