

RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR CONDUCTING THE
WISCONSIN LIONS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT
LIONS OF WISCONSIN, MULTIPLE DISTRICT 27
Revision Date – September 14, 2024

I

GENERAL

The Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Tournament was formed for the following purposes:

Section 1. To unite in a central organization all qualified Lions and Leo Bowling Teams.

Section 2. To enforce among its members the playing rules of the United States Bowling Congress and to discharge all powers and duties required by the USBC Constitution, Rules and Regulations, except wherein otherwise provided by these regulations.

Section 3. In all cases where the male word or pronoun is used in these Rules and Regulations, it is understood to mean male or female persons as is appropriate.

Section 4. To conduct an annual Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Tournament of the American game of Tenpins and to fix the qualifications of bowling teams and individuals participating therein. The result of such tournament shall decide the yearly championship among Lions, and Leos in the Team event, the Doubles event, the Singles event, and All-Events.

Section 5. To encourage and foster among its members the spirit of good fellowship and fairness.

II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All bowlers must be a member of a Lions or Leo Club in good standing of Multiple District 27 to compete in the Wisconsin State Lions Bowling Tournament.

Section 2. Each and every member either in the Team, Doubles, or the Singles event, will be required to be in good standing (paid up) in his respective Lions or Leo Club. Failure to be in good standing (paid up) will disqualify such members from participating in any events in the annual Tournament.

III

MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The Rules and Regulations relative to the operation and management of the Wisconsin State Lions Bowling Tournament shall be under sole authority of the Wisconsin State Lions Bowling Committee and shall enforce all of the objects for which it is organized, also, adopt, amend, or rescind any Rules and Regulations governing the Annual Tournament for its betterment.

IV

WISCONSIN STATE LIONS BOWLING COMMITTEE

In accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of the By-laws of the Constitution and By-laws of "Lions State of Wisconsin", the State Council shall appoint a State Bowling Committee which the committee shall have supervision of the Annual Bowling Tournament, and which shall consist of a member from each district for a two-year term, commencing July 1 and ending June 30 for

each two-year term. Starting in 2019, the rotation of the Annual Bowling Tournament will be 2019-A2, 2020-B2, 2021-C2, 2022-D2, 2023-E2, 2024-A1, 2025-B1, 2026-C1, 2027-D1, 2028-E1, etc.

Section 1. The Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Committee shall be elected by the State Bowling Committee at the committee meeting held during the Multiple District 27 Convention for a term of one year commencing on July 1st of the next Lion year. He shall be a Wisconsin Lion in good standing, and he may or may not be a member of the State Bowling Committee.

Section 2. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the State Bowling Committee and in his absence the members present shall elect one of their number as chairperson for that meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the meeting in books provided for that purpose. He shall conduct all correspondence of the committee, notifying all members of the meetings to be held at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the State Bowling Committee and the Secretary to go to the Tournament City to confer with the "Host Club" in the State of Wisconsin regarding details for conducting the Annual Tournament, select the lanes on which the Tournament games are to be bowled, the appointment by the Host Club Committee of a Chairman, whose duty it will be to operate, manage, and conduct the Annual Tournament under the rules and regulations herein set forth. The Host Club committee shall submit to the State Bowling Committee for final approval a complete breakdown of entry fees: prize fee, bowling fee, and host administrative fee.

Section 5. Reasonable administrative, meals, travel, stenographic, and other incidental expenses shall be allowed to the members of the State Bowling Committee and its Secretary out of the Administrative Fund according to the Rules of Audit of Lions International. State Bowling Committee members shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$.50/mile for their travel to and from the Fall, Winter, and Spring meetings.

Section 6. The Secretary/Treasurer of the State Bowling Committee shall collect and receive the Bowling Committee Administration Fund from the Treasurer of the Host Club Committee and shall disperse the same upon receipts of detailed statements from members of the State Bowling Committee and the Secretary.

Section 7. All meetings of the State Bowling Committee shall be on call of the President or Secretary and Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings.

Section 8. The fiscal year shall be the same as that of "Lions State of Wisconsin."

Section 9. The Secretary/Treasurer shall approve all disbursements made by State Bowling Committee.

Section 10. These rules and regulations may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the members of the State Bowling Committee. All changes shall be considered effective immediately.

V FEES

Section 1. The Host Lions Club(s) managing the State Bowling Tournament may charge no more than three dollars (\$3.00) per bowler per event for Administration expenses of the State Bowling Committee which funds so collected shall be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer of the

State Bowling Committee at or before the WLSBC Winter Meeting and all additional State Bowling Committee Administration fees collected shall be paid to the State Bowling Committee Treasurer at or before the State Bowling Committee meeting held during the Multiple District 27 convention. The State Council of Governors shall annually audit the books and accounts of the State Bowling Committee.

VI

LOCATION OF TOURNAMENT

Section 1. The location of the lanes used for the Annual Tournament shall be recommended by the "Host Club Committee" in the City to which the Tournament was awarded and shall be approved by the State Bowling Committee and its Secretary.

Section 2. If two bowling centers are utilized to host the tournament, all singles and doubles must be bowled at one bowling center and team in the other bowling center. In the event the two bowling centers have a different number of lanes, the bowling center with the largest number of lanes must be used for the singles and doubles events.

VII

ENTRIES

Section 1. All reserved entries for the State Bowling Tournament shall be closed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the opening date of such Tournament and entries sent by mail, in order to receive consideration, must be postmarked prior to the time set for reserved entry. Entries may be received on a "first come first served" basis throughout the Tournament and will close at the end of the Tournament depending on lane availability. No entries shall be accepted unless the full amount of the entrance fee shall accompany the same. All teams will be 4 person teams, along with doubles and singles.

VIII

ENTRY LIMIT

Section 1. If a bowler bowls more than once in any event, any individual prizes shall be determined by using the bowler's first score in that event.

IX

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES

Section 1. All Lions and Leos of the State of Wisconsin, who are members in good standing, are eligible to enter all of the events of the State Tournament upon the payment of the regular entry fees, they, being the Team event, Doubles event and Singles event.

Section 2. Entry fees are divided into (1) Prize money; (2) Bowling fee; (3) Host Club(s) Administration, and (4) State Bowling Committee Administration Fees must be approved at the fall meeting.

Section 3. Any or all bowling fees charged by the Proprietor, upon whose lanes the Tournament is conducted, shall be paid out of the entry fees.

Section 4. No entry fees will be refunded after they have been received and filed by the Secretary.

HANDICAP RULES AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY

Section 1. The Annual Tournament of the Lions State Bowling Tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis. Each bowler shall receive a handicap of ninety percent (90%) of the difference between his average and two hundred thirty-five (235) pins in each event entered. The handicap allowed shall be taken from the United States Bowling Congress handicap manual.

Section 2. Each bowler shall use his previous year's USBC average. This shall be his highest average attained in any league they bowl. The team captain shall certify the average. Any falsification on the entry blank will be reported to the United States Bowling Congress to be dealt with according to its rules and regulations. A minimum of twenty-one games must have been bowled to establish an average. If the bowler did not bowl the previous year, their current year's average, provided they have bowled twenty-one games, may be used. If they cannot meet the foregoing requirement and they established an average within the past three years (not including the current year), they must use that average. If they do not have a USBC average, but have a Non-Sanctioned League Average, they shall use that average, based on the same rules as the USBC average, If they have no sanctioned or non-sanctioned average but have bowled in the Lions State Bowling Tournament in the past 5 years, with a minimum of 9 games, they shall use the Lions State Tournament average. If they cannot meet these requirements, **men** bowlers will be required to use an average of 150 pins and **lady** bowlers will be required to use an average of 125 pins. Multiple participation is allowed per USBC rule 315 (Frist appearance in each event shall count towards All-Events).

Section 3. One hundred percent of all prize money shall be paid back in the event entered on a handicap basis. Prize money must be paid on a "one in seven" basis, with no check issued for less than five dollars (\$5.00). The champions in each event shall be declared by actual pin fall plus the handicap and shall receive an appropriate trophy. (Team event-4; Doubles event-2; Singles event-1; and All-events-1.

The All-events winner shall be determined by actual pin fall plus handicap.

Prize money may be paid for "All Events," but must be paid from a separate fund collected at registration from any bowler wishing to participate. How the prize money is distributed, is up to the host club.

Section 4. A final prize list giving the names of bowlers, their scores, and their prize money shall be submitted to the State Bowling Committee no later than the meeting held during the Multiple District 27 Convention.

Section 5. The Host Club Committee shall check all prize winners in the Team, Doubles, Singles and All-Events to determine that the bowlers on said winning teams were Lions in good standing in their particular Club as represented at the time said event took place.

Section 6. All trophies won at any State Tournament shall be awarded to winners at the next succeeding State Convention. **Costs of all awards/plaques/trophies shall be the responsibility of the Host Club. Costs for awards/plaques/trophies shall not be paid from the prize fund.**

Section 7. All prize money checks must be disbursed within 30 days of the closing of the tournament. Prize Money Checks shall be disbursed by direct mailing to the Team Captain as listed on the submitted entry form. All uncashed checks will be void after 90 days.

XI

ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Host Club of the State Lions Bowling Tournament shall appoint a Host Club Committee, which is to cooperate with the State Bowling Committee in arranging plans and boost entries for the Tournament in said city.

Section 2. The selection of the Host Club Committee is to be made from members in the Host Club after the State Convention and before August 1st, prior to the holding of the Tournament. This committee shall hold regular meetings to discuss plans and make reports of progress.

Section 3. The Host Club Committee shall transact all such business in connection with Tournament as may be required of them to properly conduct the State Bowling Tournament and as prescribed by the State Bowling Committee.

Section 4. Further, it shall be the duty of the Host Club Committee to solicit all entries, and it is their privilege to sell advertising space in the official schedule. It is the duty of the Host Club to have charge of the reception, and entertainment of visiting Lion bowlers.

XII

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Section 1. When the Annual Tournament is completed and all bills covering expenses in conducting said tournament are paid by the Host Committee, the Treasurer of said Host Committee shall furnish the Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Committee with a copy of a report showing all receipts and disbursements in connection with conducting the Tournament. All Host Committee surplus cash remaining shall be the property of the Host Club(s).

XIII

LOCAL COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

General Chairman

Section 1. The General Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Host Committee and shall appoint such other sub-committees as may be necessary. He shall be an ex-officio member of all local committees. Following are suggested committees and committee responsibilities.

Entry Committee

Section 1. The Chairman of the Host Club Committee, together with his associate members, shall solicit all entries for the Tournament in the Team, Doubles or Singles event, also collect fees for same. It shall be their duty to have the entry blanks properly filled out and marked as to time of schedule in the different events. The Chairperson of said committee is required to deposit with the Treasurer of the Host Club Committee all fees.

Schedule Committee

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Schedule Committee and his assistants to solicit and sell any and all advertising space in the Official Schedule, also collect all monies in payment for same. Further, it shall be their duty to determine the rates to be charged for such advertising. All monies collected for advertising, with detailed statement for same, must be deposited with the Treasurer of the Host Club Committee.

Hotel Accommodations Committee

Section 1. The duty of the Hotel Accommodations Committee shall be to inform each Lions Club of the hotel and motel accommodations in the Host City, together with the rates, if possible, quoted by such hotels and motels. A listing of restaurants is suggested

Reception Committee

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Reception Committee to meet, extend greeting and welcome the visiting Lion bowlers upon their arrival in the Tournament city. It is suggested that the Reception Committee cooperate with the Hotel Accommodations Committee in order to accomplish their duty.

Entertainment Committee

Section 1. The duty of the Entertainment Committee shall be to furnish any and all entertainment that may be available to make the visit of the Lion bowlers while attending the Tournament an enjoyable one.

Tournament and Lanes Committee

Section 1. The Tournament and Lanes Committee shall be present and active at the lanes where the tournament is being held during the progress of the event. It shall be their duty to aid the Tournament General Chairman in the clerical work, such as preparing score sheets, checking score sheets and cards, scoring tournament games, and other work that may be necessary, also direct and help Lion bowlers in their needs at the lanes. It is suggested that the Tournament General Chairman be made Chairperson of this committee.

Secretary

Section 1. The Secretary shall function as Secretary at all meetings held by the Host Club Committee. He shall keep a correct record of all proceedings at such meetings.

Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer shall collect all monies paid to this committee. Monies should be deposited with some reputable local bank. He shall issue all warrants to pay bills encumbered and as authorized by the committee. All bills in connection with the Tournament shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the close of same.

Associate Members of Committee

Section 1. The Chairperson of the different committees shall name as many assistants to their Committee as they may require in properly fulfilling the duties of such committees.

XIV

SCHEDULE / TOURNAMENT BOOKLET

Section 1. The Host Club shall prepare a schedule of the various events, including the time and teams participating and a statement showing the number of entries in each event, prize money, administrative expenses, and operating expenses. The Tournament Booklet shall include winners in each event for the previous ten (10) years and should have the number of the annual tournament on the cover of the Tournament Booklet. The number of the annual tournament should also be prominently printed on the entry blank. The Host Committee shall send sufficient copies of the schedule and prize list after they have been printed to the Secretary for each member of the Committee, including the Secretary.

Section 2. The entry blanks used in the 2020 State Bowling Tournament shall be used as a pattern for future entry blanks and not changed unless such changes are made pursuant to recommendations of the **USBC**.

XV

TIME FOR FILING APPLICATIONS

Section 1. All applications to host the Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Tournament are to be in the hands of the Secretary of the State Bowling Committee at least by December 15th of the year prior to the year of the intervening State Convention.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Section 1. The Host Club(s) shall have at least 12 lanes in a single establishment. The length of the tournament should relate itself to the number of lanes in use, the fewer lanes the longer the tournament and vice versa. No event shall be bowled in more than one bowling establishment.

Section 2. Any fundraising project by the Host Club(s) shall be on a purely voluntary basis without the use of pressure or coercion by any Host Club(s) member or any bowler to contribute. Checkrooms for clothes, bowling bags, and equipment of bowlers shall be operated on a voluntary contribution basis by the hosts.

Section 3. The opening date of the Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Tournament shall be on the last Saturday in February each year subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Lions State Bowling Committee.