

COUNTRY BOWL MATCH CLUB

BY-LAWS

MATCH CLUB ORGANIZED 09/20/2017

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ARTICLE I

- A. This organization shall be known as the COUNTRY BOWL MATCH CLUB.
- B. Its purpose is to have fun bowling through challenge matches conducted with similar groups elsewhere.
- C. This shall be a non-profit organization, and to that end, funds may be expended to the betterment of the club upon a vote of the membership as defined in ARTICLE II.

ARTICLE II – (Amended on October 4, 2017, November 1, 2017)

- A. Membership shall consist of adult men and women 21 years and older.
- B. The Club shall consist of fifty (50) active members maximum.
- C. MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Leaves of absence will only be granted to a member for medical reasons. Members requesting a leave of absence must be under a doctor's care or doctor's orders not to bowl and shall last only as long as the medical condition prohibits active participation. A member placed on medical leave status will pay full dues while on medical leave or drop out.
- D. MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWAL: Any bowler wishing to withdraw from membership in the club, should notify the secretary in writing.
- E. MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION: Any member whose dues are three or more months in arrears will be notified by mail that their membership is being terminated.
- F. Prospective members are not allowed to attend meetings until their membership has been voted on. Voting on new members shall be done by the officers. New members shall be sponsored. A sponsor must be an active CBMC member.

ARTICLE III (Amended on Oct. 4, 2017)

- A. Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Matchmaker and Sergeant-at-Arms. Terms of office shall be one (1) year beginning September 1.
- B. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:
 1. PRESIDENT: To preside over regular meetings for the purpose of conducting the business of the Club. To appoint all committees, and to serve as an ex-officio member on all committees.
 2. VICE-PRESIDENT: To act on behalf of the president in his/her absence. He/she shall ensure that prospective CBMC members have read and understand the CBMC by-laws, rules and expectations prior to being voted on for membership.
 3. SECRETARY: To handle all correspondence. Shall keep careful records of proceedings and minutes.
 4. TREASURER: To handle all finances, collect dues and fines, and keep an accurate record of all Club financial transactions as well as each member's financial standing in the Club.
 5. MATCHMAKER: Shall schedule all matches and bowling assignments. Shall keep a record of all matches bowled by members, and a record of their averages for use in matches.
 6. SGT-AT-ARMS: To collect all fines and miscellaneous monies for the Treasurer. Shall maintain order at the meetings, and respond at roll-call of officers
- C. A bank account (checking only) will be used for both general fund and travel fund. All checks over \$50.00 must be signed by two (2) officers.
- D. The Executive Board shall decide all issues arising between meetings.
- E. The Match Club books shall be audited at the end of each club year before September 30th. The President shall appoint a committee of no less than three (3) members, other than the Executive Board, to audit the books.

ARTICLE IV

DUES, ASSESSMENTS and FINES

- A. DUES: Dues will be eleven (\$11.00) dollars per month, payable to COUNTRY BOWL MATCH CLUB. Dues must be paid at the first match of each month. Member's dues must be paid up to date before they will be eligible to bowl in a match.
- B. ASSESSMENTS: If the general fund account falls below a balance of \$1,000.00, bowlers will pay \$3.00 per game for each game bowled in match play.
- C. FINES:
 1. **\$1.00** for the following infractions:
 - a. Failure to wear Match Club shirt while bowling in a club event, and for not wearing a nametag.
 - b. Wearing a club shirt for any reason other than bowling without club approval. Shirts may be worn to and from bowling alley and any activity during a match.
 - c. Failure to notify the matchmaker five (5) days prior to the match if unable to bowl after signing up.
 2. **.50¢** for the following infraction
 - a. Failure to bowl average in any game
 3. **.25¢** for the following infractions:

- a. Failure to mark in the fifth frame of any game during match play.
 - b. Use of profanity by club member while bowling, when at a meeting, or while wearing the Match Club shirt.
 - c. Failure to wear Country Bowl Match Club pin after bowler has bowled a 200 game and received the pin.
4. **Lineage** for the following infraction
- a. Failure to show up for a match in a non-emergency case, member is required to pay \$10.00 per match to cover lineage.
5. A member will pay **\$5.00** if he/she does not attend at least two meetings a year.

ARTICLE V (Amended on November 1, 2017)

- A. There shall be a minimum of four meetings per year held prior to club match.
- B. Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Changes in the by-laws require 60 percent (60%) of membership to be present. Amendments/changes requires a passage of 51 percent (51%) of those present.

ARTICLE VI

- A. UNIFORMS: Match Club shirts will be ordered by member at time of initiation.

ARTICLE VII (Amended on October 4, 2017)

A. MATCH GAMES:

1. Matches will be scheduled using bowlers in order of sign-up. Matchmaker must be notified of any sign-up cancellations five (5) days prior to the match unless due to sickness or emergency.
2. Sign-up sheets for future matches will be posted a minimum of ten days prior to an upcoming match.
3. Two officers must be on the signup sheet in order to be able to make payment for matches bowled.
4. Matches will be played either Saturday or Sunday or both.
5. SCORING RULES: Total the team averages, find the difference between the two teams and subtract ten (10) from the difference. If the difference between teams' averages is less than ten pins, the two opposing teams will bowl scratch.
6. COUNTRY BOWL MATCH CLUB will not loan bowlers. Opposing clubs must use average scores for missing bowlers.
7. TWO-DAY MATCHES IN TOWN: A bowler may sign up for both days, one day as bowler and one day as alternate. Alternates will be selected by matchmaker at the matchmaker's discretion and may not be in order of signup. Exceptions may occur and will be resolved at the discretion of the matchmaker.

ARTICLE VIII

- A. CLUB INITIATION FEES: \$10.00 per member.
- B. The club will waive the monthly dues for the Matchmaker, Webmaster/ Treasurer. Expense of toll calls, supplies and services procured by the Officers for the club will be reimbursed by the club.

Amended:

Article II/Item G (removed) 10/4/2017 - Members cannot belong to any other Match Club or be loaned to other clubs during a match.

Article III B2 updated 10/4/2017 - VICE-PRESIDENT: To act on behalf of the president in his/her absence. He/she will supply application forms and see that the sponsor fulfills his/her obligations.

Article VII A/2 updated 10/4/2017 - Sign-up sheets for future matches will be posted a minimum of two weeks prior to an upcoming match.

Article II/Item F – November 1, 2017 - New members shall be accepted by a simple majority of those present at any regular Match Club meeting. Prospective members are not allowed to attend meetings until their membership has been voted on. New members shall be sponsored. A sponsor must be an active CBMC member.

Article V/Item C updated November 1, 2017 (removed) - Voting on new members will only occur at regular club meetings.