

Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba



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2022/2023 Membership Manual

Formats, Rules & Regulations for all Tournament Events

Dates to Remember

Prior to Start of Final Event (each division)	Fundraising Requirements Deadline
April 1 st , 2023	Submission Deadline for Coaching Application at nationals
June 28-July 4, 2023	Masters National championships – St. John’s, NL (Includes travel) (Note: this is early arrival day-depending on flights, may need to leave on the 27th - TBD)

*****To All Master Bowlers*****

Please note that all tournament event start times that have been detailed within this manual are subject to change. Every effort will be made to contact each Master bowler in the event a schedule change has been made, however it is the final responsibility of all Master bowlers to ensure and confirm the locations and times of all tournament events.

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2022 - 2023 Master Bowlers Association

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Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba Inc.

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President's Welcome Letter

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the MBAM, it is my pleasure to welcome you back to the 2022-23 bowling season.

Last season was a very successful one for our Association, both here in Manitoba and at the National Championships. I would like to thank our entire membership for their efforts in ensuring that our return to competition from the pandemic was as successful as it was. The continued success of our Association is largely due to the strength of our membership base and it is our goal to continue to grow our membership this season. Please encourage as many bowlers as possible to join or re-join our Association.

At the recent Masters Nationals held in Edmonton, our contingent represented our Association and province with class and pride coming away with the Aggregate for the first time in twenty years. The contingent won seven medals in total, including three gold medals. I congratulate all of our medalists and extend special congratulations to our Senior Team, our Teaching Men's Single, and our Senior Single on their gold medal performances.

We have a couple of exciting years ahead of us with the Nationals this season being held in St. John's, NL followed by hosting duties in 2024. We anticipate a significant uptick in membership this year due to the obvious allure of the Nationals in Newfoundland. I extend a special welcome to all new members this season, and I wish you much fun and success this year.

Please take the time to read and understand the contents of our manual as it contains the rules and regulations of our Association, as well as our expectations on our membership. In particular, please pay attention to the *What's New* page in the manual to see what has changed for the 2022-23 season. If you are ever uncertain as to anything pertaining to our tournaments or Association, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Board of Directors. We are here at your service.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for their continued support of the Masters. I wish you all the best of luck and much success this season.

Sincerely,

Tim Hooper
President, Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba

The May 2022 AGM was very well attended, with lots of good discussion. Out of that meeting came several changes voted on and passed by the membership that take effect as of the 2022-2023 season. Those changes, together with some housekeeping and updating are noted below. ***Please read each of these items in their entirety as they have a large effect on our operations going forward.***

Number of Games Each event in all three (3) divisions, Seniors, Teaching and Tournament, will now consist of 8 qualifying games. Any event playoff finals (prize money only) will be decided by each division.

Number of Events While the Senior Division will continue to play 4 events (count best 3), both the Teaching and Tournament Divisions will play 5 events (count best 4, but count all 5 to be eligible for singles). As a trade-off for the reduced number of events for the two (2) divisions, there will not be any combined events for any of the divisions. Reducing the number of events was the only logistical way we could eliminate the combined events, which was the preference of the majority in attendance at the AGM.

Tournament Fees Firstly - we have changed the terminology for what was formerly “lineage” to “tournament fees” to more accurately represent the payment. The tournament fees are paid by the members to the association each event, out of which, the association pays lineage to each centre. Secondly, due to the fact that we will be playing more games each event, coupled with the rising costs of operating the bowling facilities, the tournament fees for each event will increase to \$50.00 per event.

Fundraising We have been able to keep our fundraising requirements stable over the past many years, however, with rising costs we are finding it necessary to add to our fundraising efforts. So, in addition to the \$100.00 in mandatory Grey Cup ticket sales (or \$60.00 cash equivalent) we are mandating that all members must also purchase or sell \$20.00 worth of social/fundraising event tickets for an event (to be determined) to be held this season.

New Policies To better define the way MBAM conducts themselves and to put in writing some matters that may have been unclear or unstated in the past, we have created a new policy section at the end of our annual membership book to clearly indicate certain rules, procedures, and expectations pertaining to the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba. Many of these topics have previously been covered under our rules throughout the membership book, but we feel that having all of the policies in one place will make for easier reference.. Those policies are summarized here below, but for the full policy, please refer to the policy appendix at the rear of this membership book.

- YBC Membership Rebate Policy - a new incentive program for previous YBC bowlers who are enrolled in a full time post-secondary program.
- Missed Tournaments Policy - a new policy to deal with members that do not give advance notice to their tournament director that they will not be playing.
- Discipline and Complaints Policy- to formalize the process and procedures should it become necessary to handle a situation or to file/receive a complaint

If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to bring forward to improve or enhance our Association, please submit them in writing to any board member. See the board of directors listing for contact information.

2022 – 2023 Event Schedule

Teaching Division

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minimum Games</u>	<u>Submit Average Sheets As Of **</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 2, 2022	# 1	St. James	9:00 am	45	End of 21/22 Season	Sept 22, 2022
November 13, 2022	#2	Mosienko	9:00 am	18	October 30, 2022	Nov 03, 2022
January 8, 2023	#3	Polo Park	9:00 am	27	December 18, 2022	Dec 29, 2022
February 12, 2023	#4	Rossmere	9:00 am	36	January 22, 2023	Feb 02, 2023
April 16, 2023	Final	St. James	9:00 am	45	March 26, 2023	April 06, 2023

Tournament Division

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 16, 2022	#1	Polo Park	9:00 am	Oct 6, 2022
November 27, 2022	#2	St. James	9:00 am	Nov 17, 2022
February 5, 2023	#3	Mosienko	9:00 am	Jan 26, 2023
March 12, 2023	#4	Rossmere	9:00 am	Mar 2, 2023
April 23, 2023	Final	Polo Park	9:00 am	April 13, 2023

Seniors Division

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minimum Games</u>	<u>Submit Average Sheets As Of **</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 23, 2022	#1	Selkirk	10:00 am	45	End of 21/22 Season	Oct 13, 2022
January 15, 2023	#2	Rossmere	9:00 am	27	December 25, 2022	Jan 5, 2023
March 5, 2023	#3	St. James	9:00 am	36	February 12, 2023	Feb 23, 2023
April 30, 2023	Final	Dakota	9:00 am	45	April 09, 2023	April 20, 2023

Master/YBC Senior Foursome (NEW)

<u>Tournament Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Average As Of</u>	<u>Entry Cut Off</u>
October 30, 2022	Dakota	10:00 am		

Master Bantam Junior

<u>Tournament Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
December 11, 2022		10:00 am

Master/YBC Senior No Tap

<u>Tournament Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
January 22, 2023	Uptown	10:00 am

Annual Meeting – April 15, 2023 – Location TBA - Approx 1:00 pm



2022 - 2023 Membership and Fee Schedule

ALL FEES DUE WITH SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP FEE – MBA Manitoba	\$50.00
Any One (1) Division	
Tournament, Teaching or Senior Divisions	\$50.00
Additional Division Fee - each <u>additional</u> division	\$50.00
Prepayment of Final Event Tournament Fee (per division)	\$50.00
(Must be paid with application)	
(Cash Fundraising Option) – see below*	\$60.00

*In lieu of MBAM fundraising obligation to sell Grey Cup tickets, members may choose the \$60.00 cash fundraising option for that portion of their required fundraising.

If this option is chosen, the \$60.00 MUST be included with membership registration & paid in full at time of application submission. Should this option not be chosen, full fundraising obligations must be met.

Members electing to play at least one division may deduct \$50.00 from their total fees if they reside 50 km or greater outside of Winnipeg unless they are claiming the YBC membership rebate

Payment Options

- or**

 1. Full payment with application (**Plus \$60.00 cash fundraising option if chosen**)
 2. First payment of 50% of (membership fee + division fees + final event(s) tournament fee(s)) (**Plus \$60.00 cash fundraising option if chosen**) along with one (1) post-dated cheque dated December 1st, 2022 for the remaining 50%. **

**** Post-dated cheque must be included with first payment and submission of application.
A surcharge of \$25.00 will be charged for any NSF cheque.**

NOTE: Members will not be allowed to bowl in any event(s) unless all outstanding funds and penalties owing to the MBAM are reconciled/received, including any charges owed for NSF cheques.

In Addition to the Membership Fees

Tournament Fees for each 8 game tournament to be paid prior to the start of event **\$50.00**

Prize money at each event is always optional and varies from division to division
Ask your tournament director when you are registering on the day of the event

Other Membership Options

<i>Associate Member</i>	Full payment with application	\$10.00
<i>Administrative Member</i>	Full payment with application	\$50.00
<i>Basic Membership Only</i>	Full payment with application	\$50.00

Incentive Program

For each “new member” recruited to the association, MBAM members in good standing will receive a \$50.00 credit to be applied against the current season’s provincial contingent assessment (if the member qualifies for the provincial team) and/or applied against next season’s membership dues. The credit will be applied once the “new member” has paid his/her membership dues in full and has met their fundraising obligation for that season. A “new member” is defined as any person who has not been a member of any provincial Master’s association within the past five (5) years and who chooses to play in at least one (1) division.

ASSESSMENT FOR NATIONAL CONTINGENT - TBA

RETURNED CHEQUE FEE \$25.00

FUNDRAISING

As the MBAM is a non-profit organization, the association relies heavily on various fundraisers to survive. Each year, our fundraising director is responsible for setting up and administering the fundraising on behalf of the board of directors of the MBAM. **All MBAM members (excluding associate and basic member categories) are required annually to raise a minimum amount of \$100.00 fundraising dollars as set out by the association, unless the \$60.00 cash fundraising option is chosen and paid at time of registration submission.**

**** New ** In addition, all members are also required to purchase/sell a minimum of \$20.00 worth of tickets for a social/fundraising event during the season to be determined by the board.** For current fundraising information and obligations, please contact the fundraising director listed in the Board of Directors directory.

The MBAM fundraising deadline is prior to the start of the final event, in whichever division the member participates, of the current bowling season.

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A fundraising option is available to all MBAM members to cover only the \$100.00 portion and includes the payment of \$60.00 in addition to all membership fees that must be submitted at the time of registration & membership payment

To supplement our fundraising dollars, during our events Masters typically sells 50-50 draw tickets and sometimes other draw tickets, none of which are mandatory, but help to ensure Masters has the cash to continue to compete at the nationals without expecting the bowlers and coaches to pay large sums out of their own pockets. Please continue to support these fundraising initiatives.

In addition to the fundraising requirement, Masters typically hosts at least one additional fundraising event or program each year that may involve selling tickets to your friends and relatives, and providing donations for a silent auction, and sometimes helping out at the event itself. Please help out your Association in any way that you can when these events come up. It is only through a joint effort of all of the Membership that these events can be a success.

To volunteer, or for any further information please contact any MBAM board member. Additionally, if you have any suggestions for fundraising, please contact the fundraising director listed in the Board of Directors directory.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
OF THE MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCITION OF MANITOBA INC.

The **MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC. (MBAM)** is a non-profit association which was formed in 1973 with the following aims and objectives:

AIMS

- To gather together the finest bowlers in Manitoba.
- To set standards of sportsmanship, ethics and conduct that will bring prestige to the sport of bowling.

OBJECTIVES

- Master Bowlers will exemplify the high regard all dedicated bowlers have for their sport.
- Master Bowlers will represent their areas in tournaments, championships and matches.
- Master Bowlers will be encouraged to facilitate and participate in instructional clinics for youth, new and regular bowlers.
- Master Bowlers will conduct themselves as befitting a *Master* in all phases of the sport.
- The Board of Directors of the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba will, at all times, govern and regulate the conduct of the members of the Association.

THE MBAM HAS RULES WHICH MUST BE ADHERED TO. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE SURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THESE RULES AND ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS THEY ACCEPT BY BECOMING MEMBERS.

****Please read this information package carefully****

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES

- 1) The MBAM will consist of a senior division, a tournament division, a teaching division, an administrative membership, an associate membership and a basic membership.
- 2) All applications are subject to review and approval by the board of directors of the MBAM.
- 3) Membership fees are to be paid as outlined on the membership and fee schedule.
- 4) A surcharge of **\$25.00** will be charged for any NSF cheque issued. **Members will not be allowed to bowl in any event(s) unless all outstanding funds and penalties owing to the MBAM are reconciled/received, including any charges owed for NSF cheques.**
- 5) All entry deadlines will be strictly observed.
- 6) All applicants must be at least 19 years of age by December 31st of the current year.
- 7)
 - a) All members of the tournament, teaching and senior divisions may be required to raise funds through various fundraising events throughout the year.
 - b) Deadline for fundraising is prior to the start of the final event, in whichever division the member participates, of the current season.
 - c) Any member who does not fulfill his/her fundraising obligations will forfeit his/her eligibility to represent Manitoba at the Master Bowlers Association National championships.
 - d) If the fundraising requirement is not met, the balance owing will be carried forward to the following season.
- 8) Any bowler is allowed to enter one tournament during the season as a guest in each division of the Masters for which they qualify, not including the last tournament of the season. They would be required to pay the applicable tournament fee and would be eligible for prize money only if they choose to participate in that part of the tournament and pay the applicable assessment for the prize money fund. Tournaments bowled as a guest do not count towards national qualifying or toward your Masters average.
- 9) During combined tournaments, where a Master is a member of two or more of the divisions competing, that Master's score will count for each division of which he/she is a member. This rule is only in effect in seasons that have combined tournaments.
- 10) Although not a requirement of membership, the MBAM board strongly encourages all members to obtain and maintain their coaching certification through programs and clinics offered through the Manitoba Five Pin Bowling Federation or the Manitoba Five Pin Bowlers' Association.

- 11) All members of the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba must adhere to the dress code set out below for all provincial qualifying events, as well as any youth events conducted by the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba.

Tops (shirts) – any collared (i.e. golf type) shirt identified with MBAM cresting or lettering. We encourage all members to wear the official provincial shirt during all events, but this is not mandatory. Shirts bearing other provinces' logos and names are not acceptable. ***Clarification:*** *With the creation of custom bowling shirts becoming more mainstream, we acknowledge that many players are wanting to design their own shirts that can be worn during our provincial events. Because the MBA cresting is part of the shirt, it is mandatory that members submit their design to the Board for approval prior to having the shirt created. Please note that the only 2 acceptable placements for the MBA crest are: on the front (chest area), or on either sleeve. This applies to shirts where the crest is part of the shirt and also to cresting attached to any shirt when worn during our provincial events.*

If a shirt is worn under the collared shirt, it must be plain (no logos, crests, printing, pictures), and one solid colour in either black, yellow, or white.

Bottoms – Any solid black: dress slack (no stripes or pattern), “Pace Setter” pant, yoga pant (no coloured waistband), walking or golf shorts, skirts, capris or skorts. To be clear – the following are not acceptable: basketball or gym shorts, tights, leggings, rugby pants, denim, stirrup pants, pants with a gathered or elastic hem, or sweat pants.

Both the tops and bottoms, along with your bowling shoes, should be clean and presentable (not torn or faded) befitting the prestige of the Association.

- 12) All MBAM tournaments will be conducted under the playing rules of the C5PBA and the Master Bowlers Association of Canada.
- 13) Bowlers will change lanes after each game is completed in tournament play.
- 14) Any game missed or frames missed count as a zero score in tournament play.
- 15) The consumption of alcohol is permitted within all divisions, except during the Youth Events.
- 16) The use of illegal drug stimulants during a tournament is prohibited. Members under the obvious influence of drugs at the start of a tournament will face immediate disqualification from the current tournament. For subsequent offenses, the board of directors’ decision will be final.
- 17) **Deportment** Inappropriate Conduct or Conduct Unbecoming a Master Bowler includes: swearing loud enough for others to hear, abuse of bowling centre equipment (kicking or hitting ball racks, walls, seating, and scoring devices, pounding floors, intentional lofting of balls), and loud and/or disruptive displays of negative emotions. This is not meant to discourage cheering, which, we acknowledge, can also be loud at times.

Any behavior found to be inappropriate as detailed above will be dealt with in the following manner:

Warning #1 – Verbal warning. The offending bowler will be advised of the particular behavior that has caused the warning and will be asked to watch his or her conduct to avoid a further warning. The consequences of a second warning will be explained at this time. The bowler is considered to have been given a “yellow card” at this point.

Warning #2 – The bowler will be asked to leave the tournament and will be advised that his or her scores will not count – as if he or she had not played the event. The bowler is considered to have been given a “red card” or disqualification at this point. In addition, that bowler will be ineligible to play in the next regularly scheduled tournament that he/she would be entitled to enter as a member of a division/divisions.

If a bowler receives a “yellow card” at more than one event in the same bowling season, he/she will be disqualified from participating in the next tournament, regardless of the division.

If a bowler receives a second “red card” in the same bowling season, that person will be suspended from the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba indefinitely until such time as he or she can demonstrate to the Board that they have adjusted their behavior sufficiently to warrant their reinstatement as a Master Bowler.

The Board reserves the right to rule on the possible suspension of any member for inappropriate conduct at any time.

In the case of suspension, the suspended bowler has the right to appeal the decision, in writing to the Board.

Warnings may be given by a Judge of Play, the Tournament Director, or any other Board Member present.

In the event that you are asked to leave the premises by the proprietor because of your behavior, you will have been deemed to have received a red card, with all the penalties that implies.

- 18) Any disputes between Master bowlers and the MBAM, other than the disqualification outlined in rule #16, will be settled by the right of appeal in writing by any or all parties.
- 19) The sanctioning of a member for conduct detrimental to the MBAM or the sport of 5-pin bowling will be the end result of either a written complaint received by the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the incident, or as a result of a motion passed by the Board of Directors at a monthly meeting. Full details of the MBAM Discipline and Complaints Policy are available in the Policy Appendix at the end of this manual.
- 20) Any member suspended during the season will be liable for any and all financial obligations as laid out for senior, teaching and/or tournament division members, during the current year in which the suspension occurred. Failure to fulfill these obligations will eliminate any reinstatement in the MBAM until such time that the obligations are paid in full.
- 21) Following the final qualifying game for any of the national contingent positions, if there is a tie for the first, last or alternate position, the individuals concerned must bowl a one-game roll off. In the case where all individuals are not present, the tie or ties will be broken by using the highest current season qualifying tournament, i.e. in the teaching and senior division this would be the highest POA; in the tournament division, the highest tournament pinfall.

- 22) In the event that a bowler qualifies for a national position in more than one division, they will advise the board prior to the start of the AGM or after the end of the final tournament of the season, whichever is later, as to which division they will compete for at the nationals.
- 23) Exceptions to any rules and regulations will be made at the discretion of the executive of the MBAM.
- 24) If, due to concerns relating to player/member safety, or to comply with amended Provincial Health Regulations, it is deemed to be unsafe/unlawful to continue the season, the Board reserves the right to change the event schedule or to cancel the balance of the scheduled events. In the unlikely event that a full season cannot be played, but a National Event is still held and it is deemed safe to participate, the contingent will be declared using the games played to date. How many events/drops will be allowed in the calculation will be determined based on how many events we have been able to play at time of termination. It is far more likely that, if we need to terminate the season early, that there will be no National Event. In that case, there will be no contingent declared. There will be no refund for a partial season played; however, any pre-payments of final event tournament fees will be refunded to the members.

RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL THREE (3) DIVISIONS

- 1) Members agree to participate in scheduled tournaments each season. Tournament fees and any assessments (if applicable) must be paid by the members before the start of the tournament.
- 2) It is acknowledged that all membership fees will be prepaid and you will not be reimbursed for any membership fees, even though you may not participate in all of the scheduled tournaments in your chosen division(s). Any extenuating circumstances shall be submitted in writing to the board of directors for their decision. As a courtesy to the tournament directors, please advise the director of your division as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a tournament. Failure to do so by the time specified in the Missed Tournaments policy may result in the member not being eligible to play in the next scheduled event.
- 3) Exceptions to any rules and regulations will be made at the discretion of the executive of the MBAM.

TOURNAMENT DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) New male applicants for membership must have a proven minimum average in one or more leagues of 215 subject to approval of the board of directors. New female applicants for membership must have a proven minimum average in one or more leagues of 200 subject to approval of the board of directors.
- 2) The minimum average requirements as outlined in rule #1 will apply to all renewing members, as well as members from other Master's divisions, who wish to compete in the tournament division as a secondary division. In addition to league average, the competitor may use their previous year's Masters average as a means of meeting the minimum average requirement, with a minimum of 24 games.
- 3) **FORMAT:** Tournament format for this division is scratch play. Tournament division members may compete in up to five (5) tournaments in a season. Each tournament consists of an eight (8) game scratch qualifying round. The top qualifier in each of the ladies' and men's events will be awarded stars for winning each of the five (5) tournaments.

We will be having a discussion at the first event to determine how we want to handle the optional prize money for the current season. Stepladder scores do not count toward average, provincial singles or team positions.

In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot (for playoff/stepladder for prize money) in any tournament, a complete game will be bowled to break the tie. If it is still tied, a two (2) frame roll-off will be bowled until a winner is declared.

- 4) Six (6) male and six (6) female competitors will qualify to represent Manitoba in the national championships each year. These tournament Masters will be determined by taking the bowlers' best four (4) tournament scores out of the five possible tournaments. Once the top six (6) men and top six (6) women have been decided using the bowlers' best four (4) tournaments, the singles representatives will be declared by adding the bowlers' remaining tournament and recalculating the results so that the top five (5) tournaments are used to declare the singles champions to represent Manitoba at the nationals. The top male and female Masters obtaining

the highest pinfall for the five (5) tournaments will be the singles representatives with the remaining five (5) being the team representatives. This means that to be eligible to be the singles representative, a bowler must have completed all five (5) of the events. All fundraising requirements must also be met by the stated deadline.

- 5) In the event that none of the top 5 qualifiers (Teaching Division) or top 6 qualifiers (Tournament Division), using the number of tournaments necessary to qualify for a position in the contingent to represent Manitoba at the National Championships, have played an additional tournament to meet the stated criteria to be the singles representative, then the singles representative in any division where this is the case will be decided on using only those tournaments used to initially qualify for the contingent.
- 6) In the case of a tie for first (using five (5) tournaments) or sixth (using four (4) tournaments) positions for the national contingent, please refer to rule 21 of the GENERAL RULES.

TEACHING DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) The teaching division is intended for those members whose prime interest is instructing and coaching.
- 2) Membership is open to all 5 pin bowlers regardless of their average.
- 3) **FORMAT:** Tournament format for this division is pins over average. Teaching division members may compete in up to five (5) tournaments in a season. Each tournament consists of an eight (8) game pins over average qualifying round. The top qualifier in each of the ladies' and men's events will be awarded stars for winning each of the five (5) tournaments. .
- 4) Five (5) male and five (5) female competitors will qualify to represent Manitoba in the national championships each year. These teaching Masters will be determined by taking the bowlers' best four (4) tournament POA scores out of the five possible tournaments. Once the top five (5) men and top five (5) women have been decided using the bowlers' best four (4) tournaments, the singles representatives will be declared by adding the bowlers' remaining tournament and recalculating the results so that the top five (5) tournaments are used to declare the singles champions to represent Manitoba at the nationals. The top male and female Masters obtaining the highest POA for the five (5) tournaments will be the singles representatives as well as playing on the team. This means that to be eligible to be the singles representative, a bowler must have completed all five (5) of the events. All fundraising requirements must also be met by the stated deadline.
- 5) In the event that none of the top 5 qualifiers (Teaching Division) or top 6 qualifiers (Tournament Division), using the number of tournaments necessary to qualify for a position in the contingent to represent Manitoba at the National Championships, have played an additional tournament to meet the stated criteria to be the singles representative, then the singles representative in any division where this is the case will be decided on using only those tournaments used to initially qualify for the contingent.
- 6) In the case of a tie for first (using five (5) tournaments) or fifth (using four (4) tournaments) positions for the national contingent, please refer to rule 21 of the GENERAL RULES.

SENIOR DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) Membership is open to any bowler who has attained or will attain 50 years of age by the start of the National championships for the current season, regardless of their average.
- 2) Senior Division bowlers have the choice of entering to compete using a pins over average (POA) format or a scratch format.

If, at the start of any season, there are not sufficient people choosing to play the scratch format to allow for at least 1 player qualifying for the nationals to be a scratch player (see rules below), those people selecting scratch on their entry form will be given the opportunity to change their selection to POA and to compete in the Senior Division on a POA basis, or to withdraw their entry.

Once a member has played an event in any season as a POA or scratch bowler, they cannot switch to the other format for the duration of the current bowling season, but they again have the choice between the two when they register next, and subsequent seasons.

- 3) **FORMAT:** Tournament format for this division is pins over average or scratch, depending on your selection at enrollment. Senior division members may compete in up to four (4) tournaments in a season. Each tournament consists of an eight (8) game pins over average or scratch qualifying round. The top qualifier in each of the POA and scratch events will be awarded stars for winning each of the four (4) tournaments. .
- 4) Based on the best 3 of the 4 qualifying events, the national team will consist of a combination of POA and scratch seniors. All fundraising requirements must also be met by the stated deadline. The ratio of POA to scratch will be based on the % of scratch players versus the total participants in the Senior Division:
 - a) If less than 11% of the total Senior membership is scratch – then no scratch position(s) will be available on the National team
 - b) If 11-30% are scratch-then 1 scratch member will qualify together with 4 POA members
 - c) If 31-50% are scratch-then 2 scratch members will qualify together with 3 POA members
 - d) If 51-70% are scratch-then 3 scratch members will qualify together with 2 POA members
 - e) If 71-90% are scratch-then 4 scratch members will qualify together with 1 POA member

Example #1 – 5 people elect to bowl on a scratch basis and 35 people elect to bowl POA. Because $5/40$ is 12.5% - rule b) applies and 1 scratch member will qualify together with 4 POA members

This would mean that, assuming rule 4b), the National Senior Division team would be made up of:

1. Highest Male POA (using 3 out of 4 events)
2. Highest Female POA (using 3 out of 4 events)
3. Highest Scratch (either sex – using 3 out of 4 events)
4. Next highest POA (either sex – using 3 out of 4 events)
5. Next highest POA (either sex – using 3 out of 4 events)

Example #2 – 3 people elect to bowl on a scratch basis and 35 people elect to bowl POA. Because 3/38 is less than 11% - rule a) applies and there would be no scratch position available. All 5 positions would be POA. In this case – those 3 people would have been advised of this and asked if they still want to play the Senior Division, but the POA format.

To determine the senior singles representative, whoever has the highest POA for their best 3 out of 4 events will be the singles representative. To be clear - For this position only, all players playing scratch will also have their POA calculated for their best 3 of 4 events and are also eligible for this prestigious honor. This in no way makes the scratch players eligible for any tournament stars or prize money on the POA side.

- 5) In the case of a tie for any of the national contingent positions, please refer to rule 21 of the GENERAL RULES.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

For Masters who wish to participate in the MBJ tournament only. Associate members are required to wear a suitable uniform as outlined in the general rules and ANY FUNDRAISING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. Associate Members are not entitled to vote at the AGM

***** Associate members must declare intention to participate by October 31st of the current year**

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERSHIP

For Masters who wish to let their name stand for a position on the provincial board, but who no longer wish to participate in tournaments.

- 1) Must be a member in good standing for at least 5 years.
- 2) May participate in any Master/Youth events on the calendar.
- 3) Participation in fundraising is mandatory.
- 4) If elected to the board of directors, may be elected to the position of president and may represent the MBAM on the board of the Manitoba Five Pin Bowling Federation.
- 5) This membership grants the member voting rights at the AGM.

BASIC MEMBERSHIP

Starting with the 2018/2019 season, a basic membership is available to bowlers wanting to maintain their membership in MBAM who, for any number of reasons, are not able/willing to participate in the events as a bowler, by paying the membership fee noted in the Membership and fees schedule. This membership grants the member voting rights at the AGM. ANY FUNDRAISING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. A basic membership also entitles the member to participate in any Master/Youth events on the calendar each year.

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION **AVERAGE CALCULATION RULES**

- 1) As of the 2014/15 season, we are using a “one average” system, meaning all tournament games bowled, no matter in which division, will count toward a bowler’s Masters average. This one average will be used in all qualifying teaching and senior tournaments on the Manitoba Master Bowlers schedule. While tournament division (scratch play) doesn’t require an average, some of those players also play other divisions, which is why any tournament division games are factored into the calculation. The only exception to this rule is that when a Master may be competing in one division on a Saturday and another division on the next day, the average used for the Saturday will be the average used for the Sunday. It simply isn’t possible to do the calculations and submit the averages in time for play the next day.
- 2) If a bowler has bowled at least 12 tournaments in any combination of the teaching, tournament, and senior divisions, the average used for a tournament will be their tournament average over their last 12 tournaments. If a bowler has not bowled a Masters tournament (teaching, tournament, or seniors) in more than 4 years they will follow the same rules as new bowlers. All tournament games bowled prior to 4 seasons before the start of the current season will be dropped from the calculation. (e.g. for the 2022-2023 season, only tournaments bowled during the 2021/2022, 2019/2020, 2018/19, and 2017/18 seasons will be used). ***Please note: Games bowled in any of the divisions as a guest do not count toward the 12 tournaments.***
- 3) New Master bowlers will use their highest qualifying league average for the first tournament that they bowl in teaching or senior divisions.
- 4) New Master bowlers who do not have a qualifying league average will bowl the first tournament in teaching or senior divisions using the highest average entered for the same gender at that tournament.
- 5) A qualifying league average will be defined as your league average at a specified date with a specified number of games bowled as of that date. (e.g.) For the 1st & 2nd tournaments of the year in Teaching Division, as noted on the Event Schedule, a qualifying average would be your last year’s finishing average with at least 45 games bowled; for all remaining tournaments the current year league average will be used if the bowler has the minimum number of games as listed on the Event Schedule. If the bowler does not meet the minimum number of games for the average to qualify, they must indicate that when advising the tournament director of their intention to enter the tournament.
- 6) Until the minimum 12 tournaments has been reached, all bowlers must submit all qualifying league averages for each tournament that they participate in by the specified date or a \$10.00 fee will be levied.
- 7) Bowlers who have less than 12 tournaments played and have a qualifying league average will use a composite average for the tournament. The average formula will be: (((12 - # of tournaments played) x highest qualifying league average) + total tournament pinfall) /total # of tournament games + # games from league component = tournament average.

- 8) Bowlers who have less than 12 tournaments played and do not have a qualifying league average will replace the highest qualifying league average with the highest average entered for the same gender at that tournament in the formula outline in rule #7.

EXAMPLES OF THE RULES

- A) John Bowler has 12 tournaments on file from the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons; his last tournament bowled was in April 2019. His average of these 12 tournaments is 189. His end of season league average is 191. Using rule #2, his average for the first tournament of the 2022/23 season will be 189.
- B) Mary Striker rejoined the teaching division after being away for 4 years. Her end of season averages are 195 and 192 with at least 45 games bowled in each league. The average she will use in the first tournament of the year will be 195 using rules #2 and #3.
- C) Peter Bowler has joined the teaching division for the first time. He did not bowl in a league last year and therefore does not have a qualifying league average for the first tournament of the year, see rule #5. The highest average entered in the tournament for the men is 229 and for the ladies is 230. His average for the tournament will be 229, See rule #4.
- D) Teri Fouler joined last year and bowled 24 tournament games (3 events) with a pinfall of 4,817. Her highest qualifying league average is 189. Her tournament average will be 191, see rule #7.
 $12 - 3 = 9 \text{ (events)} \quad (9 \times 8) \times 189 = 13,608 \quad 13,608 + 4,817 = 18,425 \quad 18,425/96 = 191$
- E) Paula Pocket has bowled 64 tournament games (8 events) over the past 4 years with a pinfall of 12,800 but did not bowl in a league last year due to an injury. The highest ladies average entered for the tournament is 230. Her tournament average will be 210, see rule #8.
 $12 - 8 = 4 \text{ events} \quad (4 \times 8) \times 230 = 7,360 \quad 7,360 + 12,800 = 20,160 \quad 20,160/96 = 210$

MASTER/BANTAM/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The M.B.A.M. will conduct a Master/Bantam/Junior (MBJ) Tournament annually. Dates for the various steps are as stated in the Schedule of Events.

A \$10.00 team entry fee, along with the names and averages of all team participants competing at the Provincial final are to be forwarded to the MBJ Chairperson by November 15 of the current season. Please contact the MBJ Chairperson for further information regarding dates, locations and times.

Rules

- 1) All bowlers on the active membership list of the M.B.A.M. are eligible to compete. **Masters must be registered by October 31st of the current season to participate.**
- 2) For all levels of competition, all Master Bowlers must adhere to the M.B.A.M. General Dress Code. Please refer to Rule 9 in the MBA General Rules or contact the MBJ Coordinator for more information if needed.
- 3) All youth bowlers must be paid members of the YBC Program and must have bowled a minimum of three (3) weeks in the current season prior to the average date for provincials.
- 4) Each team shall consist of 1 Master bowler and 3 youth bowlers. There must be at least 1 Bantam bowler on the team with the remaining 2 bowlers being either Bantams or Juniors. There can be no more than 2 Juniors per team. The MBJ coordinator for each house is responsible for selecting the team(s). House selection (to be determined at the discretion of the Centre) must be completed by November 15 of the current season.
- 5) Teams that are one (1) bowler short at the Provincial final will bowl using 9/10 of the missing bowler's average, or the missing bowler may be substituted by another bowler from the same Centre.
- 6) At the Provincial Finals, winning teams will be determined by pinfall over averages for the YBC bowlers only. The Master's scores are of no consequence as participation with YBC is the important factor of this tournament.
- 7) The number of Teams advancing to the Provincial Final from a centre can not exceed 25% of the Lane Beds within that participating centre (ie. A centre with 16 Lane Beds can send no more than 4 Teams to the Provincial Final). In the case of a centre with a number of lane beds not divisible by 25% to a round number, that centre will round up to the nearest number.(ie. A centre with 10 lane beds would be 2.5 teams, round up to 3 teams)
- 8) All competitors (Master and YBC bowlers) will be required to pay for their own lineage at the house round, if applicable. Lineage for the Provincial final will be paid by the M.B.A.M.
- 9) The Master bowler can be replaced by another Master if the need arises provided all Membership or Associate Fees have been paid. If this situation occurs, the replacement Master will continue with the team.

- 10) In the case of any road closures due to inclement weather the Provincial final may be a telephone hook-up. All out-of-town roll-offs must be completed by 12:00 p.m. on the day the provincials are bowled. The Provincial final will be held on the second Sunday in December.
- 11) In case of a tie during the Provincial final, the team with the most pins over average in the last game will be declared the winner.
- 12) Any exceptions to the above rules will be made at the discretion of the executive of the M.B.A.M.
- 13) For teams within the City of Winnipeg limits and including Selkirk, if any bowling center does not use their full allotment of teams as defined in Rule 7, their spots will be offered to the remaining Winnipeg and Selkirk centers on a first come/first served basis to a max of 28 teams.
- 14) For out-of-town centers with 6 lanes or less, they will be allowed to advance 2 teams or 25% of their enrolled Bantam and Junior program, whichever is greater. These teams will be allowed to participate in the provincial final via telephone or electronic hookup as per rule 10.

GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL BOWLING BALLS

- 1) Under the rules of the C5PBA, the use of personal bowling balls will be allowed where facilities permit. This simply means that each individual proprietor/manager has the authority to allow or disallow the use of personal bowling balls in his/her bowling center.
- 2) The specifications for bowling balls are:
 - a) A bowling ball must be of uniform roundness without indentations, other than wear and tear, and produced of one solid piece of material (plastic or rubber).
 - b) The size range of the ball shall be from 4 3/4 inches +/- 1/32" to 5 inches +/- 1/32".
 - c) The weight range of the ball shall be from 3 lbs. 4 oz. to 3 lbs. 12 oz. +/- ¼ oz.
- 3) A maximum of two (2) balls per player shall be placed on the ball racks.
- 4) A house ball must be used should a delay in ball return occur.
- 5) It is considered poor etiquette to use another bowler's ball without permission.
- 6) There should be sufficient house balls on each rack to accommodate bowlers who do not have personal bowling balls.
- 7) The bowling center shall not be liable for damage to personal bowling balls.
- 8) Identification markings are mandatory in Masters tournaments.

COACHING CRITERIA

To be eligible to coach at the Masters nationals, the applicant must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of the MBAM.
- 2) Meet minimum fundraising obligations by the stated deadline.
- 3) Be a certified Competitive Coach by the coaching application deadline (April 1st of the current season).
- 4) Have completed the applicable "Respect in Sport" program by the coaching deadline. For those who originally took the course in 2011 or earlier, this means completing the new course on line.
- 5) Ensure that their applications are delivered or emailed to a board member no later than the deadline (April 1st of the current season).
- 6) There is a possibility that it may become mandatory (in Manitoba) for certified coaches to undergo a criminal record check - if so - we will likely need to include this as part of our criteria

COACHING EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Coaches are to make sure their team knows at what times and on what lanes they bowl.
- 2) Coaches are to ensure that all bowlers know that they are required to be at the lanes twenty (20) minutes prior to bowling. Coaches must contact the chief judge of play or tournament official to register their bowlers prior to bowling.
- 3) Coaches are to make sure their bowlers are on hand for the scheduled warm-up preceding each block.
- 4) Coaches should make sure all team members are dressed properly.
- 5) Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their bowlers for the duration of the event: (event is defined as 'from the time you leave home until the time you return home').
 - Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed during the competition.
 - Chemical depressants or stimulants (performance enhancing drugs) may not be consumed during the competition.
 - Intoxicated bowlers or coaches shall be removed from the competition and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
 - No food or beverages are allowed in the bowler's enclosure.
 - No smoking will be allowed while the tournament is in progress.
- 6) Coaches are responsible for having all bowlers arrive on time and in uniform at the victory banquet.
- 7) Coaches should make their bowlers aware of all rules as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the championships.

All applications submitted are subject to review by the board of directors of the MBAM.

COACHES AND PLAYERS
GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) All participants will conduct themselves in accordance with the MBAM code of ethics when representing their province at the national championships.
- 2) Be courteous to opponents, spectators, officials, media, coaches and teammates at all times.
- 3) Sportsmanship is expected from each individual. An unruly show of emotions is not acceptable.
- 4) Conduct of bowlers is the ultimate responsibility of the coach, and as such, the coach has the authority to discipline.
- 5) As you are an athlete or coach, please remember there is a time for bowling and a time for celebrating. Ensure that you are in the "BEST" possible physical and mental condition while on the lanes.
- 6) Curfews may be implemented by coaches if the need arises.
- 7) Instructions outlined in team manager's briefing will be reasonable and must be adhered to or replacements will be made.
- 8) Failure to comply with the above stated guidelines may result in disqualification from the event on recommendation of the coach and an immediate trip home at the bowler's own expense.
- 9) Attend **all** functions associated with the Masters national championships. If, for medical/health reasons, you are unable to attend a scheduled event, you **MUST** communicate this to your coach in advance who **MUST** immediately advise the team manager and explain the circumstances.
- 10) The Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba has the jurisdiction to arrange all travel requirements as deemed necessary. Any deviation of these arrangements by a contingent member will be at the contingent member's own expense.
- 11) The Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba reserves the right to establish an individual contingent assessment fee as deemed necessary by the board of directors, and that will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- 12) Each contingent member will be required to sign a waiver which will outline the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba's expectations prior to and at the national championships. This waiver is to be signed and returned to the contingent manager within two (2) weeks of receiving it.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS – 2021-2022

TEACHING DIVISION

Tournament Winners

Rossmere	Norine Holowchuk	Dylan Stevenson
St. James	Sherri Manek	Jason Hoger
Dakota	Alley Bourcier	Dylan Stevenson
Polo Park	Shannon Pruden	Jim Anderson
Rossmere	Lana Wachal	Jim Anderson
Polo Park	Alley Bourcier	Roland Flaig

REPRESENTING MANITOBA AT NATIONALS

Singles	Norine Holowchuk Dylan Stevenson	Finish: 7th Finish: 1st (Gold Medal)
Teams	Norine Holowchuk Alley Bourcier Kathy Kozak Shannon Pruden Sherri Manek Coach: Dave Macri	Dylan Stevenson Roland Flaig Jim Anderson Mitch Dubell Robbie Hendrickson Coach: Chad Hurd
	Finish: 3rd (Bronze Medal)	Finish: 2nd (Silver Medal)

SENIOR DIVISION

Tournament Winners

	POA	SCRATCH
Selkirk	Dwight Hurd	Glen Howarth
Coronation	Jim Llewellyn, Sr.	Geoff Born
Polo Park	Jim Anderson	Geoff Born
Rossmere	Patrick Walker	Geoff Born

REPRESENTING MANITOBA AT NATIONALS

Singles	Calvin Goldsworthy	Finish: 1st (Gold Medal)
Team	Calvin Goldsworthy Terry Smith Carole Bilyk Brian Hendrickson Geoff Born (scratch) Coach: Krista Purdy	
	Finish: 1st (Gold Medal)	

TOURNAMENT DIVISION

Tournament Winners

Polo Park	Janna Van Walleghem	Trevor Cook
Rossmere	Cindy Cousins	Dean Bartel
Dakota	Alyssa Campbell	Randy Morrissette
Selkirk	Alyssa Campbell	Colton Youzwa
Billy Mosienko	Alyssa Campbell	Trevor Cook
St. James	Sandi Anderson	Aaron Alblas

REPRESENTING MANITOBA AT NATIONALS

Singles	Alyssa Campbell	Finish: 2nd (Silver Medal)	
	Ryan Born	Finish: 2nd (Silver Medal)	
Teams	Janna Van Walleghem	Colton Youzwa	
	Chris Monchak	Trevor Cook	
	Sandi Anderson	Randy Morrissette	
	Linda Orne	Derek Orne	
	Cindy Cousins	Dwayne Gelardi	
	Coach: Holly Chaikowski	Coach: Tim Hooper	
	Finish: 5th	Finish: 4th	

******* AGGREGATE WINNERS - 2022 MBAC NATIONALS *******

MANITOBA

MASTER SENIOR TOURNAMENT - Not held (Due to Covid)

MASTER BANTAM JUNIOR TOURNAMENT – Not held (Due to Covid)



Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba Inc.

APPLICATION FORM FOR COACHING TEAMS AT NATIONALS

*** APPLICATION DEADLINE – APRIL 1, 2023 ***

In order to be selected as a coach, you must:

- be a fully certified Competitive Coach *and*
- have completed the applicable Respect in Sport module by the coaching deadline *and*
- have met your fundraising obligations by the fundraising deadline of the current season

Name of Master: _____

NCCP Passport # CC_____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

All applicants will be considered by teams in order of their yearly rotation position

Please select at least one of the following teams you would be interested in coaching. Prior to the coach selection process you will be asked to confirm which team(s) you are willing to coach. This may or may not correspond to the team(s) selected below.

Teaching Men _____

Teaching Ladies _____

Tournament Men _____

Tournament Ladies _____

Seniors _____

Any of the Teams _____

Previous Coaching Experience – Please use the reverse side of this page if you require more room.

I have read and fully understand the **coaching criteria & expectations** as outlined within the MBAM manual and agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and by-laws of the Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba, Inc.

Date

Signature of Applicant

**** Please review coaching criteria & expectations prior to signing & submitting application ****

Submit Application to:

**President, Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba
or any board member in person or via e-mail**

Previous Coaching Experience – Continued....

Name of Master: _____

APPENDIX

POLICIES

YBC Membership Rebate Policy

Background: At the 2022 AGM of the MBAM, the following motion was passed by the membership:

“That eligible and graduating YBC bowlers up to age 25 who are full time students in post-secondary receive a MBAM basic membership rebate. Each bowler can receive the rebate for a maximum of three years.”

Definitions:

Eligible Bowler: a bowler who has bowled in a YBC Senior program and is no older than 25 years of age by December 31st of the current year.

Graduating YBC Bowler: A bowler who is coming out of YBC in the season before or during the season. Note: a bowler could bowl in both YBC and Masters in their final year of YBC.

Full-time Post-Secondary: enrolled in a recognized post-secondary program on a full time basis as defined by the post-secondary institution. The bowler should be in the program at the beginning of the season and finishing the program no sooner than the end of the season.

Policy:

As per the Master Bowlers Association General Rules, all applicants must be at least 19 years of age by December 31st of the current year.

All recipients of the YBC Membership Rebate must be no older than 25 years of age by December 31st of the current year and have not received the rebate for a total of three years.

Upon application and showing proof of enrolment in a full time post-secondary program, an eligible bowler can get a basic MBAM membership rebate.

The bowler must provide proof of enrolment at the time of application for membership and by January 15th during the season. Bowlers ending their full time program prior to January 15th will be assessed a membership reimbursement equal to half the basic membership fee.

Examples of the Policy:

1. Joan Bowler turns 19 in November. For the current season, she is in her final year of YBC Seniors and wishes to join MBAM. She is enrolled in Herzing College in the Medical Laboratory Assistant Program on a full time basis. The program begins at the end of September and concludes after a 6 week internship in late February. Joan is eligible for the basic membership rebate in the current season.
2. Peter Pocket turned 20 in January. He was in YBC at the age of 17 but he could not bowl in his final two years of YBC due to COVID restrictions. He is enrolled full time at Red River College in a two-year program in Game Development-Programming. He is entering the program in September of the current season. Peter is eligible for his basic membership rebate for this current season and the next season, provided he continues with the program.

3. Fred Fouler turned 19 in July. He was in YBC until the age of 18 but due to other commitments, was unable to complete his final year in YBC. He is starting a full time course in the Early Childhood Educator program at Robertson College in December. It is a 19 month course. He wishes to join Masters for the current season. In the current season, he is not eligible for the basic membership rebate but would be eligible for the rebate in the next season if he is still in the program at that time.

4. Susie Striker turns 23 in September. She graduated from YBC when she was 19. She did not go to post-secondary straight from high school. She has been a basic member of the MBAM and participated in the Tournament division since graduating from YBC. She has decided to return to her studies and is enrolling in Red River College in the two year Graphic Design program. Intake to the program is September. Susie is eligible for the basic membership rebate for the current season and the next season if she continues with the program.

Missed Tournament Policy

At the 2022 AGM of the MBAM, the following motion was passed by the membership:

"Any member who misses a tournament with less than 2 hours notice to the tournament director will be suspended from the next tournament."

Policy:

The MBAM board will send a reminder notice to all members of a division at least three days prior to the event. The notice will include the following statement:

"If you are unable to participate in this event, please contact the tournament director as soon as possible to ensure an accurate listing of participants is provided to the proprietor.

Director Contact Info: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Proprietor Contact Info: XXX-XXX-XXXX

If you do not provide notice to the tournament director at least two hours prior to the event, the board will have the authority to suspend you from playing in the next tournament."

The MBAM board has discretion to decide whether the suspension will occur. Extenuating circumstances for missing a tournament will be taken into consideration when the decision is made.

The tournament director should contact all members who miss a tournament to enquire whether the member intends on continuing in that division or has decided they cannot finish the season.

MBAM Discipline and Complaints Policy

Definitions

Complainant: The member of the Association that brought forth a complaint regarding the conduct of other member(s) of the Association.

Respondent: The member of the Association that has had a complaint brought forth against them.

Policy

The sanctioning of a member of the Association for conduct detrimental to the MBAM or the sport of 5-pin bowling may be the end result of a written complaint received by the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the incident in question. The Board may also, at its discretion, impose sanctions on a member that they feel has been guilty of detrimental conduct.

The Board will have two disciplinary pathways available to it based on the anticipated sanction that will be imposed.

1. If the offense is deemed to be worthy of a warning, reprimand, fine, or a suspension not to exceed one (1) tournament in length (or any combination of these sanctions), the Board will be authorized to impose such sanction on the respondent as a result of a majority vote at the first monthly meeting of the Board of Directors after the receipt of the letter of complaint.
2. If the offense is deemed to be worthy of a sanction that may exceed one (1) tournament in length, the Board will convene an oral hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the letter from the complainant. The respondent will be alerted of the complaint received through a formal letter from the President of the Association.

The hearing will be chaired by the President of the Association (except as noted below) and will consist of five (5) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom will be the President. The panel will be authorized to call any relevant witnesses that they may wish to speak to and will render a decision by a majority vote. Such decision will be communicated to all members that are party to the incident within ten (10) days of the hearing.

3. Regardless of the disciplinary pathway followed, either of the parties may wish to appeal the original discipline imposed on the respondent. Should a party wish to appeal the decision, they must inform the Board within five (5) days of receipt of the disciplinary decision of their intention to appeal and must provide the full grounds for the appeal within fourteen (14) days of receiving the disciplinary decision.

Should an appeal be warranted, the Board will appoint an Appeals Committee that will consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Should the appeal arise from a Disciplinary Hearing as outlined in clause 2 above, these three (3) Directors must not have sat on the original Disciplinary Hearing. If there are insufficient Directors available to complete the Appeals Committee, the President may approach other members of the Association with prior Board experience and that are independent of the case to fill the Committee. The President (or designate) will chair the Appeals Committee but will not be a voting member of the Committee.

The Appeals Committee will conduct an oral hearing and will be authorized to call any relevant witnesses to provide testimony. A final decision will be reached by a majority vote and will be binding on all parties that are party to the case.

4. Should the President be a party to a disciplinary proceeding or is required to recuse themselves due to a potential conflict of interest, the Board will designate another Board member to chair a hearing.
5. At all times, the Respondent will be eligible to compete in all tournament events that take place while waiting for a final disposition of the disciplinary proceedings. Any suspension imposed will only be served once a final disposition of the case has been achieved.

