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## ARTICLE I NAME, INCORPORATION AND OFFICES

The name of the corporation is the United States Bowling Congress, referred to in these Bylaws as "USBC." USBC is organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and maintains offices in Wisconsin or elsewhere as determined by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II PURPOSES

### Section A. Advancing the Sport of Bowling

USBC's purposes include:

1. Fostering local, state, national, and international amateur competition in the sport of bowling;
2. Providing governance and development for, and developing interest and participation in, the sport of bowling throughout the United States and internationally as determined by the Board of Directors;
3. Being responsible to the members;
4. Keeping those engaged in the sport of bowling informed of policy matters and reasonably reflecting their views in policy decisions;
5. Sanctioning and regulating league and tournament competition for bowling.

### Section B. Chartering State and Local Bowling Associations

USBC issues charters to state and local bowling associations that meet requirements established in these Bylaws and by the Board of Directors. Chartered associations are subject to the authority of USBC. USBC approves the geographic areas in which chartered associations may operate. The Board may revoke the charter of a state or local bowling association at any time if it determines that the association is not meeting the established requirements. Charters are issued for five-year periods and are renewable. Requirements for chartered state and local bowling associations include:

1. Acceptance of, and adherence to, the Bylaws, the terms of the charter, and the authority of the USBC Board;
2. Adoption and maintenance of bylaws in the form determined by USBC and avoidance of any rules or policies conflicting with those bylaws or the USBC Bylaws;
3. Achievement of performance standards established by the USBC Board.

In extraordinary circumstances, the USBC Board may waive or suspend any requirements otherwise applicable to a state or local bowling association or establish separate affiliate status for organizations serving amateur bowlers to operate under the parameters established by the Board.



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## Section C. Conducting Tournaments

USBC conducts tournament competition in the sport of bowling for men, women, youth and collegiate members.

## Section D. Compliance

USBC:

1. Is established and conducted in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in all of its purposes, activities, policies, and programs;
2. Is not organized for profit and no part of its net earnings inure to individuals; it is organized and operated consistent with the requirements for federal income tax exemption as an organization that fosters national or international amateur sports competition according to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service;
3. Is eligible to be recognized by the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") as the National Governing Body for the sport of bowling; provided USBC:
  - a. Is a member of only one international sports federation, i.e., the Federation Internationale des Quilleurs ("FIQ"), which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the worldwide governing body of bowling;
  - b. Agrees to submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving (i) its recognition as a National Governing Body, or (ii) the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur athletic competition upon demand of the USOC or any aggrieved amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official, conducted in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association as modified by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act;
  - c. Is autonomous in the governance of the sport of bowling in that it independently determines and controls all matters central to that governance, does not delegate any of that determination or control, and is free from outside restraint;
  - d. Makes membership open to any individual who is a bowler or an amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official active in the sport of bowling;
  - e. Provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur bowling competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring the individual ineligible to participate;
  - f. Is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, with reasonable representation on the Board of both males and females;
  - g. Has a Board of Directors and other governance bodies that have established criteria and election procedures for, and maintain among their voting members, individuals who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition in bowling or who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition within the preceding 10 years, and that the voting power held by those individuals is not less than 20 percent of the voting power held in its Board of Directors or other governance body;
  - h. Provides for reasonable direct representation on its Board of Directors for any amateur sports organization which, in the sport of bowling, conducts on a level of proficiency appropriate for selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition, a national program, or regular



national amateur athletic competition, and ensures that representation reflects the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of that amateur sports organization in relation to all other of those programs and competitions in the sport of bowling in the United States;

- i. Has no officers who are also officers of another amateur sports organization which is recognized by the USOC as a National Governing Body;
- j. Provides procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members;
- k. Does not have eligibility criteria relating to amateur status or to participation in the Olympic or Pan American Games which are more restrictive than those of the appropriate international sports federation;
- l. Is prepared to meet the obligations imposed by the USOC on a National Governing Body, including those relating to complaints against a National Governing Body and those relating to mediation of complaints;
- m. Minimizes, through coordination with other amateur bowling organizations, conflicts in the scheduling of all practices and competitions;
- n. Disseminates and distributes to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials in a timely manner the applicable rules and any changes to those rules of USBC, the USOC, and the FIQ;
- o. Promptly reviews every request submitted by an amateur bowling organization or individual for sanction (i) to hold an international amateur bowling competition in the United States, or (ii) to sponsor United States amateur bowlers to compete in international competition held outside the United States, and determine whether to grant the sanction according to the requirements of the USOC, all provided in written policies approved by the Board;
- p. Allows a bowler to compete in any international amateur bowling competition conducted under USBC auspices or that of any other amateur bowling organization or individual, unless USBC establishes that its denial was based on evidence that the organization or individual conducting the competition did not meet the criteria for USBC sanctioning of bowling competition consistent with the requirements of the USOC, all provided in written policies approved by the Board;
- q. Provides equitable support and encouragement for participation by women where separate programs for male and female bowlers are conducted on a national basis;
- r. Encourages and supports amateur bowling programs for persons with disabilities and for their participation in amateur bowling activity, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by persons with disabilities in programs of bowling competition for persons without disabilities;
- s. Provides and coordinates technical information on bowling equipment design, coaching, performance analysis, sports medicine, and physical training;
- t. Encourages and supports dissemination of information in the area of sports safety.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

### Section A. Membership

Membership in USBC:

1. Is available to individuals who pay dues in any membership category and meet any other requirements
2. May be suspended or revoked without due process if a member has failed to pay applicable dues;



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3. May be suspended or revoked by the Board following applicable due process if a member is found to have violated any USBC, state, or local association bylaws, policies, procedures, playing rules or other requirements.

## Section B. Dues

USBC members are required to pay dues to USBC, to local associations, as well as to state associations that assess dues in combined amounts established by USBC.

Annual adult membership dues are:

USBC dues not to exceed \$10

State dues not to exceed \$1

Local dues not to exceed \$ 10

## ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section A. Eligibility and Composition

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors must be members of USBC and must be at least 18 years old. The Board consists of:

1. Twelve (12) Directors elected at a USBC Annual Meeting by the "Delegates," as defined in these Bylaws; these Directors must meet eligibility criteria established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board;
2. Two (2) Directors who are Proprietors, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected at a USBC Annual Meeting by the Delegates from a list of candidates submitted by Bowling Proprietors' Association of America ("BPAA"), subject to these provisions:
  - a. A "Proprietor" is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers;
  - b. Excluded from the definition of "Proprietor" is an individual who owns 25 percent or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of, the bowling center or bowling centers or who is employed by, or otherwise receives compensation from, BPAA;
  - c. No more than one additional Director may serve on the Board who meets the definition of "Proprietor" and is among the 14 Directors elected by the Delegates;
  - d. Any number of Directors who meet the definition of "Proprietor" may serve on the Board if each is an Athlete, as defined in these Bylaws, and is elected to the Board by Athletes or those board members selected by the Youth Committee;
3. Three (3) Directors who are elected by the Youth Committee;
4. Five (5) Directors who are Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws, and who are elected by Athletes, or a greater number, if necessary, to assure that at least 20 percent of the Board consists of Athletes;
5. Directors who are representatives of organizations that conduct national amateur bowling programs or competition as determined by the Board based upon receipt and evaluation of written petitions from other amateur bowling organizations for representation on the USBC Board, with the Board having exclusive authority to grant or deny the petition, and with these Directors elected or appointed by their respective bowling organizations;



6. Up to two (2) Directors-at-Large who may be appointed by the President and approved by the Board;
7. One (1) Youth Leader Director who is appointed by the President and approved by the Board from the national youth leaders serving on the Youth Committee.

## Section B. Election

At the Annual Meeting, Directors are elected to fill open positions on the Board that are subject to election by the Delegates; election is by majority vote of the Delegates present from either:

1. A slate provided by the Nominating Committee; or
2. Nominations from the floor, with the exception of the Proprietor Director(s) who must have been submitted from a list of candidates by BPAA, provided that the names of nominees and their qualifications are submitted to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting, and provided that each nominee is offered as an alternative to fill a specified position on the Nominating Committee's slate.

Athletes are elected to the Board by Athletes; the election is conducted according to policies and procedures established by the Athletes Advisory Council and approved by the Board.

Three (3) Directors are elected to the Board by the Youth Committee.

## Section C. Terms

The terms of Directors are determined according to the following provisions:

1. Each Director elected by the Delegates, by Athletes, or by the Youth Committee serves a three-year term and may be re-elected for two additional terms;
2. Directors-at-Large appointed by the President, Youth Leader Director and Directors representing other amateur bowling organizations, serve one-year terms;
3. Multiple-year terms are staggered according to procedures established by the Board;
4. When a Director resigns from the Board or fills a vacancy, and has served more than half of a term, that Director is considered to have served a full term;
5. Multiple elected or appointed terms may be served either consecutively or intermittently; but all Directors are subject to a lifetime maximum of nine years of service on the Board.

## Section D. Resignation, Removal, and Vacancies

1. **Resignation.** A Director may resign from the Board by providing written notice of resignation to the President or, in the case of the President, to the Board;
2. **Removal.** A Director, with the exception of the Athlete Directors, may be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds vote of the balance of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote, may remove a Director who no longer meets eligibility requirements to serve as a Director;



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3. **Vacancies.** Vacancies in positions on the Board are filled for the unexpired portion of each term as follows:
  - a. If elected by the Delegates, or in Director-at-Large positions, vacancies are filled by the President, subject to approval by the Board;
  - b. If elected by Athletes, vacancies are filled by Athletes;
  - c. If elected by the Youth Committee, vacancies are filled by the Youth Committee;
  - d. If elected or appointed to represent other amateur bowling organizations, vacancies are filled by the respective organizations.

## Section E. Authority and Duties

Management and governance of USBC is vested in the Board of Directors. The Board is a strategic governing body; and its powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Developing strategic business and membership marketing plans;
2. Determining programs and services;
3. Allocating resources;
4. Establishing standards and monitoring the performance of USBC;
5. Employing and evaluating the Chief Executive Officer;
6. Determining USBC policy positions;
7. Providing oversight of the administration of USBC;
8. Approving policies and procedures for:
  - a. Managing contracts and obligations;
  - b. Reviewing revenues and expenditures;
  - c. Maintaining records and minutes of meetings;
9. Exercising final jurisdiction over violations and interpretations of USBC rules and regulations, disputes with or among chartered state and local associations, and issues arising from league and tournament play including protests and appeals;
10. Interpreting any provision adopted by it and/or the delegates pursuant to the authority granted herein and its interpretation shall be final;
11. Amending, interpreting, and enforcing, either directly or by delegation, all policies and procedures, rules and requirements, criteria and standards for: certification, equipment specifications, awards, suspension and reinstatement, national tournaments, and all other USBC management and governance matters other than those specifically reserved to the Delegates;
12. Amending, interpreting, and enforcing all policies and procedures, rules and requirements, criteria and standards for Athlete and youth issues;
13. Reserving the authority over the applicability and enforceability of the USOC requirements within the organization;
14. Issuing waivers or suspensions of general playing rules, or of league or tournament rules;
15. Amending or suspending these Bylaws in the event the Board considers it expedient and in the best interests of USBC or to avoid disadvantage to USBC and/or changes in federal and/or state law, rules and regulations that affect the applicability or the enforceability of any part of these Bylaws. Any changes made under this provision must be ratified by the Delegates and is otherwise subject to Delegate action consistent with applicable law;



16. Establishing annual national dues up to the maximum set by the Delegates as well as establishing terms and conditions for collection of dues;
17. Establishing other membership categories and dues;
18. Managing international relations;
19. Exercising care and supervision over state and local associations;
20. Communicating applicable rules and any changes to members;
21. Approving certified bowling facilities for training and competition;
22. Developing athlete teams for national and international competition;
23. Selecting USBC's Representative to the USOC;
24. Reviewing requests for sanction to hold amateur bowling competitions, and determining whether to grant sanctions, according to the requirements of the USOC and as provided in written policies approved by the Board.

## Section F. USBC Employees

No employee of USBC will serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors, or of USBC committees, task forces, or other governance bodies.

## ARTICLE V OFFICERS

### Section A. President, Vice President, Chief Executive Officer, and Other Officers

The officers of USBC include:

1. The President;
2. The Vice President;
3. The Chief Executive Officer.

The Board of Directors may establish positions for other officers.

### Section B. Election or Employment

Officers, other than the Chief Executive Officer, are elected annually by the Board from among current Directors without regard to whether they are Athletes or Directors elected by the Youth Committee. The Chief Executive Officer is employed by the Board.

### Section C. Term

Each officer, except the Chief Executive Officer, serves a one-year term and may be re-elected to a position for a maximum of three terms, subject to the lifetime limitation of service on the Board.



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## Section D. Authority and Duties

1. **The President:**
  - a. Presides at the Annual Meeting of USBC and at Board meetings;
  - b. May appoint Directors-at-Large, subject to Board approval;
  - c. Appoints the chairmen and members of all committees with Board approval, except Athlete members of committees, the Nominating Committee, the Youth Committee and the Athletes Advisory Council;
  - d. Serves as the principal spokesperson for USBC and oversees its international relations.
2. **The Vice President:**
  - a. Presides at the Annual Meeting of USBC and at Board meetings when the President is absent;
  - b. Performs other duties as prescribed by the Board or requested by the President.
3. **The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"):**
  - a. Serves as Secretary of the corporation;
  - b. Performs whatever duties and responsibilities are prescribed by the Board or the President;
  - c. Serves as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

### Section A. Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting of USBC is held at a time and place approved by the Board of Directors. Attendance is open to all members.

1. **Delegates.** "Delegates" are defined as members, 18 years of age or older who are elected according to these Bylaws.
2. **Voting and Speaking.** Voting at the Annual Meeting is by Delegates. USBC Directors who are not elected Delegates may nevertheless vote as Delegates at the Annual Meeting. Other USBC members may address the Annual Meeting but may not vote.
3. **Election of Delegates.**
  - a. Each chartered adult state association in good standing representing men, women and youth, may elect two Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to the Annual Meeting; Each other chartered adult state association in good standing may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to the Annual Meeting;
  - b. The number of Delegates to which a local association is entitled will be based on USBC's records of the association's fiscal year adult membership as of July 31, the year prior to the USBC's Annual Meeting. Each chartered local association in good standing with USBC is entitled to Delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting as follows:
    - (1) Less than 1,000 adult members - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate.
    - (2) 1,000 adult members or more - one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each 1,000 adult members or major fraction thereof;
  - c. Newly-chartered local bowling associations may elect one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate;



- d. A state or local association whose charter has been suspended or revoked, or an association that is delinquent in processing dues for the current bowling season, is not considered “in good standing” for purposes of Delegates or Alternate Delegates attending the Annual Meeting;
  - e. Athletes are elected as Delegates by USBC members who are Athletes, as defined in these Bylaws.
4. **Delegate Responsibilities.** Delegates vote to:
- a. Amend and approve the national, state and local mandatory bylaws, with the exception of provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations, provisions related to Athletes and Youth, and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law;
  - b. Establish standard maximum adult dues for national, state and local;
  - c. Elect Directors to fill open positions on the Board that are subject to election by the Delegates;
  - d. Approve general playing rules, adult league rules, and adult tournament rules for the sport of bowling.
5. **Meeting notice.** Written notice of the Annual Meeting is provided to Delegates and chartered state and local bowling associations in good standing at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.
6. **Quorum.** The presence of 100 Delegates establishes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting.
7. **Action.** Elections by the Delegates are conducted according to policies and procedures established by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. The action of a majority of Delegates present and voting, when a quorum has been established, carries a motion unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

## Section B. Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board meets at least three times a year. Special meetings may be held upon the request of any Director subject to the approval of a majority of the Board.

1. **Action without a meeting.** Action may be taken by the Board without a meeting through unanimous written consent;
2. **Meetings via Telecommunications.** Meetings may occur by use of any means of communication in which:
  - a. All participating Directors may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting; or
  - b. All communication during the meeting is immediately transmitted to each participating Director and each is able to immediately send messages to all other participating Directors;
3. **Notice.** Written notice of meetings is provided to the Board at least 15 days in advance.
4. **Quorum.** A quorum for conducting business is a majority of the Board.
5. **Action.** The vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting, when a quorum has been established, is required to take action unless otherwise provided by law or by these Bylaws.

## Section C. Parliamentary Procedure

The most recent version of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, governs all USBC meetings.



## ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

### Section A. Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of USBC are the following:

1. **Nominating Committee.**
  - a. The Nominating Committee may establish additional eligibility criteria subject to approval by the Board of Directors, for candidates for Directors whose positions are subject to election by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting. The Committee develops a slate of candidates for all positions. The Committee establishes election policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board.
  - b. The Nominating Committee selects the Youth Committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee establishes election policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board.
  - c. Committee members are appointed by the Board; the Chairman is elected by the Committee. Directors who are eligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board do not serve on the Nominating Committee.
2. **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee is responsible for proposing and monitoring the annual budget of USBC and providing oversight regarding other financial matters as determined by the Board.
3. **Athletes Advisory Council.** The Athletes Advisory Council is elected by members of USBC who are Athletes as defined in these Bylaws. The Council establishes policies and procedures, subject to approval by the Board, for election or appointment of Athletes to serve as:
  - a. Delegates,
  - b. Members of the Board,
  - c. Members of Designated Committees, as defined in these Bylaws,
  - d. The USBC Representative and Alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council, and
  - e. Members of other USBC committees and task forces.

The Council itself selects Athletes to serve as:

- a. Members of committees and task forces other than Designated Committees, and
- b. The Chairman and any other officers of the Council.

The Council serves as a source of opinion and advice to the Board with regard to both current and contemplated policies of USBC. The USBC Representative and Alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council are ex officio voting members of the USBC Athletes Advisory Council.

4. **Youth Committee.** The Youth Committee elects three (3) Directors to the Board, determines eligibility requirements for Youth Committee, recommends youth dues, proposes youth rules, monitors, promotes and reviews youth programs; and sets strategic direction for Board approval.

Committee members are selected by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board; the Chairman is elected by the Committee.



5. **Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee.** The Equipment Specifications and Certification Committee is responsible for reviewing and making final decisions regarding new items of equipment on which USBC approval is requested.

The committee also has these responsibilities:

- a. Setting policies or procedures regarding the operation and management related to equipment specifications and certification;
- b. Granting, withholding, suspending, withdrawing or otherwise regulating bowling center certificates.

## Section B. Other Committees

The President establishes other USBC committees with approval of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Any member or chartered state or local association may submit a proposed amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, adult tournament rules or these Bylaws, except with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth and other provisions mandated by the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law. Amendments must be submitted in writing and received by USBC on or before September 1 prior to the date of the next Annual Meeting. Approval of an amendment to these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the annual meeting where a quorum is present. Approval of an amendment to the general playing rules, adult league rules, or adult tournaments rules requires a majority vote of the Delegates, present and voting at the annual meeting where a quorum is present.

Amendments by the Delegates become effective as of August 1 following the Annual Meeting where they were adopted, unless otherwise specified.

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws with respect to provisions for compliance with USOC rules and regulations and provisions related to Athletes and Youth. Voting by the Board to amend these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote provided at least 60 days written notice is given and specific amendment language is included in the notice. Amendments by the Board become effective as of the date specified by the Board.

## ARTICLE IX ATHLETE REPRESENTATION

### Section A. Athlete Representation

The following must consist of at least 20 percent Athletes as defined in these Bylaws:

1. Delegates who are eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting;
2. Individuals serving on the Board of Directors and on Designated Committees;
3. Individuals serving on other committees and task forces;



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“Designated Committees” are defined as the Nominating Committee, the Finance Committee, and all committees or task forces empowered to resolve Athlete’s grievances or select participants – including athletes, coaches, trainers, administrators and officials – in international bowling competition. Separate qualifications apply for Athletes that comprise 20 percent of the Board and of Designated Committees than those that apply for Athletes that comprise 20 percent of other USBC committees and task forces.

### Section B. Athlete Qualifications

The term “Athlete” is defined in this section for purposes of these Bylaws. To be considered an Athlete, at the time of election or appointment to a USBC Board, committee, or task force, an individual must be at least 18 years of age and have these other qualifications:

1. Within the 10 years preceding election or appointment, the individual has been a member of Team USA and has represented the United States in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship recognized by FIQ (collectively, “Team USA Athletes”); or
2. Within two years before election or appointment, the individual has demonstrated active engagement in amateur bowling competition by finishing in tournaments as follows:
  - a. For open or women’s national championship tournaments conducted by USBC, the top five percent of all amateur finishers based upon the combined list of participants in the All Events event from each of the divisions in the order in which the participants scored;
  - b. For the national amateur and national junior championship tournaments conducted by USBC, the top 50 percent of all amateur male finishers and of all amateur female finishers.

(Collectively, “Actively Engaged Athletes”.)

### Section C. Athlete Representation on Board of Directors and Designated Committees

All Athletes serving on the Board, serving on a Designated Committee, or as the USBC Representative or Alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council must be Team USA Athletes.

### Section D. Athlete Representation among Delegates and on Other Committees and Task Forces

All Athletes elected as Delegates for voting at the Annual Meeting, and those elected or appointed to USBC committees or task forces other than the Board and Designated Committees, must be Team USA Athletes or Actively Engaged Athletes. Athletes are elected as Delegates or Alternate Delegates for four-year terms corresponding to the four-year quadrennium period of the USOC.

### Section E. Election or Appointment of Athlete Representatives

Both Team USA Athletes and Actively Engaged Athletes directly elect those Athletes who are eligible to vote as Delegates at the Annual Meeting, to serve on the Board of Directors, on Designated Committees, on the Athletes Advisory Council, or as the USBC Representative and Alternate to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council. The USBC Athletes Advisory Council appoints Team USA or Actively Engaged Athletes to other committees or task forces.



**ARTICLE X  
DUE PROCESS**

**Section A. Applicability of Due Process**

USBC provides due process when any:

1. Member, including any Athlete, is charged with a violation of any USBC regulation or requirement which could result in full or partial forfeiture of participation privileges or in other disciplinary action whether undertaken by USBC or a chartered state or local association; or
2. Individual or entity charges USBC with a violation of the requirements of the USOC Constitution or Bylaws, the USBC Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, or rules and regulations, including but not limited to general playing rules, league rules, or tournament rules, that are adopted, endorsed, or referenced by USBC; the individual or entity charged may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. A sports organization that conducts programs in the sport of bowling on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of athletes to represent the United States in national or international competition,
  - b. A USBC member, including any athlete, or any coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or other official, or
  - c. A state or local association chartered by USBC or an applicant for USBC chartering as an association.

**Section B. Elements of Due Process**

In matters involving members, including bowlers or amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, or officials, representing the United States in national or international competition or participating in that competition, and in matters involving league or tournament competition or suspension of membership other than for non-payment of dues, due process may include notice, hearing, expedited hearing, decision, and appeal, all as provided in written policies approved by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XI  
FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of USBC is August 1 through July 31.

**ARTICLE XII  
INDEMNIFICATION**

Directors, officers, and other authorized volunteers, employees, or agents of USBC at the national organization level are indemnified against claims for personal and individual liability arising in connection with their positions or service on behalf of USBC to the full extent permitted by law. USBC maintains liability insurance, as determined by the Board of Directors, for those individuals and for USBC subject to the terms of that insurance.



