

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**OF THE**

**BALTIMORE PROFESSIONAL DUCKPIN ASSOCIATION**

**MEN'S DIVISION**

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## *Constitution of the Baltimore Professional Duckpin Association*

The object of the Baltimore Professional Duckpin Association (BPDA) shall be the development of skilled Duckpin bowlers and team competition. It shall encourage and foster the highest standards of sportsmanship and personal conduct among its members. The BPDA will be keenly interested in all aspects of Duckpin bowling in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, the Mid-Atlantic region, and the national level.

### *By-Laws & Regulations*

#### **Section 1000: Organization**

- 1001: This organization will be known as the **BALTIMORE PROFESSIONAL DUCKPIN ASSOCIATION – MENS DIVISION** and shall be referred to as "**the BPDA**" in this document.
- 1002: The BPDA shall be governed by this document, which contains the *BPDA Constitution* and *By-Laws & Regulations*, as interpreted and upheld by the BPDA governing committee. The governing committee shall consist of nine (9) members and one (1) alternate member, elected annually from the membership of the BPDA, and shall be referred to as "the governing committee" in this document. The BPDA membership may elect no more than one (1) non-BPDA member to serve on the committee.
- 1003: The BPDA shall consist of no more than 80 members. The members shall be determined annually by the eligibility method described in this document.
- 1004: The BPDA shall operate on a fiscal year beginning on **June 15<sup>th</sup>** of each year.
- 1005: The BPDA shall meet annually during the month of August, prior to the start of the regular bowling season, and this meeting shall be referred to as "the organizational meeting" in this document.
- 1006: Election of the governing committee members shall occur at the organizational meeting and become effective immediately. Outgoing governing committee members shall temporarily work with the new governing committee members in a non-voting capacity to ease the transition period.
- 1007: The governing committee shall consist of a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) Committee Members and one (1) non-voting Alternate Member.
- 1008: A simple majority vote of the BPDA members present at the organizational meeting shall elect the governing committee members.
- 1009: The governing committee member elections shall be held in the following order:
- 1) President
  - 2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - 4) Secretary
  - 5) Treasurer
  - 6) Committee Members and Alternate Member
- 1010: The election of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be decided by the highest vote total of the nominated BPDA members for each office.
- 1011: The elections for the Committee Members and Alternate Member shall be decided by the five (5) highest vote totals of the nominated BPDA members. Each BPDA member will vote for four (4) of the nominated BPDA members to fill the offices of the Committee Members. The nominees with the four

(4) highest vote totals shall be elected as Committee Members. The nominee with the fifth-highest vote total shall be elected as Alternate Member. If a non-BPDA member is elected to the governing committee in a non-voting capacity, then a fifth Committee Member will be elected from the BPDA membership, and the nominee with the sixth-highest vote total shall be elected as Alternate Member.

- 1012: The President shall be responsible for the overall operation and management of the BPDA.
- 1013: The President shall coordinate all activities of the BPDA and its membership, shall arrange and preside over BPDA meetings, and shall arrange and preside over governing committee meetings. In governing committee meetings where a vote is required, the President shall only vote in the event of a tie.
- 1014: The President shall act as liaison for the BPDA with participating bowling centers and BPDA commercial sponsors.
- 1015: The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in his absence, and shall assist the President as needed.
- 1016: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President and/or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President if either/both are absent, and shall assist the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as needed.
- 1017: The Secretary shall keep written records of all BPDA meetings and forward copies to governing committee members and team captains/representatives.
- 1018: The Secretary shall be responsible for all BPDA correspondence and will notify the media (or any similarly interested party) of BPDA match results and news-worthy BPDA events.
- 1019: The Secretary shall record all BPDA scores, provide standings and average sheets for each regular BPDA season match, and be responsible for collecting score sheets from all BPDA matches.
- 1020: The Treasurer shall oversee all financial transactions and maintain all necessary financial records of the BPDA.
- 1021: The Treasurer shall prepare financial statements, budgets, and reports as directed by the governing committee, and prepare and submit all necessary fees and forms on behalf of the BPDA as required by federal, state, and local laws.
- 1022: The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be compensated at rates determined by the governing committee.
- 1023: All checks issued by the BPDA shall require two signatures. The Treasurer and other selected governing committee members shall have the authority to sign checks.
- 1024: The Committee Members and Alternate Member shall assist other governing committee members in any BPDA activities as needed.
- 1025: The Alternate Committee Member shall vote only in the absence of a voting governing committee member during governing committee meetings.
- 1026: Each BPDA team shall appoint a team representative. By default, the team captain is the team representative.

- 1027: Team representatives must attend league meetings, and shall bring to the governing committee's attention any complaints or suggestions made by his teammates. He shall keep his team informed of governing committee actions and BPDA activities. Any team not represented at a league meeting will be subject to a team fine of \$10.00.
- 1028: Any BPDA member may suggest an addition or amendment to the *By-Laws & Regulations* by submitting the suggestion in writing to the governing committee.
- 1029: The governing committee shall be responsible for recommending additions and amendments to the *By-Laws & Regulations*.
- 1030: Any proposed amendment to the *By-Laws & Regulations* must be approved by a simple majority vote of the BPDA members present at the organizational meeting, and (if approved) shall take effect immediately.
- 1031: The governing committee will discuss new developments in Duckpin bowling on the local, regional, and national levels, and shall keep the BPDA membership informed.
- 1032: The governing committee shall readily express the opinion of the BPDA to any other bowling organization.
- 1033: The governing committee shall interpret the *Constitution* and *By-Laws & Regulations* as specific situations arise.
- 1034: Any governing committee member shall have the authority to take disciplinary action against any BPDA member who has violated the *Constitution* or *By-Laws & Regulations* contained in this document. This disciplinary action can be in the form of warnings, fines, suspension, or a combination thereof. The governing committee has the right to expel a member from the BPDA as a disciplinary action in extreme cases.
- 1035: The BPDA members shall respect the judgment and decisions of the governing committee.
- 1036: When BPDA members disagree with a decision made by the governing committee, a meeting of all BPDA members may be demanded by obtaining signatures of at least one-half (1/2) of the BPDA membership. The issue in question shall be discussed at this meeting. If two-thirds (2/3) of the BPDA membership is in attendance, a simple majority vote can override the governing committee's original decision.
- 1037: Any league member who is employed by, or has business ties to, an external organization involved in a business transaction or negotiation with the BPDA, must excuse himself from participating in any business transactions and/or negotiations between the external organization and the BPDA. Additionally, the BPDA will not enter into a business transaction or negotiation with an external organization in which a BPDA member would be the primary representative of the external organization.

## **Section 2000: Format**

- 2001: The BPDA will bowl Duckpins.
- 2002: The BPDA will bowl its matches in bowling centers that are sanctioned by the National Duckpin Bowling Congress, and under the jurisdiction of the Baltimore Duckpin Bowlers Association (if it exists), and have automatic pinsetters. The *National Duckpin Bowling Congress* shall be referred to as

the *NDBC*, and the *Baltimore Duckpin Bowlers Association* shall be referred to as the *BDBA*, in this document.

- 2003: The BPDA will bowl only with pins sanctioned by the NDBC.
- 2004: The BPDA will bowl its matches in a circuit of houses to be selected and approved by the governing committee.
- 2005: The BPDA will bowl a 111-game schedule or season consisting of 37 matches of three (3) games each. The BPDA may bowl additional matches as scheduled by the governing committee. (This schedule was established beginning with the 2018-2019 BPDA season.)
- 2006: The schedule or season is referred to as "regular season" in this document.
- 2007: After the final standings have been determined, the BPDA may bowl playoff matches to determine the BPDA Playoff Champion.
- 2008: All BPDA matches will be scored using the seven-points-per-match scoring method of two (2) points per game and one (1) point for match total pinfall.
- 2009: The BPDA will consist of no more than 20 teams of four (4) members each.
- 2010: The teams will be numbered in accordance with the team captain's rank (the top-ranked captain will be team #1, the 2<sup>nd</sup>-ranked captain will be team #2, etc.).
- 2011: Should the first-place team be eight (8) or more points in front of the second-place team, the first-place team will bowl the last-place team in the Final Position Round of the regular season. However, should both the first- and second-place teams have their positions locked up, eight (8) or more points in front of their closest opponents, the Final Position Round will proceed as a normal position round.
- 2012: In the event of a tie for the final playoff position consisting of three (3) or more teams, the governing committee shall decide the method to determine how the roll-offs will proceed.
- 2013: The members of the team with the best regular season record in the final standings will each receive a jacket commemorating their achievement as BPDA Regular Season Champion.

### **Section 3000: Finance**

- 3001: The governing committee shall oversee all financial matters that pertain to the BPDA.
- 3002: The governing committee shall prepare an annual budget that shall outline the financial obligations of the BPDA and shall include a breakdown of income and expenses.
- 3003: This budget will be presented to any BPDA member, BPDA commercial sponsor, or similarly interested party upon request.
- 3004: The income necessary to meet the financial obligations of the BPDA will be derived from five (5) major Sources:
  - a) All BPDA members will pay an annual membership fee of \$25.00 prior to the start of the regular season. All BPDA bowlers must sanction through the BPDA unless otherwise approved. This fee, which is an amount set by the NDBC, must be paid at the opening match. However, should a bowler belong to another league which sanctions all of their bowlers, the sanction fee will be

refunded to the bowler after the sanctioning in the other league has been verified by the secretary.

- b) All BPDA members will pay a bowling fee every time the league bowls a unit match (excluding Sunday matches). However, should a bowler be absent from a unit match or not pay his bowling fees at the unit match, he will be declared ineligible to participate in any future BPDA matches until all fees due the BPDA are paid to the Treasurer or a member of the BPDA governing committee. This bowling fee amount will be determined at the organizational meeting, by a simple majority of the BPDA members present, based on the financial obligations of the BPDA. Additionally, for each Sunday unit match, \$100 will be paid to the team that has the highest total pinfall from that match (payable at year-end with the prize fund payout).
- c) If a BPDA member bounces a check, he will be notified by the Treasurer, and a fine of \$25.00 will be assessed. The BPDA member then has two (2) weeks from the date of notification to pay the amount of the bounced check, the fine, and any associated bank charges. Failure to furnish payment within the two-week period will result in the suspension of the BPDA member until payment is made. A second offense of this rule within the same season will result in a fine of \$50.00, and the BPDA member must make all subsequent payments via cash.
- d) The BPDA will solicit commercial sponsors for each of the teams in the league, for an annual sponsor fee (to be determined by the governing committee), to advertise on BPDA team shirts. It shall be each team captain's responsibility to obtain a sponsor. Should there not be enough sponsors obtained through the combined efforts of the committee, team captains and team members, the team(s) without commercial sponsors will be responsible for the cost of the team shirts and lettering. Commercial sponsors obtained by the committee will be assigned to teams based on the team captain's seniority as a team captain. Seniority for team captains will be based first on if the team captain is returning from the previous season as a captain, and then on the number of times he has been a captain. Captains repeating as a captain from the previous season shall always have preference over any other team captain regardless of the number of times he has been a captain.
- e) The BPDA shall conduct annual fund raising events, arranged by the governing committee, if necessary.

#### **Section 4000: Eligibility**

- 4001: The governing committee, or a representative appointed by the governing committee, will compile a list of all male bowlers who have met BPDA eligibility requirements during the past season. This list shall be known as the "eligibility list" in this document.
- 4002: Eligible bowlers must have been sanctioned by the NDBC during either of the two (2) most recent NDBC bowling seasons.
- 4003: Non-BPDA bowlers must be sanctioned and bowl 80% of sanctioned league games in at least one league in order to qualify for BPDA draft list. The qualifying leagues may be any team size. Example: a 120-game schedule requires 96 games bowled, a 108-game schedule requires 87 games bowled (all fractions are to round up).
- 4004: Eligible returning BPDA members must have bowled a minimum of 75 regularly scheduled BPDA games during the past bowling season. If this requirement is not met, the returning BPDA member will have to meet the non-BPDA member eligibility requirements in order to be eligible.
- 4005: Eligible returning BPDA members will use their BPDA total games, pinfall and average from the past bowling season. Eligible returning BPDA members whose league averages do not qualify them for the eligibility list shall have their league average combined with total games, pinfall and average from all

eligible tournaments from the past bowling season. This combined average will determine eligibility; however, only the bowler's league average will be used for draft purposes.

- 4006: Should a current BPDA league member's league average, excluding over pins, qualify him for the draft, he shall automatically be placed on the draft list at his league average before any new bowler or former BPDA bowler who did not bowl the previous season, with the same average, excluding over pins (135.990,135.501 and 135.018 are all 135 averages). However, this shall not apply to a former BPDA member who missed the previous season due to injury, military obligation, work problem, or similar reason and has been made eligible under **Rule 4007**. Should this process result in more than one current BPDA member qualifying for the final draft position, the bowler with the higher number of league games will be awarded the final draft position. If still tied after this tiebreaker, the bowler with the highest combined BPDA league and tournament average will be awarded the final draft position. This rule will apply if, for example, there are 16 teams, and there are 63 bowlers with an average of 136 or better, and two (2) or more current BPDA members with a league average of 135.
- 4007: In the event a current or former BPDA member has not met eligibility requirements because of injury, military obligation, work problem or similar reason, he may request that the eligibility requirements be waived. The request must be made, in writing, by May 31st of the first year said problem has been resolved. Otherwise, said bowler must meet the eligibility requirements of any non-BPDA bowler. If the bowler is made eligible, the governing committee will determine his eligible average. Letters for consideration of re-entry into the league for an injury will not be considered unless the injury caused the bowler to not meet the requirements of **Rule 4004**, which states that the bowler must have bowled a minimum of 75 regularly scheduled league games.
- 4008: The governing committee may remove any bowler from the eligibility list if the removal is in the best interests of the BPDA.
- 4009: The eligibility list will be arranged in descending order of eligible average. Team captains will be placed in descending order of eligible average (see **Rule 6002**). The other positions will be arranged in descending order by eligible average specified using a decimal fraction calculated to 3 decimal places. **Rule 4006** and **Rule 4007** may provide exceptions to this order.

### **Section 5000: Selection List**

- 5001: The top 80 bowlers (or less, depending on the number of teams) listed on the eligibility list automatically become the initial draft selection list.
- 5002: The bowlers on the selection list will be invited to bowl in the BPDA for the coming season. If a bowler declines the invitation to bowl, the next available bowler on the eligibility list will be placed on the selection list and invited to bowl in the BPDA for the coming season. This procedure will be repeated until 80 bowlers (or less, depending on the number of teams) have been determined.
- 5003: If the necessary number of bowlers cannot be determined using this method, the governing committee will select and invite bowlers, at its discretion, to complete the selection list.
- 5004: Any bowler who accepts the invitation to bowl in the BPDA, but refuses to bowl or quits the BPDA after the draft has been completed, except for reasons beyond his control, will be ineligible to participate in any BPDA match for the current season and for the following two (2) seasons.
- 5005: If a bowler on the selection list does not return his draft card or notify a member of the committee listed on the draft card by two (2) weeks prior to the draft, this shall be taken as a refusal of the invitation to join the BPDA, and he will be removed from the selection list. The next available bowler on the

eligibility list will be invited to bowl in the BPDA. This procedure will be repeated until the necessary number of bowlers are placed on the selection list.

5006: The league strength shall be no greater than 80 (20 teams of 4). The league may expand from its current strength (but not beyond 80), should there be sufficient bowlers with full qualifications to increase the number of teams. The governing committee shall determine the team strength of the league annually on the league's payoff night. Should there not be enough bowlers with full qualifications for the necessary number of teams, the committee shall use **Rule 5003** to complete the league.

### **Section 6000: Draft Procedure**

6001: The necessary number of team captains from the BPDA members listed on the selection list using an annual draft procedure will select the BPDA teams for the coming season.

6002: Team captains are selected from returning BPDA members only, who have bowled 80% of the scheduled league games and have met all of the other requirements for returning BPDA bowlers. Team captains will be the top bowlers in final average from the previous season, using the pins over average method for fractional average component. Should there be a tie for the last captain's position, the bowler with the most league games shall be declared the captain. If the tied bowlers had the same amount of games in the league, then the bowlers' tournament games will be combined with their BPDA averages to determine the draft averages of the tied bowlers, with the higher draft average being awarded the captaincy. Should there be a tie after these two tiebreakers, the bowler with the most combined BPDA league and tournament games shall be declared the captain.

6003: The annual draft will take place on or before **July 15th** and will be arranged and organized by the governing committee.

6004: The initial draft order of the team captains shall be determined as follows:

- 1) Team captains shall be listed in reverse order, with the highest-average captain receiving the final draft selection in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.
- 2) The team captains with the first four (4) draft picks will participate in a random drawing (lottery) for draft order in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. This drawing will be weighted according to the captains' average rankings. Ten (10) chips will be placed into a container. Four (4) of the chips will bear the ranking of the lowest-average lottery captain, three (3) chips will bear the ranking of the next-lowest lottery captain, two (2) chips will bear the ranking of the next-lowest lottery captain, and one (1) chip will bear the ranking of the highest-average lottery captain. The chips will then be drawn, and the lottery captains will be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> round in the order in which their rankings are drawn (first captain drawn receives the first selection, etc.). Please note: if the league consists of less than 14 teams, the governing committee may adjust the structure of the draft lottery if it is deemed to be in the league's best interests.
- 3) The drawing shall be conducted by the governing committee on the night of the draft, with the lottery captains invited to be present for the drawing. All team captains involved will be notified of the drawing results. For all draft purposes other than determination of captaincy ranking (see **Rule 6002**), draft averages shall be calculated to three (3) decimal places.

6005: In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of draft picks, each captain is restricted to the highest available bowlers on the selection list (equal to the number of teams in the league for the upcoming season). For example, if there are 14 teams, the captain with the first selection may select any bowler listed in positions one (1) through 14. After a selection is made, the next highest available bowler (number 15 on the draft list) becomes available for selection by the captain with the second pick. This procedure is repeated throughout the first round.

- 6006: For the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, the draft averages of each captain and his 1<sup>st</sup>-round draft selection are added together. The team captains will then draft in ascending order of combined team average (the captain with the lowest team average will select first, and the captain with the highest team average will have the final selection of the round). This process is repeated for all subsequent rounds of the draft.
- 6007: In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent rounds of the draft, a captain may select a bowler from any position on the selection list.

### **Section 7000: Substitutes**

- 7001: A BPDA team may use a substitute bowler only when it is not possible for a regular BPDA member to bowl. In case of a dispute, the governing committee shall determine whether the BPDA member had a valid reason for not bowling.
- 7002: Any substitute bowler must be sanctioned by the NDBC. The substitute's sanction number, league of sanctioning, and average, along with his full name and phone number, must be listed on the back of the score sheet, the first time he bowls in a BPDA match. This information should also be given to the secretary so that a substitute list can be maintained.
- 7003: A substitute bowler may not have a higher average than the bowler for whom he substitutes, unless more than one substitute bowler is being used (see RULE 7006).
- 7004: An eligible substitute bowler must have bowled in a minimum of 45 games in a NDBC sanctioned league, in either of the prior two (2) seasons.
- 7005: A substitute must use his composite NDBC sanctioned league average from the prior season, with a minimum of 45 games bowled per league. If no qualifying average exists from the prior season, a qualifying average from two seasons prior can be used. A substitute who bowled at least 45 games in the BPDA the prior season will use his BPDA average from the prior season, regardless of whether he carried a higher qualifying average in another league.
- 7006: If a BPDA team uses more than one substitute in a given game, the combined averages of the substitutes cannot exceed the combined averages of the absent bowlers.
- 7007: A BPDA team may use any number of substitutes in order to field a legal team.
- 7008: A protest is automatically in effect whenever a substitute bowler is used. This protest is removed once the substitute bowler's average has been verified. Once a substitute bowler's average has been verified and he has been declared eligible and placed on the substitute list, it will not be necessary to re-verify his average each time he bowls.
- 7009: If a substitute bowler is declared ineligible or if his average cannot be verified, a blind score of 115 or the actual score (whichever is lower), will replace the actual score rolled for each game the substitute bowler was ineligible, and the match results will be recalculated.
- 7010: If a BPDA team uses an ineligible bowler more than once, that team is subject to disciplinary action by the governing committee for not conforming to the rules and regulations.
- 7011: If no substitute is used for a missing bowler, a blind score of 115 will be assigned.
- 7012: A BPDA team must physically field a minimum of two bowlers in order to be a legal team.

- 7013: If a BPDA team is unable to field a legal team, the team forfeits all games in which this situation exists. The BPDA members present on both teams must still bowl the forfeited games.
- 7014: If a BPDA team is unable to field a legal team due to an emergency situation, the team must notify a governing committee member immediately. If a true emergency situation exists, the governing committee may waive the forfeit rule and postpone the match.
- 7015: All substitutes must follow the dress code of **Rule 10002**, except for the BPDA team shirt (the substitute must wear a shirt with a collar). Substitutes not properly dressed will not be allowed to substitute again. The governing committee shall determine any exceptions to this rule.

### **Section 8000: Postponements**

- 8001: BPDA matches may be postponed only in extreme emergencies or if inclement weather exists.
- 8002: If a BPDA match is going to be postponed due to an extreme emergency, both teams must immediately notify a governing committee member.
- 8003: All postponed matches must be bowled within three (3) weeks of the originally scheduled match date. If that is not possible, or if a position round match occurs during the three-week period, the governing committee will reschedule the postponed match.
- 8004: In the event inclement weather exists, the governing committee will decide, before 6:00 PM, if bowling is to be canceled. If bowling is canceled, the bowling centers involved will be notified of the cancellation. BPDA members are responsible for finding out if bowling is canceled.
- 8005: The governing committee shall reschedule all BPDA matches that are canceled due to inclement weather.
- 8006: Should a match be postponed due to a mechanical, electrical, or similar circumstance at one bowling center, the match may be moved that evening to another bowling center in which the BPDA bowls on a regular basis, if lanes are available and the team captains agree. A match so moved that evening would be resumed at the point where play stopped. If the match cannot be completed that evening, then **Rule 8003** shall apply. If the match is postponed to a later date, any game that is completed will stand and the remaining game(s) will resume from the point that play stopped. The last frame bowled must be permanently recorded and signed by both team captains, a copy of which must be given to the governing committee.

### **Section 9000: Protests**

- 9001: All protests must be made by the protesting team's captain, or (in the captain's absence) a regular BPDA team member from the protesting team.
- 9002: A protest must be made during the match by writing PROTEST on both teams' score sheets before the score sheets are signed. The protesting team must immediately notify a governing committee member of the protest.
- 9003: The governing committee will rule on the protest after meeting with the parties involved. The protest ruling will be put in writing, and the parties involved will receive a copy of the ruling.

## **Section 10000: Bowlers' Code**

- 10001: All BPDA members must be generally neat in appearance and wear their BPDA uniform during any BPDA match.
- 10002: The BPDA uniform consists of the BPDA team shirt; dress slacks or dress shorts (jeans of any kind will not be acceptable) in any color or pattern (no cargo shorts or extra side pockets permitted); and the BPDA patch. The BPDA patch must be sewn to the left pocket area of the BPDA team shirt, unless the team's sponsor has a patch or insignia in the left pocket area, in which case the governing committee will determine the location of the BPDA patch on the uniform shirt. BPDA Hall of Fame members are to wear the BPDA Hall of Fame patch in place of the regular BPDA patch. Each individual BPDA bowler may optionally wear a USA flag patch on the uniform shirt. Should it be worn, the flag patch must be sewn to the left sleeve of the BPDA team shirt approximately one (1) inch below the shoulder seam.
- 10003: Any BPDA member not wearing their BPDA uniform during any BPDA match will receive an automatic fine of \$25.00 per occurrence.
- 10004: BPDA members may be required to make promotional appearances.
- 10005: The BPDA should make every effort to be a leader in the area of faster bowling. BPDA members should be ready to bowl, by getting to the approach as the previous bowler finishes the frame. As each bowler finishes his frame he should make sure that the bowling balls on the ball return rack are in proper position so that they will not roll backwards off the ball return (if applicable).
- 10006: During any BPDA match, no bowler may bowl between the first and second balls of the opponent, unless the opponent has pressed the deadwood button.
- 10007: During any BPDA match, after each bowler delivers his second ball, that bowler should step back, so that his opponent can deliver his first ball.
- 10008: All BPDA members will be well-behaved and act in a professional manner during BPDA matches. Use of profanity during BPDA matches is prohibited.
- 10009: Any BPDA member observed drinking alcoholic beverages during any BPDA match, other than those sold at that particular bowling center, will receive an automatic fine of \$25.00 and will be subject to further disciplinary action by the governing committee.
- 10010: Except in the case of injury, any bowler who does not complete any frame of any game shall receive a zero (0) box for that frame, an automatic \$25.00 fine, and be automatically suspended from the next match.
- 10011: No BPDA member will complain to the bowling center about the conditions of the center. Instead, BPDA members may explain the situation to a governing committee member, who will then take appropriate action. In the absence of a governing committee member, or in an emergency, the team captains, if in agreement, can take appropriate action together in as tactful a way as possible.
- 10012: Any BPDA member can fine another BPDA member. If a BPDA member sees another member dressed or acting in an unprofessional manner, he is to inform the offending bowler's captain. That captain is to inform the offending bowler. The bowler's name and offense are to be written on the back of the score sheet. After investigation by the governing committee, the governing committee may take action in any or none of the following ways:

- 1) Issue a verbal warning to the bowler in question.
- 2) Issue a fine to the bowler in question.

- 10013: In the event an elected governing committee member or team captain has to take disciplinary action against any BPDA member for any reason, other than the disciplinary actions outlined in sections 10003, 10009, 10010, 10016, and 12002, the disciplinary action for the first offense will be a fine of \$40.00. If, during the same bowling season, the same bowler requires additional disciplinary action, the second offense will be a fine of \$50.00. If the same BPDA member requires disciplinary action for a third time, during the same bowling season, the disciplinary action will be a fine of \$75.00, plus a three-match suspension. Suspensions can be carried into post-season playoff matches and/or into the following season, at the governing committee's discretion. If any further disciplinary action has to be taken against the same BPDA member, during the same bowling season, that BPDA member will be suspended from the BPDA for the remainder of that bowling season, pending more severe actions by the governing committee. The governing committee shall take whatever steps are necessary to preserve the professional image of the BPDA and uphold the *BPDA Constitution* and *By-Laws & Regulations*.
- 10014: A BPDA member shall be notified in writing by the governing committee when disciplinary action has been taken against him.
- 10015: Unless appealed, all fines must be paid within two (2) weeks of receipt of written notification of disciplinary action taken by the governing committee. Unless appealed, if the fine is not paid within two (2) weeks, the fined member will not be able to bowl until the fine is paid. Any bowler who is fined and wants to appeal his fine must notify a committee member immediately upon receipt of the written notification that disciplinary action has been taken against him. Appeals will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled general meeting of the governing committee, following delivery of the written notification to the bowler(s) involved. Failure to appear by the designated time for the meeting at which the appeal will be heard will result in the appeal being denied. Should a bowler appeal, he must be prepared to pay his fine at the time the appeal is heard before the governing committee. In the event the appeal is denied, the fine must be paid before the bowler is permitted to bowl again.
- 10016: Should a bowler not appear for a scheduled match without notifying his team captain, he will be fined \$25.00. In the event the bowler's captain cannot be reached, the bowler should notify one of his teammates and/or a governing committee member that he cannot attend the scheduled match.
- 10017: Each member of the BPDA is responsible for his full financial commitment for the regular season.
- 10018: If a member must resign from the BPDA, he must notify the governing committee in writing. At that time, the resigning member will make arrangements to fulfill his financial commitment to the BPDA and assist in finding a replacement bowler.
- 10019: A replacement bowler for a member who has resigned from the BPDA must use the process described in Section 7000 (Substitutes) to determine their eligible average. If at all possible, the replacement bowler should come from the eligibility list for the season in question, provided his average does not exceed the bowler to be replaced. The BPDA governing committee must also approve the replacement bowler.
- 10020: Should a BPDA member be suspended from any other league or bowling center, that suspension will carry over to the BPDA Men's Division for the entire period that the member has been suspended by the other league or bowling center. Any member so suspended is still liable for his financial commitment to the BPDA, unless he has been suspended by the NDBC in accordance with their rules.

10021: If a member quits the BPDA after the season has started and continues to bowl in another league, that member will be not be allowed to bowl in the BPDA for at least two years, subject to review by the governing committee.

10022: Any bowler who is returning from an injury will be allowed a two (2) week rehabilitation period to bowl open play or in other leagues, if he so desires, before returning to the BPDA. If a bowler wants to take advantage of this rehabilitation process, he must notify the governing committee of his intent to do so.

### **Section 11000: Captains' Code**

11001: All team captains are responsible for their teams' conduct and personal appearance, during any BPDA match. Team captains must be aware, at all times, of the professional behavior expected from each team, as they perform before the public, representing the BPDA and its commercial sponsors. If a member of the team is fined, it is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure the fine is paid.

11002: Team captains will stay up to date on their team's schedule, and remind their bowlers of the next scheduled BPDA match, at the conclusion of the current BPDA match.

11003: All team captains are responsible for properly recording match scores. Team captains are also responsible for delivering the score sheets to the Secretary or an appointed representative.

11004: All team captains are responsible for the financial obligations of their team at each match and the delivery of BPDA funds to the BPDA Treasurer.

11005: All team captains must know the BPDA Constitution and the BPDA By-Laws & Regulations, and should be familiar with the NDBC rules.

### **Section 12000: Miscellaneous**

12001: Bowlers' last names will be displayed on all scoring displays during BPDA matches.

12002: All BPDA matches will start at the designated starting time. In the event that lanes are not available at the designated starting time, the match must start within ten minutes of lane availability. Failure to start on time or within ten minutes of lane availability will result in an automatic fine of \$50.00 for both teams involved.

12003: Any BPDA member bowling in a tournament subsidized by the BPDA must wear their BPDA shirt in order to receive the subsidy.

12004: Any incident or circumstance not covered by this document shall be governed by the NDBC rules, which shall be interpreted by the governing committee in an impartial manner.

### **Section 13000: Hall of Fame**

13001: A BPDA member may qualify to be entered into the BPDA Hall of Fame in any of the following ways:

- a. PERFORMANCE ON THE LANES: Five (5) captaincies (or, four (4) captaincies, if average finish in individual average is 20<sup>th</sup> or better after ten (10) seasons)
- b. MERIT: Ten (10) consecutive seasons as a BPDA member
- c. LONGEVITY (consecutive or otherwise):
  - i. 13 seasons (Bronze Award)
  - ii. 15 seasons (Silver Award)
  - iii. 20 seasons (Gold Award)

- iv. 25 seasons (Diamond Award)
- v. 30 seasons (Crystal Award)
- d. ADMINISTRATION: For elected governing committee members only. Over a meaningful period of time, if a member is considered to have led or assisted in solving BPDA problems, led or assisted the league through periods of change, saw that official league functions (drafts, openings, meetings, etc.) were performed in a timely manner, and saw that the league rules were followed or amended with great expertise and dedication, that member shall be considered for the Hall of Fame.

### **Section 14000: Bowler of the Year & Awards**

14001: The Bowler of the Year (BOY) Award shall be given to the BPDA member who accumulates the most BOY points during the regular season. BOY points will be awarded as follows:

- a. For a draft average of 131 or higher:
  - i. Plus-1 point for every 20 pins bowled above the draft average per game
  - ii. Plus-1 point for every 20 pins bowled above the draft average (x3) per set
  - iii. Minus-1 point for every 25 pins bowled below the draft average per game
  - iv. Minus-1 point for every 25 pins bowled below the draft average (x3) per set
- b. For a draft average of 130 or lower:
  - i. Plus-1 point for every 20 pins bowled above 130 per game
  - ii. Plus-1 point for every 20 pins bowled above 390 per set
  - iii. Minus-1 point for every 25 pins bowled below 130 per game
  - iv. Minus-1 point for every 25 pins bowled below 390 per set

14002: There is no limit to the number of BOY points that a bowler may gain or lose per night.

14003: Should there be a tie in BOY points, the bowler with the highest BPDA league average will be declared the Bowler of the Year.

14004: An award shall be given to the BPDA bowler with the highest regular season average.

14005: The BPDA will also furnish a Rookie of the Year (ROY) Award. The ROY Award shall be awarded to the rookie (defined as a BPDA bowler) with the highest number of BOY points.