

BYLAWS OF THE STEEL CITY BOWLING LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

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A. MISSION STATEMENT

Steel City Bowling League is an organization that fosters amateur sports competition. All members of the league are certified under the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through the Greater Pittsburgh USBC BA/WBA tenpin local certification (sanctioning) authority. Steel City Bowling League is an adult league and makes no provisions for youth membership, as directed in the USBC Playing Rules book.

The purpose of Steel City Bowling League is to promote social opportunities, avenues of communication and charitable opportunities for the gay and lesbian community through the sport of bowling.

B. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership is by invitation only. Qualifications for the membership include:
 - a. Payment of dues and other fees as established in the Policy and Procedures of Steel City Bowling League (the League).
 - b. Participation on one of the Leagues teams.
 - c. Establish a valid average according to the Policies and Procedures of the League.
- (2) Privileges of membership shall be as follows:
 - a. Attend and participate in all general and open board meetings of the League.
 - b. Upon advanced written notification, may inspect any and all records of the League.
 - c. Have voting rights on any matter placed before the League Membership as established by the Policies and Procedures of the League.
- (3) Membership dues and fees must be paid in the amount and through the process set forth in the Policies and Procedures of the League.
- (4) League members shall not be entitled to a refund of dues under any circumstances.

- (5) Termination of League Membership shall results as follows:
- a. Any Member may resign by notifying the Secretary in writing.
 - b. Any membership may be suspended or revoked as established by the Policies and Procedures of the League.
 - c. Failure to renew membership at the beginning of a new season of bowling. Pacers are permitted by the League, but are not entitled to any league benefits, not will their scores be included in team play.

C. LEAGUE MAMANGEMENT:

The Board of Directors:

The overall management of the League shall be comprised of the Board of Directors, which shall consist of all Team Captains and the current League Officers (the Executive Board).

The Executive Board:

The League Executive Board shall be comprised of five elected officials: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) Representative. However, the IGBO Representative will be a voting member of the board of directors, not as a voting member of the Executive Board. The only exception is where IGBO/Tournament matters are concerned. The League President, may, at his/her discretion appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms (typically the IGBO Representative) who will have full Executive Board voting rights.

D. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The duties of each executive board member will be completed as outlined in the USBC Playing Rules Book with the additions and exceptions outlined in the Steel City Bowling League Policies and Procedures.

E. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

(1) Nomination and Eligibility of Candidates:

League Officers shall be elected to the various positions for which they desire by general election in which candidates shall run against each other for any given office. Candidates become eligible for running through a nomination by current League Members. The individuals gathering the three highest numbers of nominations shall be candidates for each office. Any candidate for an office must be a member of the League.

(2) Election to Office:

The candidate collection the most votes for the office for which they are running will be declared the winner of that office. In the event of a tie for any given office, a run-off election shall be used to determine the single winner. The run-off shall be no

later than two weeks following the general election. Each member of the League shall have one equal vote in any election.

(3) Election Committee:

The President shall appoint a chairperson for this committee prior to nominations week of the election. Candidates and current officers are excluded from this committee. Responsibilities will include notifying the nominees, verifying their acceptance of nomination, and overseeing the timetable of general elections as established in these bylaws. This committee shall provide ballots, collect ballots, and tally the votes. Ballots and tally sheets will be given to the current League officers for final verification and retained by the new officers for inspection by any League member. Once the current officers have verified the ballots and tallies, the chairperson shall immediately announce the results of the election.

(4) Timetable of General Elections:

General election nominations shall be conducted on an annual basis occurring no less than three scheduled league bowling weeks prior to the election date, which will be at least one week prior to the last week of the regular League season.

(5) Replacement of an Officer:

The Board of Directors, with the exception of the position of President, shall fill a vacancy in any office.

If the President must be replaced, the current Vice-President will assume the duties of the President until the next scheduled election of officers.

When an Officer voluntarily resigns, he/she must submit the resignation in writing to the President. The President will notify the Executive Board and the Board of Directors, and replacement procedures will be carried out.

F. LEAGUE MEETINGS:

(1) League Meetings:

League meetings shall be open to any and all League members who wish to attend. The League Officers for the purpose of disseminating information and performing League business will conduct them. These meetings may be called by any league office, but usually will be the responsibility of the President.

(2) Board of Directors Meetings:

These meetings shall be open to any and all members of the League. However, only members of the Board of Directors or their designated alternate will be recognized and have motion or voting rights. These meetings are normally called and conducted by the President and are in place to allow the Board of Directors the ability to perform its duties. However, any member of the Board of Directors can request a meeting by given written notice to any officer of the League. A Board of

Directors meeting shall take place approximately once during each season half, or no less than two weeks after an official request is made.

G. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS:

Any member of the League may propose amendments to these bylaws. It is the responsibility of the League Officers to explain and lead a vote of the Board of Directors of the proposed amendment(s) at a normally scheduled Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors will be the sole body responsible for any amendments to the League bylaws. All decisions made by the Board will be based upon a two-thirds majority vote.