



Hall of Fame Legislation

Article 1 OBJECTIVE

This organization shall be dedicated to the recognition of the outstanding bowlers and dedicated servants of the Madison area who through their competitive skills, high personal standards and dedicated principles have enriched the general welfare, spirit, reputation, and progress of the sport of tenpin bowling.

Article 2 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame shall include members of the former MBA Hall of Fame, MWBA Hall of Fame, SWWI Hall of Fame. Membership in the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame shall be determined by annual elections.

Article 3 GOVERNANCE

Proprietorship of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame shall rest with the Board of Directors of the association which shall be responsible for the Hall of Fame Committee and its functions.

The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of:

- A. President, Vice President, and Association Manager of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association.
- B. Two Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Directors and six Hall of Fame members appointed by the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association President for terms not to exceed three years.
- C. The Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, who shall run the meetings.

The Association Manager shall, upon receipt of nominations, forward the information received to the Research Committee, who shall conduct further research for information to support and document qualifications.

The Research Committee shall be chaired by the Association Manager.

- A. Research Committee members shall be nominated by the Association Manager in a number required to complete the research for the current slate of nominees.
- B. Once research is completed, the Association Manager shall then prepare biographical sketches for each nominee and forward them to the Hall of Fame committee.

Article 4 HALL CATEGORIES

A. Distinguished Performance

An individual should have established a documented record of outstanding performance in the sport of bowling. Some portions of the candidate's record must have been established as a member of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association. The individual must have, at minimum, earned two scratch titles in any of the events described in ARTICLE 5

B. Meritorious Service

An individual should have, over the years, demonstrated service, devotion, ideals, contributions, and milestone achievements above and beyond the ordinary to the game of American tenpins outside the framework of competitive bowling.

Activities and achievements in the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association will receive priority consideration.

Article 5 CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Candidates must be at least 45 years of age at the time of the nomination deadline date.
- B. Candidates must have been a member of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association for 20 years.
- C. Candidates must have been a member of a certified league in the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association or the former membership organization at some time in his or her active career.
- D. Candidates cannot, at any time, have been suspended by any current or former National Governing Body of bowling.
- E. Distinguished Performance candidates must have bowled in Madison Area USBC Bowling Association championship tournaments for 15 years.
- F. Distinguished Performance candidates must have earned two scratch titles in any of the following list of events.
 - a. Madison Area Championship Tournament

- i. Open, Women's, Senior, Masters, Queens, Senior Masters
- b. Wisconsin State Championship Tournament
 - i. Open, Women's, Senior, Badger Elite Masters, Badger Queens
- c. Midwest Women's Bowling Tournament
- d. National Governing Body Tournament
 - i. Open, Women's, Junior Gold
- e. International Team USA Medal
 - i. Team USA and Junior Team USA
- f. Professional Bowling Tournament
 - i. PBA, PWBA, USBC Masters, Queens, Senior Masters, Senior Queens, Super Senior Classic, PBA50, National Golden Ladies Classic
- g. Madison Area Scratch Tour
- h. Historically Significant Tournament
 - i. Bowling with the Champs, State Match Games

Items A, B, and/or E may be waived in what the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee would unanimously agree are extraordinary circumstances, including posthumous nominations.

For association style tournaments, a scratch title is defined as the high scratch total for singles, doubles, team, or all events. The Madison Area USBC defines handicapped division winners as 'Champions' and high event scratch scores as 'Titlists'.

Article 6 NOMINATIONS & APPLICATION

Nominations may be submitted by interested parties, in writing, to the office of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association by January 1 for consideration in the current year.

Nominees shall submit a Hall of Fame application with documentation of all performance or service achievements by February 1.

Article 7 ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Hall of Fame Committee Chair shall schedule an annual meeting of the Hall of Fame committee no later than March 1 of each year.

All applications will be reviewed by the Hall of Fame committee. The committee shall screen the candidates for eligibility in the Hall of Fame categories and determine which nominees shall be balloted for the annual election.

Article 8 ANNUAL ELECTION PROCEDURES

Annual ballots shall be prepared by the Association Manager for the purpose of electing candidates.

The Distinguished Performance ballot shall be circulated to the electors with the number of candidates on the ballot to be determined by the Madison Area USBC Association Hall of Fame Committee.

- A. Electors of the Distinguished Performance category shall be:
 - a. Active Hall of Fame and USBC members in good standing elected in the Distinguished Performance or the Veterans category in the current or previous organizations.
 - i. Inactive members may be added to the Voting Body as determined by the Hall of Fame Committee.
 - b. Three members of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Board of Directors.
 - i. These members will serve three year terms, with a rotation schedule that adds/removes one member each year - as much as feasible.
 - c. Other individuals who the Hall of Fame committee may want to join the voting body, subject to the approval of the Madison Area USBC Board of Directors.

The Meritorious Service ballot shall be circulated to the electors with the number of candidates on the ballot to be determined by the Madison Area USBC Association Hall of Fame Committee.

- B. Electors of the Meritorious Service category shall be:
 - a. Active Hall of Fame and USBC members in good standing elected in the Meritorious Service category in the current or previous organizations.
 - i. Inactive members may be added to the Voting Body as determined by the Hall of Fame Committee.
 - b. Three members of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Board of Directors
 - i. These members will serve three year terms, with a rotation schedule that adds/removes one member each year - as much as feasible.
 - c. Other individuals who the Hall of Fame committee may want to join the voting body, subject to the approval of the Madison Area USBC Board of Directors.

The Distinguished Performance ballot shall be circulated to the electors with the number of candidates on the ballot to be determined by the Madison Area USBC Association Hall of Fame Committee.

Electors may vote YES or NO for each candidate on the ballot.

Election to the Hall of Fame shall be gained by a candidate receiving 70% of the votes on ballots returned from the designated electors.

The maximum number of Hall of Fame inductees in any year is four.

No more than three Distinguished Performance candidates receiving the requisite percentage of votes shall be inducted.

Distinguished Performance ballot counting is conducted first, Meritorious Service ballot counting is conducted when all necessary Distinguished Performance rounds are completed.

1. First Round Balloting
 - a. In the event more than three candidates receive 70% of the vote, the top three shall be inducted¹.
 - b. In the event that no candidate received 70% of the vote and at least one candidate received 60% of the vote, a second round of balloting shall be conducted.
 - i. Applicable only to ballots with three or more candidates.
 - ii. Candidates who received 60% or more are placed on the second ballot.
 - iii. Candidates who received less than 60% are removed.
2. Second Round Balloting
 - a. In the event more than three candidates receive 70% of the vote, the top three shall be inducted¹.
 - b. In the event that no candidate receives 70% of the second ballot vote, the balloting is concluded.

¹The Madison Area USBC Board of Directors shall break ties at any stage of the voting process.

Nominees who receive no votes from the Hall of Fame committee for two consecutive years will be dropped from further consideration. If a candidate failed to earn at least an average of 20% of the total votes cast in the three most recent elections, the candidate will be removed from consideration. A candidate may be re-nominated one time in any individual Hall of Fame category.

Article 9 **INDUCTION**

Those newly elected to the Hall of Fame shall be duly inducted, and the Stars of the Future recognized at the annual Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame Dinner to be held on the Thursday of the second full week in August.

Article 10 **AMENDMENTS**

The articles contained in this Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame legislation may be amended by a majority vote of the Madison Area USBC Bowling Association Board of Directors. Legislation must be submitted to the Madison Area USBC by August 1 to be considered for the current season.