

**VERMONT STATE USBC OPEN BOWLING
HALL OF FAME
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SECTION I. Name & Purpose

This organization shall be known as the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame).

The Hall of Fame shall be dedicated to perpetuate the names of the outstanding bowlers and those identified with organized ten pin bowling in Vermont, who, through their competitive skill, high personal standards, and dedicated principals, have enriched the general welfare, spirit, reputation, and progress of the game in the State of Vermont.

SECTION II. Organization

The Hall of Fame is an official function of the Vermont State USBC.

1. Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame shall be administered and managed by a Hall of Fame Committee.

The committee shall consist of representatives from the following:

- . Vermont State USBC - Past President, President, and two members of the Board of Directors
- . Two members from the Vermont State USBC delegates.
- . Six members from the Hall of Fame.
- . Two media representatives.(non voting)

2. Officers

The officers of the Hall of Fame committee shall consist of: President, Vice president, and Secretary.

3. Elections

Election of officers shall be by majority vote of those committee members present and shall take place at the annual meeting.

4. Committee and Officer Term

Committee members from the state association will serve a term of one year, all others serve for a two year term.

The term of each officer shall be one year, except secretary which shall be for a three year term. The term of office begins July 1st. Officers are eligible for reelection.

5. Meetings

An annual meeting shall be held during January. The date, time, and place of the meeting shall be set by the committee secretary.

Special meetings may be called by the committee president and must be called upon written request of three committee members,

6. Quorum

A quorum at all meetings of the committee shall be a majority of the whole committee.

7. Order of Business

The order of business of the Hall of Fame committee shall be as follows:

- . Roll Call
- . Reading of minutes and financial reports
- . Unfinished business
- . New business:
 - .Hall of Fame candidate presentation
 - .Credential review .
 - .Election of Hall of Fame Nominees .
 - .Election of officers
- . Discuss and recommend funding for Hall of Fame activities .

Adjourn

8. Ballot

The ballot shall consist of three categories:

- Bowling Achievement
- Meritorious Service & Proprietors
- Veterans Section

Candidates may be elected into the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall Of Fame each year as follows:

Two in the Bowling Achievement
Two in the Meritorious Service & Proprietors
One in the Veterans Section

SECTION III. Officer and Committee Duties

President

The president shall preside at all meeting of the committee. The vice president will perform this responsibility if the president is not in attendance.

The president shall sign the Hall of Fame funding request, prepared by the secretary. Secretary

The secretary shall mail a request, to local associations, soliciting names of eligible Hall of Fame candidates, along with a statement of their accomplishments (credentials). The request will be distributed in August each year.

The secretary shall verify that submitted credentials of Hall of Fame candidates meet minimum eligibility requirements, and are signed by the local association board president and association manager.

The secretary will prepare and mail, **at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting**, the ballot and a copy of each nominees credentials to all those eligible to vote for nominees. If there are no nominees in a given year a statement of this fact will be mailed to the state association manager.

The secretary shall prepare, and upon receiving approval from the president, a request for funding Hall of Fame activity to the state association manager.

The secretary will take appropriate action to notify the Vermont State USBC Association Manager, The United States Bowling Congress or succeeding organization, the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, and local news media of election results.

The secretary shall maintain a file of credentials for each Hall of Fame candidate and inductee.

The secretary shall be responsible for all property belonging to the Hall of Fame.

The secretary shall provide at least thirty (30) days written notification of the date, time, and place of the annual meeting, or other meetings of the committee.

The secretary shall record and distribute minutes of all committee meetings.

The secretary is authorized to purchase supplies and other items required for official Hall of Fame purposes, and required to provide an accounting of all such expenditures to the committee and state association manager.

Committee

The committee members present at the annual meeting shall cast their ballot before opening all ballots to determine which candidates, if any, have been elected, in accordance with the voting process described in SECTION VII, to the Hall of Fame. If no candidate receives sufficient votes for election on the first ballot than the voting process for subsequent ballots (see SECTION VII) shall be followed.

SECTION IV. Candidate Qualifications

To be eligible for consideration to the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall of Fame, a candidate must have been for a period of fifteen years or more:

A member of the USBC/ABC or succeeding organization and in good standing of a local association within the State of Vermont or

Identified with organized bowling within the State of Vermont.

Candidates can be living or deceased.

1. Bowling Achievement

A candidate must have an outstanding bowling record in a minimum of ten state association tournaments. A candidate's performance in USBC/ABC sanctioned tournaments may be considered. The candidate's average history, highest ten year composite average, high game, and high series achievements may be considered.

2. Meritorious Service & Proprietors

A candidate must have demonstrated service, devotion, ideas, and ideals over the years. Their contributions and achievements are above and beyond the ordinary to the game of ten pin bowling and outside the framework of competitive bowling. A candidates with a **combined fifteen years** of service to state and local associations or leagues as an officer, board member, or sponsor, or in other noncompetitive capacities are important characteristics which will be considered.

3. Veterans Section

A candidate under this section will have established their credentials more than twenty years prior to the ballot date or their name has appeared upon five consecutive ballots.

SECTION V. Candidate Nomination & Submission

The board of directors of each local association, or an interested party, shall be entitled to submit candidates for nomination to the Hall of Fame. Local associations may annually submit their candidates (in bowling achievement, meritorious service & Proprietors, and the veterans section) according to the following formula:

<u>Local Association Size</u>	<u>Number of Candidates</u>
less than 750	2
next 500 or fraction thereof	1
every 500 thereafter or fraction thereof	1

The record of achievement (credentials) of each candidate must be verified by the local association, signed by the association president and association Manager, and accompany the submission. The list of candidates and their achievements are to be mailed to the Hall of Fame secretary prior to **December 1st** each year.

1. Nominee and Candidate Carryover

Nominees who are not elected to the Hall of Fame during their first year on the ballot, and all candidates not appearing on the ballot in the year their file is submitted, shall have their credentials carried forward for two years. The local association board of directors should provide file updates as appropriate.

The files of candidates not elected to the Hall of Fame during the three year consideration period will be returned to the submitting association. A candidate may be re-nominated by their local association board or an interested party.

SECTION VI. Hall of Fame Election

The Hall of Fame Committee shall conduct a Hall of Fame election at the annual meeting.

Members of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Hall of Fame are eligible to vote for Hall of Fame Nominees. Eligible voters, unable to attend the annual meeting, may submit an absentee ballot to the president or secretary of the Hall of Fame committee. (A member of the Hall of Fame Committee who is also a Hall of Fame member may vote only once.)

SECTION VII. Voting

The Hall of Fame Committee and Hall of Fame members shall proceed as follows; each eligible voter shall rate each category on the ballot, based upon the attached synopsis of each candidate and place the number of points they wish to award each candidate on the line next to their name. The voter may award from 0 points to 5 points to any one candidate, but may only award 1 point through 5 points once per category. A candidate that is left blank receives a zero. For example:

Candidate #1	_____
Candidate #2	<u>5</u>
Candidate #3	_____
Candidate #4	_____
Candidate #5	<u>3</u>
Candidate #6	_____
Candidate #7	<u>1</u>

The number of ballots for all candidates shall be the total number of eligible voters at the meeting, whether they vote or not, plus the absentee ballots.

In order to be elected to the Hall of Fame, candidates must receive at least 75% of the highest point total. For example; if there are 15 potential (Kowalski added the word potential because of language in preceding paragraph) ballots the highest point total available is 75 points. Thus in order to be elected a candidate must receive 57 points (75% if 75 potential points is 56.25 points). The highest two candidates receiving at least 57 points would be elected in the Bowling Achievement and Meritorious Service & Proprietors categories and the highest candidate receiving at least 57 points would be elected in the Veterans Section. If a tie exists among those receiving at least 57 points then all such nominees shall be elected.

If a nominee, in any category, is not elected on the first ballot, balloting of those eligible to vote and present at the annual meeting will continue for two additional ballots. On each successive ballot the nominee with the lowest point total will be removed from the ballot. If after three ballots no nominee receives the required point total for election there shall be no election for that year for that category

SECTION VIII. Awards

Newly elected members of the Hall of Fame shall have their names and a summary of their achievements sent to the United States Bowling Congress or succeeding organization, the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum¹, and local news media.

¹ The International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum recognizes members for performance or meritorious service. Members of the Vermont State USBC Open Bowling Hall of Fame will be reported in one of these categories -questions regarding how to report elected members to the Vermont Hall of Fame will be resolved by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Suitable awards and induction ceremonies shall be determined by the Hall of Fame Committee with the approval of the Vermont State USBC Board of Directors and presentations shall be made accordingly.

SECTION IX. Expenses

The secretary shall receive an annual salary of \$ 100.00.

The expenses for operation of the Hall of Fame shall be borne by the Vermont State USBC.

SECTION X. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by the Hall of Fame Committee, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting provided the secretary has received the proposed amendment thirty days prior to the meeting.

Approved amendments must be submitted prior to March 1st, to the Vermont State USBC Board of Directors for ratification.