

Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

- A. This organization shall be known as the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc.
- B. The National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. shall have and continuously maintain within the State of Tennessee a registered office and a registered agent whose office shall be identical with such registered office, and may have other offices within or without the State of Tennessee as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The National 600 Bowling Club, Inc., is formed for the following objects and purposes:

- A. To unite in a national honorary group all female bowlers who have qualified for membership by bowling a three (3) game scratch series of 600 or more, in leagues and tournaments certified by the United States Bowling Congress (hereinafter referred to as USBC), the Women's International Bowling Congress, the Canadian Tenpin Federation (hereinafter referred to as CTF), and the Young American Bowling Alliance Collegiate Division (hereinafter referred to as YABA Collegiate Division).
- B. To conduct an annual tournament for its members, certified by USBC.
- C. To encourage members to promote social and charitable activities and devote themselves to the fun of bowling.
- D. To urge all members to play the game in a clean, sportsmanlike manner, bringing credit and honor to themselves and to the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc.
- E. To encourage Local and State groups to form clubs, to conduct 600 Club certified tournaments; promote social and charitable activities; bowl for fun, and in general, carry out the objects and purposes of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. on the local level.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Application for membership may be made at any time after the scratch 600 three (3) game series has been bowled, as set forth in Article II A. Local USBC managers will have application forms in case there is no local 600 Club. Application forms must be filled out and signed by either the local 600 Club Secretary, League Secretary, or local Association Manager. All applications shall be in custody of these secretaries, to be completed when a request to join the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. is received.
- B. Membership fee in the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. shall be \$15.00. A change in membership fee requires a proposed amendment and can be voted on only at the annual meeting of the membership. This fee entitles the member to an emblem and lifetime membership card. Members may purchase additional articles such as pins, emblems and replacement cards at prices determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. USBC rules governing conditions under which scores may qualify for awards, will determine eligibility for membership in the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc.
- D. Either the local 600 Club Secretary, League Secretary or the Local Association Manager may verify the 600 series and may accept as evidence newspaper clippings, league/tournament recap sheet, individual average cards, or other satisfactory evidence.
- E. The National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. will also accept evidence of same (as noted in Section D) and accept memberships at the tournament site and/or registration area.
- F. To be eligible to join the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc., all bowlers must be current USBC certified adult members, or a member of the USBC Collegiate Division.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

- A. An annual meeting of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. shall be held. It shall be open to all members.
- B. Members may register for the official badge by showing a lifetime membership card or receipt for payment of National membership fee, signed by the local 600 Club secretary or local association manager. Registration at the previous annual meeting will be accepted as proof of membership. Only members wearing the official badge are eligible to take part in the deliberations and vote at the annual meeting.
- C. Forty-five (45) days notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be given by publication and mailings.
- D. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, which will include three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- B. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. She shall name all committees and make other appointments as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided in the motion ordering such committees or appointments to be named. She shall perform such other duties as may be required. She shall co-sign all warrants and checks drawn on the treasury of the Club.
- C. The Vice President shall assist the President and perform such additional duties as may be required.
- D. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of all proceedings of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc., issue all membership cards and awards, answer correspondence directed to her office, keep a true and correct account of all receipts and disbursements and submit to the President a monthly financial statement showing receipts and disbursements of all club business. At the annual meeting, she shall submit a written report and statement of all financial transactions. She shall deposit all monies of the club within seven (7) working days in a bank or banks which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the credit of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. She shall receive and receipt all dues paid to the club. She shall turn over to her successor all records, books, and other property of the club in her possession. The Board of Directors may authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to pay all routine bills without delay. Other expenditures must be authorized by the Board according to the advance recommendations of the Finance and Budget Committee or by a mail vote.
- E. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order during the meeting and perform such other duties as may be required.
- F. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall have the option, within seven (7) days, to become President. She shall hold that position for the unexpired term or to decline the position, in which case the Board of Directors shall elect a President who shall hold that position for the unexpired term. A vacancy occurring in other offices shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The appointee shall hold that position for the unexpired term.
- G. The officers' terms of office shall be as set forth under the provisions relating to the Board of Directors and the election thereof.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The management of this Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall have full control and power to carry out the objects of this Club. The President shall be empowered to conduct and transact business of the Club by mail and may conduct a meeting of such Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in a meeting can hear each other and participate in a meeting pursuant to this subsection, which constitutes presence in person at such meeting. All board members shall promptly be furnished a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms, together with three (3) Directors, each Director serving a particular post designated as Director #1, Director #2, and Director #3, but shall consist of not less than seven (7) members.
- C. Four (4) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at the Board of Directors meeting, of which two (2) shall be officers.
- D. The Board of Directors shall yearly review tournament rules and changes as necessary due to USBC rule changes and/or changes submitted by membership or the Tournament Rules Committee.
- E. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once annually, said meeting to be held immediately prior to the membership meeting at a time convenient to the members of the Board. At least a ten (10) day notice of the time of said annual Board meeting shall be furnished to the members of the Board of Directors.
- F. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by any three (3) officers and /or Directors. Ten (10) days notice of any such special meeting together with the purpose of said special meeting shall be furnished to the Board members.

ARTICLE VII: LIFE MEMBERS

- A. A nominee for life membership must be a past officer or past director of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. or the unincorporated association known as the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. Nominations for life membership may be made only by the Board of Directors, which nomination shall then be submitted to the membership for approval at the next Annual Meeting. She may attend Board of Directors Meeting with the privilege of voice and vote.
- B. Member Emerita - A nominee for member emerita shall be made only by the Board of Directors, which nomination shall then be submitted to the membership for approval at the next annual meeting.
- C. Any nominee nominated for Life member must have completed her last term for which she had been elected, unless health issues hinder her from fulfilling her elected position.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. Officers and Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting to succeed those whose terms expire and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, commencing August 1 following their election. Each office and directorship shall be filled by the candidate receiving a majority of the legal votes cast by those present and eligible to vote. All voting shall be by ballot except that a voice vote may be taken when only one candidate is nominated. When two candidates are nominated, and a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, balloting shall continue until the candidate receives the required majority vote. When three or more candidates are nominated and a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate having the lowest vote total shall be dropped from the list of candidates. Balloting shall continue and the same procedure followed until a candidate receives the required majority.
- B. A candidate to be eligible for nomination as an officer of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. shall have served three (3) or more years on the Board of Directors. The year of nomination may be included in the three year requirement. If the above requirement cannot be met, the President may appoint to fill that office, with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. A candidate for the office of Director must have attended a minimum of one (1) of the last five (5) annual meetings excluding the current meeting of nomination of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc.
- D. Candidates who intend to run from the floor must submit their qualifications to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by noon of the day preceding the annual meeting.
- E. Officers and Directors shall be elected on a staggered system:
 - o Group A: President, Director #1
 - o Group B: Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms, Director #2
 - o Group C: Secretary-Treasurer, Director #3

Any officer or director of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc. may accept nomination and run for election to another office on the Board of Directors without resigning her present office. If she is defeated, she may remain in her present office until her term expires.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern proceedings of all meetings of the National 600 Bowling Club, Inc., and of the Board of Directors when not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X:: AMENDMENTS

- A. The Bylaws of the Corporation may be amended only by a 2/3rds vote of the members present and voting at an annual meeting.
- B. Procedures: Any member or group of members of the Club may submit proposed amendments to these bylaws. The proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary and President by October 1 prior to the annual meeting.
- C. The Legislative Committee, when it meets, shall review all proposed amendments which have been submitted and may propose such additional proposed amendments as it may consider necessary. The committee should present all proposed amendments with its recommendations, if any, to the Board of Directors.
- D. The Board of Directors should consider all amendments and recommendations of the Legislative Committee. All proposed amendments with the recommendations of the Board of Directors shall then be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.
- E. All amendments shall become effective on August 1 following adoption unless otherwise specified at the time of adoption.