

SOAS CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Changes for 2007-2008:

- Wording cleaned up with minor changes to reflect new season
- Revisions to the Grand Finals format and officer duties
- Minor changes in Boundary and Eligibility rules (section III, part C)
- Revision to breakdown of Tournament entry fee (section VIII)
- Revisions made to Non-Bowling Conduct (General Playing Rules, section C)

I. NAME: This organization shall be known as the Southern Oregon All Stars.

II. MEMBERSHIP: Any bowler will be eligible to join and bowl as long as they shall meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A. Pay the membership dues as established by the Board of Directors. During of each membership shall be one year beginning Sept 1 of each Year.
- B. Be a current holder of a valid 2007-2008 USBC card.
- C. Be a regular member of a USBC sanctioned league which bowls in a center in the Southern Oregon region. This region is defined as Eugene in the north, Yreka, Ca. in the south, the coast in the west and Bend in the east. "Regular member" is defined as being on a permanent roster of a team in the league, and having bowled at least two-thirds of the scheduled games for the league.
- D. Any bowler who was a member prior to the 2006-07 season shall be exempt from the geographic boundary requirements.
- E. Members must bowl in 5 of the 7 monthly tournaments to be eligible for the Grand Finals. A member may pay the entry fee and collect 5 points less than last place, without bowling, once per year and this will count as a "tournament bowled."

III. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A. The Officers and Board of Directors will be nominated and elected by the members at the end of each season. The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and two Sergeants-At-

Arms. The Board of Directors shall consist of six members with emphasis on representation for all regions containing members.

- B. The duties of the President shall include presiding over all General Meetings of the Membership, acting as the representative of the SOAS to the Southern Oregon Bowling Proprietors' Association, and working with each host SOAS center to help promote and run the pro-am event.
- C. The primary duty of the Vice President shall be to carry out the duties of the President if the President is unable to perform them.
- D. The Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for recording and publishing minutes of the General Meetings, making bank deposits and reconciling the bank account, preparing a financial statement for each tournament, mailing and accepting all tournament entry forms, calculating and presenting to the Board a proposed Prize Fund for the Grand Finals, and preparing and filing all required Federal and State tax reports. For these services, the Secretary will be paid \$1 per bowler per tournament.
- E. The Sergeant-at-Arms position will consist of two individuals, who will be responsible for monitoring the bowlers before and during tournament play and resolving issues of player conduct, including assessing and collecting fines. The Tournament Director will attempt to have the two Sergeants-At-Arms bowl different qualifying squads at those tournaments having multiple squads.
- F. The Directors shall be responsible for operational decisions as requested by the President, the Tournament Director or any member. Any decision involving changes to the bylaws or Playing Rules shall be decided by a vote of the General Membership.
- G. The Board (and Officers) shall be responsible for developing and presenting to the new bowlers at each tournament a short discussion of the rules and responsibilities associated with the Southern Oregon All Stars.
- H. Officers and board of directors will be voted to a two-year term. In case of a vacancy occurring mid-term, the President will appoint a replacement to finish out the term with approval of the Board.
- I. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for checking bowlers in, handing out lane assignments, entering and running brackets, calculating scores and all other tasks associated with the general running of the tournament qualifying. The Tournament Director shall be appointed on a yearly basis by the board of directors. The Tournament Director compensation is \$2 per bowler per tournament.

IV. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION: This organization is a non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. As such, no part of the income or dues paid into the Association shall be distributed to the members, Officers or Directors except to reimburse said individuals for expenses. It is expressly stated that the Tournament Director is excluded from "members, Officers or Directors" and is paid for services rendered in running the tournaments.

V. MEETINGS: The general membership shall meet annually, at least once a year, and on the call of the President or the Board of Directors.

VI. AMENDMENTS: Proposed amendments to this Constitution and By-laws or general Playing Rules may be submitted in writing by any member, 72 hours prior to any meeting. The Board of Directors shall review these amendments before being submitted to the general membership. No changes shall be made until the General Membership Meeting at the last tournament each year, except by majority vote at a Special Meeting. After all members have been notified of a meeting, those present shall constitute a quorum.

VII. AWARDS:

- A. The All-Star Team will be selected from points earned in the current season and will include the Grand Finals. The Grand Finals points will reflect the importance of that event and will be 50% higher than a standard event (1 1/2 points).
- B. Bowler of the Year will be presented based on total points earned in all tournaments, including the Grand Finals.
- C. Senior Bowler of the Year will be presented to the bowler (age 50 or above as of Sept. 1st of the season) earning the most points in all tournaments, including the Grand Finals.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES: Membership dues for the season shall be \$25.00 per member. This fee includes the member's ticket to the year-end banquet. Tournament Entry Fee shall be \$75.00 broken down as follows:

Prize Fund (Monthly) \$46.00
Lineage \$20.00
Tournament Director expenses \$2.00
Secretary/Treasurer \$1.00
To Grand Finals \$2.00
Expenses (inc. trophy, High Qual, High Game, etc) \$4.00
Total \$75.00

Non-members may bowl at a cost of \$85.00 per entry. If the non-member cashes in the tournament they shall automatically become a member and

\$25.00 shall be deducted from the prize check to pay the membership dues. All non-members will abide by Southern Oregon All-Star rules and regulations at all times and are subject to any and all rulings, fines, etc. set forth by the organization.

IX. ADDITIONAL REVENUES:

- A. House Sponsor Fees: Each proprietor is responsible for adding \$750 to the prize fund for their tournament. The proprietor has the option to obtain a sponsor(s) for their tournament; however it is the host centers responsibility to pay SOAS the fee at that time of their tournament.
- B. Ball Raffles/Brackets: SOAS shall at times run a ball raffle each month for a high performance Hammer bowling ball, with half the proceeds going to the host centers Junior bowling program and half the proceeds going to the Grand Finals. SOAS will also run side brackets during qualifying of each tournament with the proceeds of the brackets going to Grand Finals.
- C. SOAS Sponsors: SOAS will attempt to obtain sponsors and advertisers for SOAS events with all proceeds going to the Grand Finals. A number of sponsorship packages are available and all members are encouraged to help raise sponsorship money.

X. BANNERS: Banners for SOAS will be displayed in the establishment that is hosting the tournament. All active members, eligible under II (D), who have won one or more tournaments, shall have a banner with their name on it. A star will be added at the bottom for each tournament win after the first.

TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

I. GENERAL PLAYING RULES

- A. Bowlers' Attire: All bowlers must wear a clean, pressed bowling shirt with the bowler's name permanently affixed on the back of the shirt in English, in letters at least one inch in height, in a contrasting color. No jeans (denim), shorts, or hats will be allowed. Bowlers in violation of the dress code will not be allowed to bowl until corrected, except that a new member may bowl the first tournament without a "name shirt". The Tournament Director will print the Bowlers' Dress Code on the entry form for each tournament.
- B. DNF: Any bowler who fails to finish their qualifying round or semi-finals for any reason other than illness, injury or emergency from work or family, will be assessed a fine of \$25.00 for qualifying and \$50.00 for the semi-finals.

C. Non-Bowling Conduct: Any player who publicly discusses the sponsor, host establishment, lane conditions or pins, employees of the host establishment, fellow players, or SOAS officers in an unfavorable manner, including posts on the SOAS website message board, or who otherwise engages in actions unbecoming a member of the Southern Oregon All Stars will incur a Conduct Violation. For each Conduct Violation, a fine will be assessed by the Tournament Director, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Board of Directors. Any bowler receiving two Conduct Violations in one season must appear before the Board of Directors for possible disciplinary action. This also includes Bowling Conduct Violations, discussed below.

D. Other Fines:

No show without notifying Tournament Director (first offense: \$10.00, second offense: \$25.00)

Qualifying Unsigned Score Sheet (Non-cashing): \$5.00

Qualifying Unsigned Score Sheet (Cashing): \$25.00

Score sheet not turned in: forfeit any money that would have been won.

Qualifying Round Bowling Conduct:

First offense \$5.00

Second Offense \$10.00

Subsequent \$15.00

Semifinals \$20.00

E. Bowler Duties:

1. It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure that their score sheet is signed and turned into the Tournament Director no later than 5 minutes after the completion of bowling.
2. Late arrivals: Zero pins will be given to any bowler missing any frames of qualifying, other than for weather delay. The Board of Directors and Tournament Director may waive this rule at their discretion.
3. Re-racks: Two re-racks per game will be allowed for each game. If more re-racks are requested, the Tournament Director will rule on whether they will be allowed.
4. Practicing: No entrant into a Southern Oregon All Star tournament shall practice bowling before or between squads on lanes being used for the tournament.
5. Checks returned by the bank for any reason will be subject to a \$25.00 fine, and the bowler shall be further required to pay

their entry fees for the remainder of that season either in cash, money order or certified check.

Other Playing Rules: Any situation not specifically covered in these rules shall be governed by the USBC rulebook.

II. STANDARD FORMAT FOR MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS:

- A. Five games of qualifying will be bowled, changing lanes after every game. Number of lanes to skip each game to be determined by the Tournament Director, but shall be the same for all squads of a given tournament. Number of qualifying squads to be determined based on the size of the center. 15 minute practice session for all paid entrants. Entries close at the beginning of the practice session for the last squad of qualifying. No squad assignments will be changed after entries close.
- B. Top 24 qualifiers go to semi-finals (min. 72 bowlers). If less than 72 bowlers, the qualifying number will be determined by a 1:3 ratio with the result being an even number. For example, if 65 bowlers, then it will be the Top 20. If there should be a tie for the last qualifying spot, a 9th & 10th frame roll-off shall be held immediately between any players so involved. Ties in all other positions shall be broken on the basis of highest game during qualifying, then next highest, etc. Ties for lowest (cashing) positions will be resolved by the players splitting the prize money for those places.
- C. Five games in semi-finals. No pinfall shall be carried over from qualifying to the semi-finals. For game 1, the high qualifier bowls 24th qualifier, 2nd bowls 23rd, and so on. The winner of each match in the semi-finals shall receive 30 bonus pins. In the event of a tie, each bowler shall receive 15 bonus pins. For games 2 - 5, lane assignments will be determined on total pins. The bowler in 1st position will bowl the player in 2nd, 3rd bowls 4th and so on. In the event of a tie for any position of 5th or higher after the 5th game of the semi-finals, a 9th & 10th frame roll-off shall be held. Ties for any position 6th - 24th will involve the players splitting the prize money for the two places.
- D. No alternates will be used in the monthly tournaments. Any bowler unable to complete the semi-finals will withdraw and receive 24th place prize money. Any bowler unable to complete a stepladder finals match will be declared the loser of that match and receive the prize money for the lower of the positions being contested.
- E. Stepladder finals will be held. The 4th and 5th players will bowl, with the winner then facing the 3rd place, then 2nd then 1st. In each case, the bowler finishing higher in the semifinals will have the choice of

starting lane. In the case of a tie in any match, a 9th and 10th frame roll-off shall be held.

- F. The highest qualifying member shall receive a paid entry into the next monthly tournament. The award for the final monthly tournament in a year will be for the first tournament the following year. If the bowler is unable to bowl the next tournament, the money will go into the Grand Finals prize fund.
- G. One member shall receive a paid entry into the next monthly tournament for having the highest single game among those bowlers not otherwise cashing. The award for the final monthly tournament in a year will be for the first tournament the following year. If the bowler is unable to bowl the next tournament, the money will go into the Grand Finals prize fund.
- H. Pay-off ratio is 1:3 with 100% of the prize fund being disbursed at each tournament.

III. FORMAT FOR GRAND FINALS

- A. To be eligible to bowl the Grand Finals Tournament the member must have bowled 5 of the 7 regular monthly tournaments as defined in section II (D) of the constitution.
- B. The highest 17 bowlers in the points standings and the defending Grand Finals champion will be seeded into the final 36 (cashing) spots. All other eligible bowlers who enter will bowl a qualifier of 5 games with the top 18 qualifiers moving onto the final 36 field. The qualifying round will advance a minimum of 8 bowlers, and will cash any additional spots on a 1 in 3 ratio if the qualifying field is larger than 54 bowlers.
- C. These 36 Bowlers will bowl a 7 game block consisting of 6 games of qualifying and 1 game of position round match play with 30 bonus pins to the winner of each position round match. The field will then be cut to the top 24 qualifiers, with positions 25-36 receiving a check. The top 24 will return for match play on the following day with two 7 game blocks, 6 games by the USBC schedule for the 12 games and a position round for the 7th and 14th games. 30 Bonus pins are awarded for each match won or 15 bonus pins to each player in the event of a tied match. In case of a tie for position standing, the position standing will be decided by the highest game rolled in this block, or if the first game of the block, the highest game rolled in the previous block. Ties for 1st to 5th place after the 14th game shall be decided by a 9th and 10th frame roll off. Any ties below this will combine the monies and be divided equally. A step ladder finals will then be held for the top 5 places.

D. Once the 24 game match play is underway, if a bowler is unable to complete the tournament, that bowler will be declared 24th place, and all bowlers opposing him/her will receive 30 points retroactive to the first game. If unable to continue in the stepladder final the bowler will get zero for all frames not bowled

E. The Entry Fee will be \$75.00 per bowler.

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