

**VERMONT STATE USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING
HALL OF FAME
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SECTION I. Name & Purpose

This organization shall be known as the Vermont State USBC Women's 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 principles, 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:

- State USBC
 - President
 - Association Manager
 - Two members of the Board of Directors
- Two VT State USBC members appointed by Hall of Fame President
- ~~Two Hall of Fame members~~ Board of Directors eliminated this line during review of approval
- Four members from the Hall of Fame

2. Officers

The officers of the Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- 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.

The term of each officer shall be one year, except the 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 February. 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
- Veterans Section

Candidates may be elected into the Vermont State USBC Women's Bowling Hall of Fame each year as follows:

- Two in Bowling Achievement
- Two in Meritorious Service
- Two in the Veterans Section

SECTION III. Officer and Committee Duties

President

The president shall preside at all meetings 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 and/or email 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 September 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, local association manager, or Hall of Fame President.

The secretary will prepare and mail and/or email, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, the ballot and a copy of each nominee's 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, send 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 (for the time allowed) and inductee. All files should be scanned and digitized, if at all possible.

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 by mail or email 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 ballots 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 then 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 Women's Bowling Hall of Fame, a candidate must have been for a period of ten years or more:

- A member of the USBC/WBC adult organization(s) or succeeding organization and in good standing with the local association(s) 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/WBC sanctioned tournaments may be considered. The candidate's average history, highest ten-year composite average, high game, and high series achievements may be considered. To be eligible for this category, a candidate shall have a minimum of one (1) state-level title (either scratch or handicap).

2. Meritorious Service

A candidate must have demonstrated service, devotion, ideas, and ideals over the years. The candidate's contributions and achievements are above and beyond the ordinary to the game of ten pin bowling and outside the framework of competitive bowling. A candidate with a combined ten 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 credentials more than ten years prior to the ballot date. A candidate who has demonstrated their dedication to the sport of bowling, through participation in and/or organization of state events, are important characteristics which will be considered for this category.

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 each of the following categories: bowling achievement, meritorious service, 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, local association manager, or Hall of Fame President, and accompany the submission. The list of candidates and their achievements are to be mailed and/or emailed to the Hall of Fame secretary prior to **November 15th** 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 the 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. Any eligible voter, unable to attend the annual meeting, may submit an absentee ballot, via mail or email, 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 the Hall of Fame members shall proceed as follows: each eligible voter shall vote for each category on the ballot, based upon the attached synopsis of each candidate, and place a “Yes” or “No” vote next to each candidate’s name. Any candidate that is left blank receives a “No” vote.

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. Voided ballots will not be counted.

In order to be elected to the Hall of Fame, candidates must receive at least two-thirds of the “Yes” votes. If only two candidates receive two-thirds of the “Yes” votes in any category: Bowling Achievement, Meritorious Service or Veterans Section, they are elected.

In the case of more than two candidates receiving two-thirds of the “Yes” votes, a second ballot will be taken of those candidates. The voters will vote for two candidates only and the two with the most votes are 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 percentage 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.

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 15th, to the Vermont State USBC Board of Directors for ratification.

¹ The International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum recognizes members for performance or meritorious service. Members of the Vermont State USBC Women’s 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.