

**BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
WOMEN'S NATIONAL DUCKPIN ASSOCIATION**

**OBJECTIVE:**

The Women's National Duckpin Association (hereinafter referred to as the "WNDA") shall bring together the finest women duckpin bowlers in the country to promote a professional image, a healthy competitive spirit, and a dedication to the betterment of the sport of duckpin bowling.

**ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION**

**A. Eligibility** – The WNDA shall be open to all female bowlers sanctioned by the National Duckpin Bowling Congress (hereinafter referred to as the "NDBC") who have a minimum average of 110, and have completed the membership application. If a bowler wishes to join the WNDA and her average is below 110, she would enter with the minimum average of 110 for the purposes of qualifying in the pins over average category and/or monetary awards. A bowler's entrance average, which is used for any qualifying and/or monetary awards, will be calculated by: (1) the bowler's WNDA tour average from the previous year for three or more tours; (2) the bowler's WNDA tour average from two years prior for three or more tours; or (3) the bowler's composite book average (45 games or more) from their local area for the prior year or their composite sanctioned league average as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of the tour year in which they are entering, whichever is greater. Bowlers must furnish the league average sheet(s) as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year entering the tour for the purpose of average verification. Bowlers participating in more than one sanctioned league must use a composite league average and furnish a league average sheet as of April 15<sup>th</sup> from each league in which they participated. Bowlers must have bowled 45 games or more in each league. Bowlers with no book average from the prior two years and no current sanctioned league average will not be eligible to advance to Sunday match play in the pins-over-average category or for minor awards in their first year of membership.

**B. Application**

1. The full-time and part-time membership process includes submission of a written application and remittance of membership fees. Application forms can be obtained through local area representatives, the WNDA website, or by sending a letter of intent to the Association. Completed applications and membership fees should be submitted to the Statistician of the WNDA. Applications received will be screened to assess the eligibility of applicants.
2. A full-time member is eligible to enter all WNDA tour stops.
3. A part-time member is eligible to enter any three (3) WNDA tour stops (with the exception of the Grand Prix). A part-time member may upgrade to full-time stature by paying the difference between full and part-time membership plus a \$5.00 handling fee at any time during the season. Part-time members are not eligible to

bowl in the Grand Prix event, or to receive Bowler of the Year or Rookie of the Year awards (see Article 3, Section F).

4. An associate membership is also available with the WNDA. This membership should appeal to suppliers, sponsors and all who are enthusiastic about continuing to improve the quality of duckpin bowling but may wish not to compete in tournament events.
5. Membership will be renewable yearly at a rate established by the Governing Body.

## **ARTICLE II – STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION**

- A. Structure** – The WNDA will be composed of a general membership from which a Governing Body will be formed to carry out the functions of the Association. The general membership will be composed of bowlers who have completed the application process and reside in one of the following geographical areas (hereinafter referred to as an “area”):

Baltimore and Vicinity  
Connecticut  
Mid-Maryland  
Metro Washington, MD/DC/Virginia  
Rhode Island/Massachusetts

The Governing Body will consist of the elected area representatives from the aforementioned geographical areas. Once formed, the Governing Body will determine its officers. All Committee Chairwomen and all Association officers may attend meetings of the Governing Body but only elected Area Representatives and Officers may vote. (The Statistician may vote if she is a member of WNDA, full-time, part-time or associate.)

Representation will be determined by the number of WNDA members in each area. A minimum of one (1) and up to ten (10) members will entitle an area to one (1) representative and an alternate. An additional representative will be granted to an area for each additional one (1) to ten (10) members. For example, one (1) to ten (10) members equals one (1) representative; eleven (11) to twenty (20) members equals two (2) representatives; and twenty-one (21) to thirty (30) members equals three (3) representatives, etc. The number of members in each area on or about September 1 will determine the number of representatives to be elected in each area holding elections. Representatives will be elected for two-year terms at a general meeting within their area to be held prior to the last tour stop of the year. If an area chooses, it may elect representatives by a mail-in vote, if said vote is received by the proper deadline of September 1. In which case, all interested parties shall make known in advance their intentions so as a slate of potential representatives be written up for the purpose of a write-in vote. The representatives in charge of the meeting will be responsible for the final tally at the meeting.

For the first year, 1983, Baltimore and Metro-Washington (totaling approximately one-half of the Board) will elect representatives for a two-year term period with the remaining representatives (Connecticut, Maryland-at-Large, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia-at-Large) being elected for a one-year term. The latter areas will in the second year, 1984, elect their representatives for a two-year term. All subsequent elections in all areas will continue from this point based on a two-year representative terms. The purpose of staggering these terms initially is to maintain continuity within the Governing Body. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Governing Body other than that due to the expiration of a term of office, the designated alternate shall fill the vacancy. The representatives from that particular area shall then select another designated alternate.

Elected area representatives will meet at the last tournament event with the purpose of selecting a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The offices of President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer are elected positions, and if the Governing Body so directs, may be filled by individuals from outside the Governing Body but must be a member of WNDA (full-time, part-time or associate). The offices of Statistician and Events Director are elected positions and, if the Governing Body so directs, may be individuals from outside the organization (WNDA). An Events Director will be elected by the Governing Body from a group of applicants who shall have been previously screened by the Governing Body. All letters of intent for the offices of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Statistician and Events Director must be submitted to the Governing Body thirty (30) days prior to the last event of the year. Interested parties must submit a resume delineating bowling background and qualifications for the position. The office of Secretary is an appointed position and, if the Governing Body so directs, may be filled by an individual from outside the Governing Body but must be a member of WNDA (full-time, part-time or associate). The President shall appoint the Secretary with the approval of the Governing Body.

The term of office for President and Vice Presidents shall be a two-year period. The Vice Presidents will be elected in alternate years. The term of office for the Statistician and Events Director shall be a two-year period. The term of office for the Treasurer shall be one year. The term of office for Secretary shall be for a one-year period. In the event a vacancy occurs in the position of an officer of the Governing Body, the Governing Body shall elect a new person to fulfill that office, except in the case of the vacancy of the office of President, whereby, the Vice President elected in the same year as the President will complete the term of the President and a new Vice President shall be elected by the Governing Body to complete the remaining term.

**B. Function** – The functions of the WNDA shall be carried out by the area representatives, officers of the Governing Body, and the Events Director throughout the Fiscal Year January 1 – December 31.

1. Duties of the Area Representative – The duties and responsibilities of the area representative shall include, but are not be limited to, the following:
  - a. To represent their constituents as members of the Governing Body. No area representatives shall be permitted to be absent from more than two meetings of

the Governing Body during each circuit. In the event an area representative is absent from more than two meetings, the designated alternate shall assume her position for the balance of the term.

- b. To negotiate, under the direction of the President, with local proprietors for tournament events. Once tournament events are negotiated, they shall promote these events through activities such as arranging for advertisement, obtaining sponsors, etc. In addition, if a Pro-Am is requested by the host establishment, they shall assist the proprietor with the Pro-Am and/or in any other way necessary to prepare for the event.
- c. To assist the Statistician in the verification of averages for minor awards.
- d. To review and evaluate the budget yearly.
- e. To assist the Events Director on site by issuing verbal warnings at the time misconduct occurs by a participating member. Notify Events Director of such action.
- f. To recommend further disciplinary action at the next Governing Body meeting if verbal warning was ignored.
- g. To be involved in processing appeals and disputes.

## **1. Duties of Officers**

### **a. President**

- (1) As Chief Executive Officer of the organization, shall be responsible for the general functioning of the WNDA and shall be empowered to sign all the contractual agreements binding the Association.
- (2) Shall preside over all general membership meetings of the WNDA and all meetings of the Governing Body.
- (3) Shall negotiate events with the assistance of the area representatives.
- (4) Shall have the power to appoint such committees and assign such duties as may be necessary, with the approval of the Governing Body. All Committees appointed by the President shall act under the direction of the Governing Body.
- (5) Shall appoint with the approval of the Governing Body, a Secretary.
- (6) Shall be authorized to sign all corporate checks. The President shall be bonded.

### **b. Vice Presidents**

- (1) In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over all meetings of the WNDA and the Governing Body and shall assume all duties of the President.
- (2) Shall serve as the dress code officer, which will include the responsibility of assuring that uniforms selected by members are color and pattern coordinated and adhere to the defined dress code as later described.
- (3) Shall be authorized to sign all corporate checks. The Vice Presidents shall be bonded.

c. Secretary

- (1) Take Minutes of all meetings of the Governing Body and general meetings of the membership and distribute to Officers and Governing Body members.
- (2) Maintain a permanent file of all Minutes.
- (3) Handle correspondence as directed by Officers and/or Governing Body.
- (4) Perform other duties as assigned by Officers and/or Governing Body.

d. Treasurer

Shall be a salaried position. Salary shall be determined by the Governing Body.

- (1) Shall be responsible for all financial transactions of the WNDA.
- (2) Shall maintain all financial records and submit annually a published financial report to the general membership. At the discretion of the Governing Body, the books shall be audited either annually or bi-annually. Financial updates will be provided to the Governing Body at each tournament event.
- (3) Shall be responsible for maintaining the corporate checking account.
- (4) Shall be authorized to sign all corporate checks. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

e. Statistician

Shall be a salaried position. Salary shall be determined by the Governing Body.

- (1) Shall maintain all records of each tournament event.

- (2) Shall publish shift assignments and lane assignments (when applicable)
- (3) Shall handle registration for each tournament event and coordinate with the Events Director.
- (4) Shall be authorized to sign all corporate checks. The Statistician shall be bonded.
- (5) Shall be responsible for verifying averages for minor awards.
- (6) Shall be responsible for sending tournament results to the membership and the NDBC.
- (7) Shall publish a final average list to all members of the WNDA.

**2. Duties of the Events Director**

This individual shall receive both a salary and expenses from the WNDA. Salary shall be determined and expenses approved by the Governing Body.

a. Non-Events Activities

- (1) To promote the general professionalism of duckpin bowling.
- (2) To be involved in WNDA-sponsored activities.

b. Events Activities

- (1) Pre-event activities and duties shall include, but are not limited to, general assistance in circuit negotiation, completion of public relations advance work.
- (2) Event-related activities and duties shall include:
  - (a) supervision of check-in;
  - (b) making preliminary announcements and introductions;
  - (c) effecting bowling discipline by upholding and enforcing all WNDA regulations to promote a general atmosphere of professionalism;
  - (d) maintaining a scoreboard for qualifying round;
  - (e) compiling and announcing qualifiers and any other awards;
  - (f) overseeing finals;

- (g) making final award presentations; and
- (h) acting as liaison with the press for bowler interviews and post-event publicity.

### ARTICLE III – TOURNAMENT EVENTS

A. **Sanctioning** – All tournament events will be sanctioned by the NDBC and, as such, will be subject to all applicable NDBC rules.

B. **Registration**

1. Registration forms and tournament information letters will be sent to the general membership prior to an event. Forms will be completed, signed and returned, accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the WNDA. All forms and checks or money orders for tournament registration must be mailed to the Statistician, postmarked on or before the deadline date, which shall be stated in the invitation letter. Fees for tournament registration and for late registration shall be established by the Governing Body.
2. In the event a member's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Association may require that member to forward all future entry fees in the form of a money order or cashier's check. Any charge by the bank or any other penalty fee deemed appropriate by the Association must be paid by the member prior to competing in any future events.
3. Squad assignments will be determined by the Statistician prior to the tournament events upon receipt of the entry form and fees, on a first-come, first-served basis, as determined by the postmark. Advance entries will not be accepted. Should the host proprietor request that lane assignments be made prior to the event due to the use of automated scoring systems, squad and lane assignments will be based on the same criteria used for squad assignments.. The Statistician, President and Events Director will have discretionary powers in balancing the squads.

C. **Format** – All WNDA events will consist of a preliminary qualifying round on Saturday and a head-to-head semi-final competition on Sunday. All qualifying rounds will be bowled in a single 8-game block. In tours where houses have 24 lanes or more, bowlers will skip lanes for the purpose of bowling on lanes throughout the entire bowling center or lanes allotted for the events.

Whenever it is the responsibility of the bowler to report her own average, reporting an incorrect average will result in forfeiture of the minor award.

Each event will have a field of 24 qualifiers pass on to the semi-finals; 20 based on scratch pinfall and 4 based on pins-over-average. The Governing Body reserves the right to alter the number of qualifiers for tours when Proprietors contribute excess franchise fees OR when there are 40 entries or less. Ties for the final qualifying "pins-over-average" spot

will be resolved by a two-game roll off, total pins over average being the determining factor. Ties for the final qualifying scratch spot will be resolved by a two-game roll off, total pinfall being the determining factor. The starting time for roll-off matches will be one hour prior to the check-in time on Sunday prior to the Semi-Final round. If a bowler is not present at the start time of the roll-off match, that bowler will forfeit the match. If the tied bowlers are in the bowling establishment following the announcement of the cut for Sunday Semi-Finals, the bowlers may enter into discussions with the Director and the bowling establishment and conduct the roll-off on Saturday night, provided all parties are willing. The individual with the highest scratch score after the qualifiers have been determined will be designated the alternate. The alternate must be present and ready to bowl through the semi-finals. In the event a bowler qualifies for the semi-finals and cannot continue, the alternate will replace her. The alternate shall receive all money won. The bowler who cannot continue shall receive at least the alternate prize. The bowler with the next highest scratch score who is present at the finals and can step in following the current uniform requirement, will become the alternate and receive the alternate's prize.

Scorekeepers will receive \$5.00 per bowler.

The semi-finals will consist of head-to-head competition within a division format. All division winners and a "wild card" shall advance to the finals. Division winners will be determined by the best won-loss record. In the case of ties in win-loss records, the bowler with the highest pinfall shall win the division. Further ties will be determined by a two-frame roll-off. From the remaining bowlers, the wild card shall be determined first by the best win-loss record and second by highest pinfall.

The finals will be based on one-game head-to-head eliminations. The division winners who advance from the semi-finals will then be ranked in an elimination ladder based first on win-loss record and second on total pinfall. The "wild card" will be ranked lowest on the ladder. The "wild card" shall oppose the lowest-ranked division winner and so on, until one bowler remains to meet the highest-ranked division winner in a final one-game elimination. In the finals ladder, a bowler who cannot continue during a game cannot win that game. In the final game, however, the score of the bowler who cannot continue is compared to the ten-frame score of the other bowler to determine the winner.

During the preliminary and semi-final rounds, bowlers will initial each game score of the bowler opposite them. At the end of these rounds, bowlers must sign their own scorecard to attest the accuracy of the score. In the event of an error, the bowler will receive her actual score and will be subject to a monetary fine. Bowlers signing their card with an incorrect total will be subject to a monetary fine. There will be no appeal.

Only participating bowlers and scorekeepers will be permitted in the bowling area during the Tournament Event.

#### **D. Check-in Process**

1. The check-in procedure begins with the receipt of the published squad listing. It is the responsibility of the member to determine her scheduled squad time. If there are

any problems regarding a member's squad time, it is the responsibility of the member to contact the Statistician or the Events Director at the host establishment

2. Members shall arrive at the host establishment no later than 30 minutes prior to squad starting time. No equipment shall be weighed in later than 15 minutes prior to squad starting time except in cases of extreme emergency. Failure to comply shall result in monetary penalty. All participants must register all bowling balls to be used prior to the start of the shift. In the event of equipment damage, additional balls may be used but must be weighed in by the Events Director. Any balls removed from the premises must be reweighed. Any member using an unregistered bowling ball will be disqualified and then brought before the Governing Body.
  3. If a bowler is late in the preliminary round, she may enter the first game in the frame being bowled but will receive a ten (10) for each frame missed. If she arrives after the other bowlers on her pair of lanes have all completed the first game, she will automatically be disqualified. Cases of extreme emergency shall be immediately referred to the Events Director.
  4. Provided that the host proprietor has not requested that lanes be assigned, bowlers will be requested to draw for their lane assignments. Adopted bowlers will be given the opportunity to bowl on the same lanes with the WNDA member that adopted them. Adopted bowlers will draw for their lanes first and the member adopting the bowler will be assigned to the same lane. Bowlers drawing the same lane will be requested to draw again.
- E. Grand Prix Requirement** – Full-time members who have bowled in at least one event in New England, and one event in the Maryland, Washington or Virginia area during the current year are eligible to bowl the Grand Prix Event. .
- F. Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year Eligibility Requirement** – To be eligible for these two awards, members must bowl in at least four (4) events. New England members must bowl in at least one southern event and the southern members must bowl in at least one New England event.
- G. Television Rights** – The WNDA retains the exclusive rights to have any event and/or activities televised. Any and all revenues obtained will remain the property of the WNDA.
- H. Pro-Am Requirements** – Should the host proprietor request a Pro-Am event at the host establishment, members in that respective area will be requested to participate.

- I. **Basic Minimum Prize List** – In the event there are more than 100 participants, there will be an extended prize list. For every three (3) entries over 100, one (1) additional position will be paid.

	59 & Under Participants		60 & Over Participants	
Position	24 Qualifiers		24 Qualifiers	
	Regular Tours	Grand Prix	Regular Tours	Grand Prix
1	\$1,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00
2	\$500.00	\$850.00	\$650.00	\$1,000.00
3	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$700.00
4	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$450.00
5	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$275.00	\$375.00
6	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$210.00	\$305.00
7	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$205.00	\$240.00
8	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$200.00	\$235.00
9	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$195.00	\$230.00
10	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$190.00	\$225.00
11	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$185.00	\$220.00
12	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$215.00
13	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$175.00	\$210.00
14	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$170.00	\$205.00
15	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$165.00	\$200.00
16	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$160.00	\$195.00
17	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$190.00
18	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$185.00
19	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$145.00	\$180.00
20	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$140.00	\$175.00
21	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$170.00
22	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$130.00	\$165.00
23	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$125.00	\$160.00
24	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$120.00	\$155.00
Alternate	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
High Qualifier	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Total Payout	\$5,165.00	\$6,290.00	\$6,360.00	\$8,610.00

In the event an outside sponsor should contribute a sufficient amount of money to warrant additional qualifiers, the Governing Body will have the authority to determine the number of qualifiers over and above the basic number as stated above.

The following awards will also be included in the basic minimum prize list for each Event.

High Four Out of Eight Games	An amount equal to the tournament entry fee
High Game Out-of-the-Money	An amount equal to the tournament entry fee

129 and Under Awards

High Four Out of Eight Games	An amount equal to the tournament entry fee
High Game	An amount equal to the tournament entry fee

The Governing Body reserves the right to alter the prize list and the number of qualifiers for tours when Proprietors contribute excess franchise fees OR when there are 40 entries or less.

A bowler is eligible for only (1) award per event, with High Four Out of Eight Games being considered first. The average used to determine eligibility for Minor Awards is the bowler’s entrance average (see Article I, Section A – Eligibility). Payment of all Minor Awards will be made pending average verification by the WNDA.

**ARTICLE IV – SPECIAL AWARDS**

Please see Eligibility Requirement for Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year located in Article III, Section F.

**A. Bowler of the Year**

The Bowler of the Year shall receive an award of \$150.00 and a trophy. Points will be awarded on the following basis:

<b>Preliminary Round Position</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Final Position</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	24	2 <sup>nd</sup>	75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	23	3 <sup>rd</sup>	65
4 <sup>th</sup>	22	4 <sup>th</sup>	60
5 <sup>th</sup>	21	5 <sup>th</sup>	50
6 <sup>th</sup>	20	6 <sup>th</sup>	40
7 <sup>th</sup>	19	7 <sup>th</sup>	38
8 <sup>th</sup>	18	8 <sup>th</sup>	36
9 <sup>th</sup>	17	9 <sup>th</sup>	34
10 <sup>th</sup>	16	10 <sup>th</sup>	32
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25 <sup>th</sup>	1	25 <sup>th</sup>	2
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**B. Rookie of the Year**

Beginning with the 1984 season, a Rookie of the Year award will be established. This award will be given to the individual who is competing in her first year in the WNDA and has accumulated the largest number of Bowler of the Year points. The Rookie of the Year shall receive an award of \$100.00 and a trophy.

**C. Other Awards**

In the future, the Governing Body may choose to establish other awards or recognition, such as the WNDA Hall of Fame, membership and perfect attendance, the Ann Schmitter Sports Woman of the Year and the Dot Hull Award.

**ARTICLE V – UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AND CONDUCT**

**A. Uniform Requirements**

1. The WNDA colors will be red, white and blue, which will be reflected in the WNDA emblem.
2. The uniform for the WNDA will consist of a color-coordinated top with a skirt, culottes, walking shorts, skort, slacks, or capris. Skirts, culottes, walking shorts, skorts, slacks, or capris may NOT be denim fabric of any color. No jeans, stirrups, leggings, sweats, or athletic/jogging apparel are allowed. The skirt, culottes, walking shorts, or skort must be of such a length to reach the middle of the thigh, defined as shoulders relaxed and arms straight down alongside the body where the fingertips touch the thigh. In the event that a member wears clothing that is considered by a Vice President to be in violation or personal clothing and/or private parts are shown, the Vice President will request that the situation be corrected by the next tour stop.
3. The bowler’s name MUST appear on the back of the top in BLOCK, UPPERCASE lettering. The name MUST be placed horizontal with the lettering being no smaller than 1.5 inches and no larger than 3 inches. No vertical or angled lettering is allowed.
4. The WNDA patch will be worn on the left sleeve of the bowling top. All Hall of Fame inductees should wear their Hall of Fame patch on either their right sleeve or right breast pocket/side of blouse. At the Governing Body’s discretion, bowlers may be allowed to wear a sponsor’s patch on the right sleeve of the bowling top. The patch must conform to regulations set by the Governing Body.
5. Once a bowler has won a Pro Tour, she must have a star affixed to the back of her bowling top before bowling her next tour stop.
6. All stockings, hose or tights worn during competition must be a solid color.

7. The uniform must be maintained in a professional manner at all times. Any questions regarding uniform coordination shall be handled by the Vice Presidents.

**B. Conduct**

1. Professional behavior must be exhibited on and off the lanes at any WNDA event.
2. The following are examples of unprofessional behavior, which will not be tolerated by the WNDA:
  - a. Gambling by WNDA members will not be tolerated at any time during any WNDA event. Gambling is defined as members betting publicly on bowlers or any other similar activities during any WNDA event.
  - b. Consumption of alcoholic beverages while a bowler is participating in any WNDA event will not be tolerated. Only in those establishments where alcoholic beverages are served will a member be permitted to drink AFTER the completion of her block provided she either changes her blouse or covers her blouse with a jacket, sweatshirt or sweater. Drinking under these conditions should be controlled so as to maintain an air of professionalism.
  - c. Usage of profane language and/or behavior will not be tolerated.
  - d. Exhibition of excessive behavior, exclamatory language and unsportsmanlike conduct that are deemed GENERALLY DISRUPTIVE will not be tolerated.
3. Failure to adhere to a professional standard shall result in monetary penalty or further disciplinary action. Monetary penalties assessed at an event must be paid prior to bowling in subsequent events or submission of any future membership applications. All fines must be paid before requests for appeals will be accepted. If appeal is won, monies will be returned to member.

Appeals and requests for a meeting must be made in writing to the Governing Body prior to the next circuit stop or within four (4) weeks from the date of notification of fine, whichever occurs first. Any appeal or requests for a meeting for violations occurring at the last event will be heard at the first meeting of the next season.

## ARTICLE VI – INFRACTIONS AND PENALTIES

<b>A. <u>Infraction</u></b>	<b><u>Penalty</u></b>
1. Late event entry	Fine will be established at the annual planning meeting and the members notified by first tour for that year
2. Late check-in	Fine will be established at the annual planning meeting and the members notified by first tour for that year
3. Failure to register equipment	Disqualification and/or disciplinary action by the Governing Body
4. Use of illegal equipment	Disqualification and/or disciplinary action by the Governing Body
5. Failure to meet and maintain uniform requirements	Written warning detailing infraction. If proper uniform requirements are not corrected by next tour, immediate monetary fine and will be prohibited from bowling in tour until uniform is corrected.
6. Excessive behavior	At the discretion of Events Director and/or Governing Body, which may include warning, monetary fine and/or further disciplinary action
7. Failure to wear WNDA patch	Fine will be established at organizational patch on blouse meeting and members notified by first tour for that year
8. Violation of Prohibitions:	
a. Alcoholic beverages	At the discretion of the Events Director and/or Governing Body, which may include warning, monetary fine and/or further disciplinary action
b. Gambling	Immediate monetary fine of \$35 determined by the Governing Body and/or further disciplinary action including disqualification
c. Profanity	At the discretion of the Events Director and/or Governing Body, which may include warning, monetary fine and/or further disciplinary action
9. Failure to complete and/or sign score card properly	Immediate monetary fine determined by the Governing Body. Refer to ARTICLE III -

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- B.** The Governing Body and Events Director shall determine and enforce all penalties. All fines must be paid prior to bowling in subsequent events or submission of any future membership applications. All fines must be paid before requests for appeals will be accepted. If an appeal is won, monies will be returned to member.

### **ARTICLE VII – GRIEVANCE AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

- A. Grievance Procedure** – A grievance is any dispute that requires specific action by the Governing Body (in whole or in part) or by the Events Director to determine some course of action to settle the dispute. The course of action pursued depends upon the nature of the dispute and the participants involved. When the Governing Body as a whole is involved in a decision-making process in the grievance procedure, the decision of the Governing Body shall be final and binding.

Disputes that arise between two or more WNDA members that cannot be settled expeditiously between themselves shall be called to the attention of the area representative of the parties involved within one week after the problem occurs. Area representatives will then meet with disputing parties and work toward a satisfactory resolution of the dispute. If no satisfactory resolution is achieved, then a written request for action on the matter by the Governing Body must be made and submitted to the area representative no later than two weeks after this meeting.

Disputes that arise between any WNDA member(s) and the Events Director or area representative will be handled by the Governing Body. Such disputes must be submitted in writing to the Governing Body through an area representative, within one week after the problem occurs.

Any problem regarding the host establishment shall be referred to the Events Director or, in the absence of the Events Director, an area representative. In the event a member brings a complaint to the host proprietor and/or his staff, the member will be subject to immediate hearing before the Governing Body who will then decide what course of action should be taken.

- B. Removal from Office** – Any Events Director may be removed from office by the general membership during a meeting of the Governing Body upon three-fourths of the Governing Body voting in favor of removal, provided a simple quorum is present. A simple quorum is defined as 51% of the Governing Body. The President of the WNDA shall convene and preside over this meeting.

Any area representative may be removed from office by the members of any area during a public meeting of that area's members upon three-fourths of the membership of that area voting to remove her, provided a simple quorum is present. The Vice Presidents of the WNDA shall convene and preside over this meeting.

Any officer of the WNDA can be removed from office by the members of the Governing Body during a meeting of the Governing Body upon 80% of the members voting to remove her, provided two-thirds of the membership is present.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT PROCEDURE**

Amendments to the By-laws must be submitted in writing either by a member through an area representative or by an area representative directly to the Governing Body. Amendments submitted at a Governing Body meeting will be published to the general membership with the next mailing for review and comment.

The Governing Body shall consider the amendment at its next scheduled meeting, provided two-thirds of the Governing Body members are present. In order to consider favorably on the amendment, the Governing Body must approve it. The amendment shall then be referred to the general membership for ratification. Members will also be given a list of any amendments not accepted by the Governing Body along with reasons these amendments will not be open for discussion, but may be submitted the following year. Ratification shall take place at a general membership meeting provided two-thirds of the general membership present approves the amendment.

Except in cases of extreme emergency, ratification shall be conducted at the general membership meeting during the final tour event.

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