

BY-LAW NO. 4

A By-law relating to the particularities of

MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND VOTING

BE IT ENACTED and it is hereby enacted as a By-law of The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, as follows:

4.1.00 MEMBERSHIP CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

4.1.01 Registered Member

A Registered Member is any person, a Member of any entity or organization registered or recognized by the Corporation through a Zone, House, or Travelling League as a "bowler", who is deemed to have applied to be a Registered Member of the Corporation, and upon submission of the appropriate dues and upon issuance of a Membership Card to such person, the Board of Directors is deemed to have accepted such application and made the applicant person a Registered Member of the Corporation.

4.1.02 Associate Member

An Associate Member is any group, entity or organization interested and associated with the Corporation in the promotion and advancement of the Corporation, and accepted and appointed as an Associate Member by the Board of Directors.

4.1.03 Affiliate Member

An Affiliate Member is any entity or organization, and thereby any Member of such entity or organization, accepted as an Affiliate Member by the Board of Directors, and the terms of acceptance may include restrictions or terms and conditions of such affiliate membership.

4.1.04 Zone Association (Zone)

A Zone, formally called a Zone Association, is a grouping of Registered Members in a geographical area of the Province of Ontario, such area and the Registered Members therein recognized by the Corporation as a Zone and made an agent of the Corporation for the geographical area. For the purpose of finance, House Members are not considered duplicates in their respective Zone Association and, therefore, are subject to payment of appropriate dues as set out by the Corporation.

4.1.05 Decentralized Association (House)

A House, formally called a Decentralized Association, is a grouping of Registered Members within one (1) location or bowling centre, or more than one (1) location or bowling centre, if related by common ownership, and who apply to the geographical agent (Zone) for their area, to be recognized as a Decentralized Association or House, and are accepted as such by the Corporation upon recommendation of its geographic agent (Zone).

4.1.06 Travelling League

A Travelling League is an entity recognized by the Corporation as a league only, in which all Members of the league are Registered Members of the Corporation, but which league bowls at various bowling centres or more than one (1) House, and/or more than one (1) Zone, and which league applies for membership as a Travelling League and which is accepted as such by the Board of Directors.

4.1.07 Honourary Member

An Honourary Member is an individual appointed as an Honourary Member by the Board of Directors, and such membership shall have no dues or fees or voting rights, but shall have the right to notice of Member meetings and may attend such Member meetings. The Board of Directors may set varied terms of such membership status.

4.1.08 Life Member

A Life Member is previously a Registered Member of the Corporation, although such Registered Member status need not be for consecutive terms of such membership, but which Member or previous Member is appointed a Life Member of the Corporation for services rendered in bowling, and who shall have all the rights of any Registered Member including voting rights as they may occur, but such Members shall have their dues and or fees for membership waived upon attendance at any member Meeting or function of the Corporation.

- 4.1.09 **Governor**
A Governor is a Member or previous Member who has specific and special expertise in a bowling matter, or who has been an Officer of the Corporation or an Associate Member or Affiliate Member, and who is recognized and appointed a Governor by the Board of Directors of the Corporation upon confirmation of same by the Members at an annual general meeting of Members. The term of such membership may be included with the appointment and all other matters affecting such Members may be included in their appointment either at the time of appointment or thereafter.
- 4.2.00 MEMBER VOTING**
- 4.2.01 **Individual Right**
Each individual when duly a Registered Member in good standing within a League in either of a Travelling League, House and/or Zone gains the right to one vote within the League, and the Registered Member must be in attendance to exercise the right to vote at any League meeting.
- 4.2.02 **Proof of Membership**
Upon attendance at any forum wherein a Member wishes to exercise his or her voting right, the Member may be required to file proof of membership by Membership Card or the Member's signature may be required.
- 4.2.03 **Annual League Meeting Agenda**
a) At the annual league meeting, the Members of the League shall be given opportunity to elect three (3) Directors, one of which shall be the President of the League; one (1) the Secretary of the League; and one (1) the Treasurer of the League, and a Member must be present to vote in such election, and the League shall determine the nomenclature for the minimum number of Directors herein. Nothing herein prevents a League from electing more than three (3) Directors.

b) At the annual league meeting the financial position of the League shall be set out in writing showing revenues and expenditures for the previous year; current balance in the League bank account; and same shall be received by the Members in attendance.

c) At the annual league meeting the Directors of the League shall present the proposed fees and dues for the subsequent year to the Members for ratification.
- 4.2.04 **League President**
Upon election, the League President is deemed to carry all votes of the League whether the Registered Member was in attendance or not, and until the next annual league meeting, such League President shall be the League delegate to any House or Zone meeting.

In each League, teams shall be represented by the team Captain, or League Chair at league meetings and shall be deemed to be the delegate of the team and/or sub-league and shall carry one (1) vote for such team. At the annual league meeting Registered Members may not be represented by delegate.
- 4.3.00 VOTING BY DELEGATE**
- 4.3.01 **Delegate - House Member Meeting**
At any House meeting of Members, the League President, or designate shall carry one (1) vote for the League.
- 4.3.02 **Delegate - Zone Member Meeting**
At any Zone meeting of Members, the House President, or the League President, or designate for those Leagues registered directly with the Zone and not part of a House, shall carry one (1) vote for the House or League as the case may be, and is deemed to carry all votes of all Registered Members in the House or League, but shall have only one (1) vote.
- 4.3.03 **Member Attending House or Zone Meeting**
Members are encouraged to attend a House and/or Zone meeting of Members, and have the right to attend such meetings. A Member on attendance at such Member meeting may address the meeting or speak to any matter of the meeting only at the pleasure of the Chair of the meeting. A Member attending such meeting has no right to vote.

4.4.00 DELEGATE SELECTION

4.4.01 League Delegate

a) There shall be at least one (1) League Member meeting annually and the League shall designate the date and time of such meeting and advise all League Members by notice at the bowling centre or individual notices distributed by hand.

b) At the said League meeting the matters set out in Section 4.2.03 shall be considered by the Registered Members.

c) The President or Chair elected at the annual meeting of the League shall be the delegate of the League, and in the absence of the President or Chair, the Secretary shall act as such, and such alternate shall also be the alternate delegate.

d) A League may, or the President or Chair may, in writing advise the House and/or Zone of an alternate delegate other than the Secretary, and in the absence of the President or Chair of the League the alternate named in writing shall be the delegate for the League.

4.4.02 House and/or Zone Delegates

The Member elected President of the House or Zone shall be the head delegate of the House or Zone as the case may be, and the head delegate shall appoint delegates to vote for the House or Zone at a Zone Member meeting or Corporation Member meeting, and the President and appointed delegates of the Zone shall cast the votes for the Zone at any Corporation Member meeting.

4.4.03 Delegate Votes

Only duly qualified delegates may vote at Corporation Member meetings. The number of voting delegates per Zone or House will be one (1) for every one hundred (100) Members and every part thereof, based on the prior year's membership. If a Zone or House has less than 100 Members, it will be allowed one (1) voting delegate.

4.5.00 BOARD TO ASSURE EQUALITY IN VOTING

4.5.01 Equal Opportunity

The Board of Directors of the Corporation may designate from time to time the manner and method by which the above Articles are implemented provided all Members are accorded the opportunity to vote and elect Directors at an appropriate level, such Director(s) being the Member's delegate thereafter, and provided such opportunity is equal to all Members.

4.5.02 Board May Convene Meeting

Upon notice or evidence that any recognized entity of the Corporation has or is abrogating the rights or intent of this By-law or any other By-law, the Board of Directors may call or conduct a meeting of the entity, in a manner they deem fit and proper under the By-laws and regulations of the Corporation.

4.6.00 DIRECTORS MAY VOTE

A sitting Director shall have the right to exercise his/her vote on attendance at any meeting at the level for which he/she is a Director only, and may not delegate his/her vote.

4.7.00 CORPORATIONS' MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall affiliate in a manner determined by the Board of Directors with the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

4.8.00 BOWL ONTARIO

4.8.01 Bowl Ontario Considered for Associate Membership

The Corporation shall consider in each year the granting of Associate Member status to Bowl Ontario and may determine the terms and conditions of such membership which may vary from year to year, or from time to time.

- 4.8.02 **Bowl Ontario Ex Officio Appointments**
Any member of Bowl Ontario, provided Bowl Ontario has been accorded Associate Member status by the Corporation in the current year, and which Member of Bowl Ontario is certified by Bowl Ontario as being a Member in good standing, may become a Registered Member of the Corporation, whether or not such Member of Bowl Ontario is a bowler, and such membership may be deemed as ex officio.
- 4.8.03 **Bowl Ontario Member May Hold League Office**
Such Registered Member may be appointed a Director of a League ex officio, voting, being the owner or manager of the bowling facility in which the League is situate.
- 4.8.04 **Bowl Ontario Member May Hold Other Offices**
At the House or Zone and/or Corporation level a properly certified delegate, who is a Registered Member ex officio because of being a Member of Bowl Ontario, may be elected a Director and all conditions attaching to that position shall be as though the Director was only a Member of the Corporation, provided the conditions delineated in Section 4.8.02 have been satisfied.

4.9.00 ZONE ASSOCIATION PROVISIONS

- 4.9.01 **Zone Jurisdictions**
The jurisdiction of the Corporation shall be divided into geographic regions called Zones. The geographic divisions shall be organized as Zone Associations, and be administrative agents of the Corporation in the delineated jurisdiction.
- 4.9.02 **Zone Boundaries**
Each Zone boundary shall be described geographically by recognized political boundaries of the Province of Ontario, namely Counties, Townships, or Municipal boundaries, lines or roads, and the jurisdiction of the Zone Association shall be the area inside of the cited boundaries.
- 4.9.03 **Zones Registered Corporate Divisions**
The Zone Associations shall be registered divisions of the Corporation, and as such the name of each Zone shall be approved by the Board of Directors, and in all instances the approved name shall be followed by ". . . 5 Pin Bowlers' Association."

ENACTED this 22nd day of June, 1984.

WITNESS THE SEAL OF THE ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

"Jack Hales"
President

"Evelyn Wood"
Secretary

UNANIMOUSLY SANCTIONED AND CONFIRMED by the Members at a general meeting of the membership duly constituted after proper notice held on the 7th day of November, 1984.

"Jack Hales"
President

"Evelyn Wood"
Secretary

AMENDED this 22nd day of June, 1992.

WITNESS THE SEAL OF THE ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

"Thomas Cowan"
President

"Evelyn Wood"
Secretary

UNANIMOUSLY SANCTIONED AND CONFIRMED AS AMENDED by the Members at the annual meeting of the membership duly constituted after proper notice held on the 24th day of June, 1992.

"Thomas Cowan"
President

"Evelyn Wood"
Secretary

AMENDED this 13th day of June, 1994.

WITNESS THE SEAL OF THE ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

"Jennifer Guay"
President

"Nancy Taverna"
Secretary

UNANIMOUSLY SANCTIONED AND CONFIRMED AS AMENDED by the Members at the annual meeting of the membership duly constituted after proper notice held on the 14th day of June, 1994.

"Jennifer Guay"
President

"Nancy Taverna"
Secretary

AMENDED this 12th day of June, 2008.

WITNESS THE SEAL OF THE ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

"Dave Post"
President

"Mike Wilson"
Secretary

UNANIMOUSLY SANCTIONED AND CONFIRMED AS AMENDED by the Members at the annual meeting of the membership duly constituted after proper notice held on the 12th day of June, 2008.

"Dave Post"
President

"Mike Wilson"
Secretary

AMENDED this 15th day of June, 2018.

WITNESS THE SEAL OF THE ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

"John Cresswell"
President

"Mike Wilson"
Secretary

UNANIMOUSLY SANCTIONED AND CONFIRMED AS AMENDED by the Members at the annual meeting of the membership duly constituted after proper notice held on the 16th day of June, 2018.

"John Cresswell"
President

"Mike Wilson"
Secretary
