ALASKA STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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SECTION 1 – TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND RULES

1. Entries shall open not later than January 1st and close at the discretion of the tournament director. May be extended with approval of ABC, should entries warrant. The final weekend of the tournament will be the last weekend in March, unless determined otherwise be a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board of directors at the meeting of the previous year. *(The Final weekend for the 2005 State Tournament can be either the week before or the week after Easter)*

2. Handicaps shall be computed for each bowler, individually on three (3) game series basis. Bowlers with an average of less than 220 shall receive 90% of the difference between their average and 220.

3. Averages used for the state tournament will be the individuals highest ending average of the preceding year as published in his local association yearbook or verified by the secretary of the association to which he belonged, unless at the opening date of entries the entrant has a current seasons average for twenty-one (21) games or more which is ten (10) pins or more higher than the previous seasons average, the bowler will use his current average. If a bowler has no average on file for the preceding year, his highest current average, based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games as of the date entries are opened, will be used. This average must be verified by the secretary of the association in which it was established. Entrants who do not have an average based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) sanctioned league games shall be classified at 220 scratch. Averages established in summer leagues will be acceptable in accordance with ABC rules. *(Bethel bowlers unable to obtain a qualifying average due to closure of their bowling center will be permitted to use their last yearbook average for twenty-one (21) games or more for2005 State Tournament purposes)*

4. Prize fees shall be returned 100% within the event collected, on the handicap basis, based on one prize for each ten (10) entries, except all-events will pay one prize for each twenty (20) entries. In no case shall the first place team prize exceed 30%, nor the first place doubles team prize exceed 25%, nor the first place singles prize exceed 20%, of their respective prize funds. Second place prizes shall be equal to at least one-half (½) of first place with last place equal to at least the amount of the entry fee.

5. Entry fee shall be $20.00 per man per event, of which $3.25 shall be declared tournament expense and shall be disbursed as follows:
   (a) $.85 Tournament expense fund (b) $.85 Council expense fund (c) $.55 Masters expense fund (d) $1.00 Senior expense fund

   (1) The $.85 tournament expense fund shall be used to provide all tournament expense, such as entry forms, posters, tournament salaries, postage and any other expense necessary or conducting the tournament. The tournament director shall be required to conduct the tournament from within this $.85 expense fund. After paying all expenses, the balance in the fund shall be his salary.

(2) The $.85 council of delegates expense fund shall be deposited in the state association account and shall be disbursed as per recommendations of the board of directors and ratified by the council of delegates.

(3) The $.55 masters expense fund shall be used to pay the entry fee and to help defray expenses of travel and lodging to the ABC Masters Tournament. The scratch all-events winner of the annual state tournament will be awarded this paid entry plus the balance of the fund, to a maximum of $1,000.00. If the all-events champion elects not to represent Alaska in the Masters Tournament and so notifies the state secretary within four (4) months after winning this award, he shall receive a cash prize of $200.00 and the paid entry shall be offered to the runner-up. This offer shall remain open until November 15th and if not accepted will be cancelled and no entry reserved for that year. If accepted by the runner-up, it shall not include any expenses. Whenever the balance in this fund exceeds $500.00 and the current champion awards have been paid, the excess shall be deposited in the council of delegate's fund.

(4) The $1.00 Senior expense fund shall be used to pay the entry fee, shirt expense and to help defray the expense of travel and lodging to the ABC Seniors Championships for the four (4) Division State Champions, as determined each year by the Board of Directors.

(5) Entry fee shall be $25.00 per man per event for all entries postmarked after the Early Entry Date as determined by the Tournament Director and printed on the Entry form. The additional $5.00 processing fee will be distributed with $1.00 going to the Tournament expense fund and the remaining $4.00 going to the Council expense fund.

(6) The Handicap All-Events entry fee shall be $10.00 with $9.00 going to the prize fund and $1.00 being donated to Team USA, through the USA Bowling $1 All-Events Program.

6. Singles will be bowled prior to doubles. When changing from singles to doubles the movement of teams will be flip-flop between lane pairs. There will only be four (4) bowlers assigned per pair of lanes in the singles and doubles event.

7. All scheduled matches (teams, singles and doubles) will be flighted, by squads, based on original entry submitted. Once flighted teams and doubles will not be reflighted due to substitutions. Flighting is done by arranging all squad entries in numerical sequence, high to low, selecting a starting lane and assigning teams accordingly, (i.e. high average starts on lane 9, next high on lane 10 and on down until all teams are assigned a lane.) When possible, using the above procedure, two teams from the same city will not be assigned to the same pair of lanes. An exception to this flighting procedure can occur when an individual is under the age of 21 *(without an accompanying legal guardian)* and the Host Bowling Center has Alcohol beverage service. In such cases, the Tournament Director may assign any under 21-year-old participant and their teams to specific no alcohol lanes as prescribed by the Host Center.

8. The State Association shall pay the team entry fee for two Hall of Fame teams, when there are two bowling, and one All Star Team. The two Hall of Fame teams will be paired together and the All Star Team will be flighted according to paragraph 7 above. The Hall of Fame team(s) and All Star Team will on adjoining lanes.

9. Tournament site will be selected two (2) years in advance.

10. Ten (10) minutes of shadow balls will be provided prior to the team and Five (5) minutes of shadow balls will be provided prior to the singles/doubles squads.

11. A Scratch Division option for Team, Singles and Doubles has been added. Entry fee for Scratch Division shall be $10.00 per person, per event with $9.50 going to prize fund and $.50 as tournament expense.

12. All-star Team Selection submittal form will be verified by each local association and sent to or postmarked to the All-star Selection Committee by November I of each year.

13. For the Alaska State Seniors Tournament there will be a $1.00 expense fee added to entry and then deposited into the Alaska State Bowling Association Senior Expense fund to help offset the expense for entries and shirts of the Division winners to the National Seniors Tournament.

14. Effective with the 2001 State Tournament it will be an open entry with unlimited participation.

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