

Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba



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2023/2024 Membership Manual

Formats, Rules & Regulations for all Tournaments

Dates to Remember

Prior to Start of
Final Event (each division)

April 1st, 2024

June 29 - July 5, 2024

Fundraising Requirements Deadline

Submission Deadline for Coaching at Nationals
Application

Masters National championships – Winnipeg,
MB (Includes travel)
(Note: this includes early arrival day)

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

Please note that start times for all tournaments 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 tournaments.

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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 2023-24 bowling season.

Last season our Association once again experienced great success, both here in Manitoba and at the National Championships. I would like to thank our entire membership for their continued efforts to grow our numbers and to increase the overall level of competition within our Association. Our continued growth and success are largely due to the strength of our membership base and it is our goal to continue to increase our membership this season. Please encourage as many bowlers as possible to join or re-join Masters this season.

At the recent Masters Nationals held in St. John's, our contingent again represented our Association and province with class and pride, winning the Aggregate for the second consecutive year. The contingent won six medals in total, including a record four gold medals. I congratulate all of our medalists and extend special congratulations to our Senior Team, our Tournament Women's Team, our Tournament Men's Single, and our Senior Single on their gold medal performances.

This season brings the responsibility of hosting the 2024 Masters Nationals in Winnipeg. Our last hosting in 2014 was remarkable for the sheer number of volunteers that we had helping us to make the event a tremendous success. Just as it was in 2014, I have no doubt that we will have a large volunteer pool to draw from as we get closer to the event. It's always special to be able to compete in front of family and friends on the National Stage, and I know the 32 bowlers and coaches that will ultimately represent us at the Nationals will have a truly memorable experience.

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 2023-24 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

New for 2023 – 2024

The April 2023 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 2023-2024 season. Those changes, together with some housekeeping and updating are noted below. ***Please read each of these items in their entirety as they have an effect on our operations going forward.***

1. Tournament Division Qualifying Rules: Six (6) male and six (6) female competitors will qualify to represent Manitoba in the national championships each year. The top male and female Masters obtaining the highest pinfall for the five (5) events will be the singles representatives. Following the identification of the singles representatives, the five (5) team members for both men and women will be determined using the bowlers' best four (4) event scores out of the five (5) possible events. The top five male and top five female bowlers who have not already been identified as the singles representative will form the tournament division teams. 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.
2. Teaching Division Qualifying Rules: Five (5) male and five (5) female competitors will qualify to represent Manitoba in the national championships each year. The top male and female Masters obtaining the highest POA for the five (5) events will be the singles representatives. Following the identification of the singles representatives, the remaining 4 (4) team members for both men and women will be determined using the bowlers' best four (4) event scores out of the five (5) possible events. The top four male and top four female bowlers who have not already been identified as the singles representative, together with the singles representative, will form the teaching division teams. 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.
3. No electronic entertainment devices (headphones, ear buds, etc.) will be allowed on the approach. Medical devices such as hearing aids are allowed.
4. There will be no alterations to the coaching application forms other than full withdrawal after the coach application deadline.
5. Due to increased lineage costs and continuing increasing expenses, the fee for each tournament has been raised \$60.00 per tournament.

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. The board of directors' email addresses are on the website <http://www.manitobamasterbowlers.com/>

2023 – 2024 Event Schedule

Tournament Date	Event	Location	Time	Submit Average Sheets as of	Minimum Games	Entry Cut-off
<i>Teaching Division</i>						
October 15, 2023	# 1	Mosienko	9:00 am	End of 22/23 Season	45	Oct 05, 2023
November 26, 2023	#2	Dakota	9:00 am	November 5, 2023	21	Nov 16, 2023
January 7, 2024	#3	Rossmere	9:00 am	December 17, 2023	27	Dec 28, 2023
February 11, 2024	#4	St. James	9:00 am	January 21, 2024	36	Feb 01, 2024
April 14, 2024	Final	Polo Park	9:00 am	March 24, 2024	45	April 04, 2024
<i>Tournament Division</i>						
October 1, 2023	#1	Dakota	9:00 am			Sept 21, 2023
November 12, 2023	#2	Rossmere	9:00 am			Nov 02, 2023
February 4, 2024	#3	Polo Park	9:00 am			Jan 25, 2024
March 24, 2024	#4	Mosienko	9:00 am			Mar 14, 2024
April 28, 2024	Final	St. James	9:00 am			April 18, 2024
<i>Seniors Division</i>						
October 22, 2023	#1	Polo Park	9:00 am	End of 22/23 Season	45	Oct 12, 2023
January 14, 2024	#2	St. James	9:00 am	December 24, 2023	27	Jan 4, 2024
March 10, 2024	#3	Dakota	9:00 am	February 18, 2024	36	Feb 29, 2024
April 7, 2024	Final	Selkirk*	10:00 am	March 17, 2024	45	March 28, 2024
<i>Master/YBC Senior No Tap</i>						
October 29, 2023		Selkirk*	10:00 am			NEED
<i>Master Bantam Junior</i>						
December 10, 2023		Rossmere	10:00 am	November 5, 2023	9	Nov 19, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location not confirmed as of printing of membership book 						

Annual Meeting –TBA – Location TBA – 1:00 pm

All members are responsible for knowing the location and time of all events. In cases where changes need to be made to the above schedule, every member will receive an email notification of the change.



2023 - 2024 Membership and Fee Schedule

ALL FEES DUE WITH SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

BASIC MEMBERSHIP FEE – MBAM	\$50.00
Any One (1) Division	
Tournament, Teaching or Senior Division	\$50.00
Additional Division Fee - each <u>additional</u> division	\$50.00
Prepayment of Final Tournament Fee (per division)	\$60.00
(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

1. Full payment with application (**Plus \$60.00 cash fundraising option if chosen**)
or
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, 2023 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 tournament(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 Fee for each 8 game tournament to be paid prior to the start of event is **\$60.00**.

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

Other Membership Options

<i>Associate Member</i>	Full payment with application	\$10.00
<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.**

In addition, all members are also required to purchase/sell a minimum of \$20.00 worth of tickets for any 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 on the website <http://www.manitobamasterbowlers.com/>.

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 on the website <http://www.manitobamasterbowlers.com/>.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
OF THE MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION 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

General

- 1) The MBAM will consist of a senior division, a tournament division, a teaching division, 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) Any bowler is allowed to enter one event during the season as a guest in each division of the Masters for which they qualify, not including the last event of the season. They would be required to pay the applicable event fee and would be eligible for prize money only if they choose to participate in that part of the event and pay the applicable assessment for the prize money fund. Events bowled as a guest do not count towards national qualifying or toward your Masters average.
- 8) During combined events, 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 events.
- 9) 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.

Fundraising

- 10) All members of the tournament, teaching and senior divisions may be required to raise funds through various fundraising events throughout the year.
- 11) Deadline for fundraising is prior to the start of the final event, in whichever division the member participates, of the current season.
- 12) Any member who does not fulfill his/her fundraising obligations will forfeit his/her eligibility to represent Manitoba at the Master Bowlers Association of Canada National championships.
- 13) If the fundraising requirement is not met, the balance owing will be carried forward to the following season.

Dress Code

- 14) 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.
- a) 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.
 - b) 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.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.

- 15) No electronic entertainment devices (headphones, ear buds, etc.) will be allowed on the approach. Medical devices such as hearing aids are allowed.

Rules of Play

- 16) All MBAM events will be conducted under the playing rules of the C5PBA and the Master Bowlers Association of Canada.
- 17) Bowlers will change lanes after each game is completed in event play.
- 18) Any game missed or frames missed count as a zero score in event play.

Conduct and Deportment

- 19) The consumption of alcohol is permitted within all divisions, except during the Youth Events.
- 20) The use of illegal drug stimulants during an event is prohibited. Members under the obvious influence of drugs at the start of an event will face immediate disqualification from the current event. For subsequent offenses, the board of directors' decision will be final.

- 21) 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 event 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 event 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 event, 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 a bowler is asked to leave the premises by the proprietor because of behavior, the bowler will have been deemed to have received a red card, with all the penalties that implies.

Any disputes between Master bowlers and the MBAM, other than the disqualification outlined in rule #20, will be settled by the right of appeal in writing by any or all parties.

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.

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.

Qualifying for National Contingent

- 22) 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 event, i.e. in the teaching and senior division this would be the highest POA; in the tournament division, the highest event pinfall.
- 23) 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.

Special Circumstances

- 24) Exceptions to any rules and regulations will be made at the discretion of the executive of the MBAM.
- 25) 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 events each season. Event fees and any assessments (if applicable) must be paid by the members before the start of the event.
- 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 events 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 event directors, please advise the director of your division as soon as possible if you are unable to attend an event. 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:** Event format for this division is scratch play. Tournament division members may compete in up to five (5) events in a season. Each event 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) events.

A discussion will be had at the first event to determine how the tournament division wants 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 event, 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. The top male and female Masters obtaining the highest pinfall for the five (5) events will be the singles representatives. Following the identification of the singles representatives, the five (5) team members for both men and women will be determined using the bowlers' best four (4) event scores out of the five (5) possible events. The top five male and top five female bowlers who have not already been identified as the singles representative will form the tournament division teams. 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)

- 6) In the case of a tie for first (using five (5) events) or sixth (using four (4) events) positions for the national contingent, please refer to rule 22 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:** Event format for this division is pins over average. Teaching division members may compete in up to five (5) events in a season. Each event 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) events.
- 4) Five (5) male and five (5) female competitors will qualify to represent Manitoba in the national championships each year. The top male and female Masters obtaining the highest POA for the five (5) events will be the singles representatives. Following the identification of the singles representatives, the remaining 4 (4) team members for both men and women will be determined using the bowlers' best four (4) event scores out of the five (5) possible events. The top four male and top four female bowlers who have not already been identified as the singles representative, together with the singles representative, will form the teaching division teams. 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 no player in the Teaching Division has played all 5 events then the singles representative will be decided using only the number of tournaments required to qualify for the contingent.
- 6) In the case of a tie for first (using five (5) events) or fifth (using four (4) events) positions for the national contingent, please refer to rule 22 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 in the next, and subsequent seasons.

- 3) **FORMAT:** Event 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) events in a season. Each event 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) events.
- 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 event stars on the POA side. If a scratch player wants to participate in the prize money, they may do so using their masters average to determine their POA.

- 5) In the case of a tie for any of the national contingent positions, please refer to rule 22 of the GENERAL RULES.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

For Masters who wish to participate in the MBJ event 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 are not eligible to coach or sit on the Board of Directors.

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

BASIC MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership is available to all bowlers. This gives a member voting rights as well as the right to join a division or divisions upon payment of the prescribed fee for that division or divisions. People wanting to remain a member but who no longer wish to compete can purchase a Basic membership annually. Basic members are also eligible to compete in Master Youth events. Basic members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and must participate in fundraising. 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 Federation.

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION
AVERAGE CALCULATION RULES

- 1) As of the 2014/15 season, we are using a “one average” system, meaning all event 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 events 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 events in any combination of the teaching, tournament, and senior divisions, the average used for an event will be their event average over their last 12 events. If a bowler has not bowled a Masters event (teaching, tournament, or seniors) in more than 4 years they will follow the same rules as new bowlers. All event games bowled prior to 4 seasons before the start of the current season will be dropped from the calculation. (e.g. for the 2023-2024 season, only tournaments bowled during the 2022/2023, 2021/2022, 2019/20, and 2018/19 seasons will be used). ***Please note: Games bowled in any of the divisions as a guest do not count toward the 12 events.***
- 3) New Master bowlers will use their highest qualifying league average for the first event that they bowl in teaching or senior divisions.
- 4) New Master bowlers who do not have a qualifying league average will bowl the first event in teaching or senior divisions using the highest average entered for the same gender at that event.
- 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 event 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 events 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 event.
- 6) Until the minimum 12 masters events has been reached, all bowlers must submit all qualifying league averages for each event that they participate in by the specified date or a \$10.00 fee will be levied.
- 7) Bowlers who have less than 12 events played and have a qualifying league average will use a composite average for the event. The average formula will be: (((12 - # of events played) x (highest qualifying league average x 8)) + total event pinfall) / (total # of event games + # games from league component) = event average.
- 8) Bowlers who have less than 12 events played and do not have a qualifying league average will replace the highest qualifying league average with the highest average entered for the same sex at that event in the formula outlined in rule #7.

EXAMPLES OF THE RULES

- A) John Bowler has 12 events on file from the 2018/19 and 2020/21 seasons; his last event bowled was in April 2021. His average of these 12 events is 189. His end of season league average is 191. Using rule #2, his average for the first event of the 2023/24 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 event 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 event 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 event will be 229, See rule #4.
- D) Teri Fouler joined last year and bowled 24 event games (3 events) with a pinfall of 4,817. Her highest qualifying league average is 189. Her event 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 event 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 event is 230. Her event 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 \$15.00 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 the date specified in the Schedule of Events sent out to proprietors. 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 14 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 cannot 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 events.

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 online.
- 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

NATIONAL 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 opening ceremonies and the victory banquet.
- 7) Coaches are responsible for making their bowlers aware of all rules, as violations may result in penalties being assessed or suspensions from the championships.
- 8) Coaches are responsible for submitting a written report to the contingent manager within 2 weeks of the conclusion of the National event.

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 – 2022-2023

TEACHING DIVISION

Tournament Winners

St. James	Carole Bilyk	Derek Sanderson
Mosienko	Alley Bourcier	Kevin Grabowski
Polo Park	Carole Bilyk	Derek Sanderson
Rossmere	Carole Bilyk	Jason Hoger
St. James	Tabatha Gelardi	Russell Knight

REPRESENTING MANITOBA AT NATIONALS

Singles	Carole Bilyk	Finish: 4th
	Roland Flaig	Finish: 4th

Teams	Carole Bilyk	Roland Flaig
	Alley Bourcier	Derek Sanderson
	Anne Wisniewski	Kevin Grabowski
	Louise Stevenson	Russell Knight
	Shannon Pruden	Tim Hooper
	Coach: Chad Hurd	Coach: Jim Anderson
	Finish: 3rd (Bronze Medal)	Finish: 4th

SENIOR DIVISION

Tournament Winners

Selkirk	Carole Bilyk
Rossmere	Linda Orne
St. James	Patrick Walker
Dakota	Anne Wisniewski

POA

SCRATCH

Darren Maxwell
Geoff Born
Geoff Born
Geoff Born

REPRESENTING MANITOBA AT NATIONALS

Singles	Brian Hendrickson	Finish: 1st (Gold Medal)

Team	Brian Hendrickson
	Sybilla Watters
	Dixie McDonald
	Linda Orne
	Geoff Born (scratch)
	Coach: Krista Purdy

Finish: 1st (Gold Medal)

TOURNAMENT DIVISION

Tournament Winners

Polo Park	Alyssa Campbell	Derek Orne
St. James	Karen Armstrong	Dwayne Gelardi
Mosienko	Janna Van Walleghem	Dean Bartel
Rossmere	Jennifer Devenney	Tyson Nelson
Polo Park	Jennifer Devenney	Dwayne Gelardi

REPRESENTING MANITOBA AT NATIONALS

Singles	Jennifer Devenney	Finish: 4 th
	Dwayne Gelardi	Finish: 1 st (Gold Medal)
Teams	Janna Van Walleghem	Will Thompson
	Karen Armstrong	Colton Youzwa
	Alyssa Campbell	Dean Bartel
	Jessica Meurrens	Derek Orne
	Brooke Goulet	Sam Gelardi
	Coach: Sandi Anderson	Coach: Mike Devenney
	Finish: 1 st (Gold Medal)	Finish: 2 nd (Silver Medal)

***** AGGREGATE WINNERS - 2023 MBAC NATIONALS *****

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MASTER SENIOR FOURSOME TOURNAMENT
Dakota Lanes October 30, 2022

1st Place: **Rossmere #3**

Master (Scratch):	Brett Hendrickson
Master (POA):	Brian Hendrickson
YBC Senior:	Robyn Kauenhaufen
YBC Senior:	Lorena Badz

2nd Place: **St. James #3**

Master (Scratch):	Cindy Cousins
Master (POA):	Mike Devenney
YBC Senior:	Carter Schade
YBC Senior:	Quinten Crocket

3rd Place: **Polo Park #1**

Master (Scratch):	Sandi Anderson
Master (POA):	Carole Bilyk
YBC Senior:	Cailin Laurent
YBC Senior:	Danica Andrew

MASTER BANTAM JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Coronation Lanes December 11, 2022

Gold Medal: **Selkirk #2** **+232**

Master:	Alexa Bunn
Bantam:	Parker Pelletier
Junior:	Alex Lloyd
Junior:	Olivia Lewis

Silver Medal: **Polo Park #1** **+216**

Master:	Riley Laurent
Bantam:	Jayden Gardiner
Junior:	Sadie Vokey
Junior:	Kaydence Blue

Bronze Medal: **Selkirk #1** **+211**

Master:	Melody Smith
Bantam:	Alistair Clyde
Junior:	Jillian Swanson
Junior:	Shyanne Baczewich

Bantam Girl: Olivia Kiyon (Dakota) +59

Bantam Boy: Parker Pelletier (Selkirk) +53

Junior Girl: Sadie Vokey (Polo Park) +157

Junior Boy: Cash Banman (Dakota) +122

Robert Steen Trophy: Sadie Vokey

MASTER SENIOR NO TAP TOURNAMENT

Uptown Lanes on January 22, 2023:

1st Place Isiah Whited and Darren Maxwell + 531

2nd Place Kylie Pearson and Sherri Manek + 444

3rd Place Kayleigh Hoger and Jason Hoger + 384



Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba Inc.

APPLICATION FORM FOR COACHING TEAMS AT NATIONALS

*** APPLICATION DEADLINE – APRIL 1, 2024 ***

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 start of the first final event of the season

Name of Master: _____ *NCCP Passport # CC*_____

Best Phone Number to Reach You: _____

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 **COACHING APPLICATION DEADLINE** 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. As of April 1st (coaching application deadline) your selections cannot be changed other than to withdraw your name from coaching for the current year.*

Teaching Men _____

Teaching Ladies _____

Tournament Men _____

Tournament Ladies _____

Seniors _____

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

Name of Master applying to coach: _____

Previous Coaching Experience

Additional Information for Consideration:

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.



Master Bowlers Association of Manitoba Inc.

A MEMBER OF THE MANITOBA FIVE PIN BOWLING FEDERATION INC.

YBC Membership Rebate Application

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Year of Graduation from YBC: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Post-Secondary Institution Attending: _____

Program: _____

Program Start Date: _____

Anticipated End of Program Date: _____

I have read, fully understand and agree to abide by the YBC Membership Rebate policy. The decision of the board is final.

Signature of Applicant

Date

For Office Use Only:

Proof Of Enrollment shown at time of Application: Initials: _____

Proof of Enrollment Shown in Middle of Season and no later than January 15th: Initials: _____

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.

