

**Les Dames de 700 Bowling Club, Inc.
Bylaws**

Article I - Name

The name of the organization shall be the Les Dames de 700 Bowling, Club, Inc., hereinafter known as the Club.

Article II - Purpose

The Club is formed to recognize good bowling and to promote bowling fellowship and esprit de corps. It shall conduct an annual tournament and when permitted by USBC (the United States Bowling Congress), a mail-o-graphic tournament for its members.

Article III - Membership

Section A - **Eligibility** Membership in the Club is available to any female who has bowled a 700 or higher scratch three game series in WIBC (Women's International Bowling Congress), CTF (Canadian Tenpin Federation) or USBC sanctioned/certified league or tournament competition. Scores bowled in other international sanctioned competition will be accepted with the approval of the Executive Director.

Section B - **Active Membership** A member is considered active upon payment of annual dues.

Section C - **Honorary Membership** Honorary membership may be bestowed upon a female possessing a commendable bowling service record and the selection approved by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

Section D - **Life Membership** Life membership is attained by a member who has paid dues for twenty-five (25) years. Dues payment are no longer required yet full membership benefits and privileges are retained. A permanent membership card with the recipient's name, state of residence and club number is issued.

Article IV - Officers and Their Duties

Section A - **Board of Directors** The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of a president, a vice president, an executive director and a sergeant-at-arms. The president and sergeant-at-arms shall be elected in even numbered years and the vice president and executive director shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Section B - **Elections** Officers shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years commencing August 1 following their election. If there is but one nominee for each office, election may be viva voce.

Section C - Eligibility Requirements A member is eligible for nomination as an officer if she is an active or life member in good standing.

Section D - Vacancies If the office of president becomes vacant, the vice president shall serve out the remaining term. The president, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall fill any vacancy on said board.

Section E - Duties of the La Grande de La Pin (President) The president shall preside at all meetings. She shall appoint all committees with the approval of the Board of Directors. She shall perform all duties that pertain to the office.

Section F - Duties of the La Grande Princess (Vice President) In the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president. She shall perform such duties as required by the president or Board of Directors.

Section G - Duties of the La Grande Directrice Executif de La Pin (Executive Director)

The Executive Director shall perform all duties that pertain to her office. She shall keep and maintain all membership records and receipt all financial transactions. She shall be required to submit annual and interim reports to the annual meeting and file all necessary paperwork to state and federal agencies as are required. The salary shall be determined by the Board of Directors and reviewed and evaluated during the second year of her term.

Section H - Duties of the La Grande Guardian de La Pin (Sergeant-at-Arms) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist at the initiation ceremony and shall perform such duties as may be required of her by the president or the Board of Directors.

Article V - Fees

Section A - Membership Fees An initial membership fee is \$25.00 which shall include dues for the current year.

Section B - Annual Dues Annual dues are \$5.00 and cover the period of August 1 through July 31.

Article VI - Meetings

Section A - Annual Meeting An annual meeting shall be held. The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the meeting in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Section B - Special Meetings The president shall be authorized to call a special meeting at any time that is deemed necessary to conduct business of the organization.

Section C - **Quorum** Eight (8) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual meeting.

Section D - **Mail Vote** The president shall have the authority to submit questions and complete the election, if necessary, by USPS mail or E-mail. A majority of votes received within ten (10) days shall decide the question. The votes shall be recorded in minutes and have the same effect as if taken at a meeting where members are present.

Article VII - Committees

Section A - **Bylaws** A Bylaws committee shall be appointed by the president, with the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall consist of one or more members.

This committee shall prepare and propose appropriate amendments based upon direction of the Board of Directors, suggestions from the general membership or recommendations originating within the committee.

This committee shall ensure that copies of the current Bylaws are available to all members.

Article VIII - Tournaments

Section A - **Annual Tournament** An annual tournament for its members shall be conducted during the USBC Women's Championship Tournament. It shall be held in conjunction with the National 600 Club's annual tournament. The executive director shall notify each member by mail of the place, date and times of the annual tournament. The executive director shall be the tournament director. The tournament rules shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section B - **Mail-o-graphic Tournament** When permitted by USBC, a mail-o-graphic tournament shall be held annually for its members. Notice and entries shall be mailed to all members. The executive director shall be the tournament manager.

Article IX - Initiation of New Members

An initiation ceremony shall be conducted for its new members during the annual meeting. The president and executive director shall determine when such a ceremony will be held. Honorary members are exempt from participating in the ceremony.

Article X - Amendments

The Bylaws of the Club may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

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