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**MID SOUTHEASTERN DEAF WOMEN’S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**

I. NAME

SECTION 1 This organization shall be known as Mid Southeastern Deaf Women Bowling Association embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

SECTION 2 Any other state groups wishing to do so, may have entries in the Annual Tournament, but may not host a tournament.

SECTION 3 Whenever the MSDBA adds a new state to the organization, it is automatically added to the MSDWBA too.

II. OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1 The MSDWBA is formed for the following objectives and purpose:

- A. To hold, direct or under its direction and auspices, conduct and manage annually Mid Southeastern Deaf Women Bowling Association.
- B. This tournament shall determine the Mid-Southeast Deaf Women Bowling Association Champions of four (4) women’ teams, doubles, singles, all events and Queens, tournament to be by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) with such other rules as necessary not conflict herewith.

**MID SOUTHEASTERN DEAF WOMEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIPS

- SECTION 1** All regularly organization bowling team composed of the female in the United States, who are deaf, partially deaf, and are qualified under the rules of the USBC are eligible for membership in this organization. With an exception for Children of Deaf Adult (CODA), there shall be no hearing bowler allowed. GRANDFATHER CLAUSE: Hearing bowlers who participated in 2005 may bowl.
- SECTION 2** Age limit of any woman entering the MSDWBA tournament shall be 18 and over.
- SECTION 3** By-Laws changes are to be referred to MSDWBA Vice-President, at the meeting on Friday night for approval.
- SECTION 4** (A) Membership in this Dixie Deaf Women Bowling Association shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per year payable with entry fee.
(B) Bowlers due to any medical reasons may pay five dollars to become a member and can be involved in the general meeting.
(C) Membership dues shall go to the MSDWBA General Fund.
- SECTION 5** They must be members of USBC.

ARTICLE II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- SECTION 1** The regular order of business at all meetings of the association shall be described:
- 1) Call to order
 - 2) Roll call of Officers
 - 3) Reading of previous minutes
 - 4) Reports of Officers
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President
 - c) Secretary/Treasurer
 - 5) Reports of Committees
 - a) Law Chairlady (Vice-President)
 - b) Auditing Committee
 - c) Host Chairperson
 - 6) Unfinished Business
 - 7) New Business
 - 8) Announcement of next tournament Chairperson
 - 9) Elections of Officers
 - 10) Good of Order – Bank Night
 - 11) Adjournment

SECTION 2 The meeting shall be held at the same night and time as MSDBA's Meeting time.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and three (3) Board of Directors. These six (6) shall also serve as the Executive Board.

SECTION 2 The officers shall be elected for a term of three (3) years in a staggering system starting with the President, then the Vice President, and lastly the Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 3 Election of a third Board of Director shall be held annually, in a staggering system starting with the rotation of three (3) Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 The Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) officers of the MSDWBA and three (3) members of the committee.

SECTION 5 All officers and their duties shall be chosen to the conformance of the duties of the USBC.

SECTION 6 To be eligible for office, any bowler must attend three (3) consecutive general meetings, prior to election.

SECTION 7 Officers shall be NOT being chairperson of their host city.

SECTION 8 Officers' terms shall begin on September 1.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1 PRESIDENT

A) It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of this association and enforce the constitution and by-laws and rules of this association.

B) Shall appoint auditing committees consisting of a head auditor from Board of Director and 2 auditors annually.

C) The President shall fill any vacancies that occur during the tournament.

SECTION 2 VICE-PRESIDENT

A) The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of that office and president at Law Committee meetings. She shall read and explain all proposed changes and new amendments at the meetings.

B) The Vice-President shall coordinate the Maggie Hipp Queens Tournament and Elaine Bice Senior Citizen Queens Tournament.

C) The Vice-President shall be the chairlady of the By-Law Committee.

SECTION 3 SECRETARY-TREASURER

A) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings, conduct all correspondences. She shall receive and deposit all monies in a respective bank in her hometown in the name of Mid Southeastern Deaf Women Bowling Association,

which may be withdrawn only on checks by her.

B) The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate account of all the receipts and disbursements and shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors and at general meetings. Annual report must be audited during executive board meeting.

C) The Secretary-Treasurer shall distribute prizes to the bowlers by checks within fifteen (15) days after closing of the tournament.

D) The Secretary-Treasurer shall hold bond.

E) The Secretary-Treasurer has the full power to make all the decisions not contrary to USBC or the Tournament Rules. She has the reserved right to reject any entry.

F) The Recording Secretary shall make a copy of the minute and give to the Secretary-Treasurer and she will type a neat copy to give to the President within fifteen (15) days after corresponding with the Secretary-Treasurer to have a correct minute meeting before printing the minutes.

G) The Secretary-Treasurer shall send minutes to bowlers a month before the tournament date.

SECTION 4 Board of Directors

A) The Board of Directors shall be present in all meetings.

B) Each Board of Director shall be part of by-laws committee, or auditing committee.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 The Constitution, By-Laws and Rules may be amended or repeal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the quorum voting at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2 Any Proposal of changes of laws or amendments must be made in writing to the Vice-President at the general meeting to be effective next year, with exceptions of a necessary enforced law or amendment.

ARTICLE VI. QUORUM

SECTION 1 The bowlers and members of the Executive Committee of this Association, who shall be present at the meeting on time, shall constitute a quorum and a majority of such members of the MSDWBA Board of Directors so present, may transact any and all business of the Association. Two-thirds (2/3) of the board members present shall constitute a quorum. SECTION 2 Any election shall be determined by the majority vote.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1 If there is dissolution of MSDWBA, the next tournament the money shall go to prize fee and balance shall be zero.

ARTICLE VIII. OATH OF OFFICERS

I, _____, do hereby pledge myself to abide by the constitution and the by-laws of MSDWBA and to faithfully perform the duties of my office **to the best of my knowledge and ability.**

ARTICLE IX. COMPENSATION

SECTION 1 OFFICERS

A. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive one dollar (\$1.00) per bowler each event Team, Single, and Double. If a tournament is not held at any time at that year and her salary will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and shall be paid out of the General Fund.

B. The Vice-President shall be paid one dollar (\$1.00) per Maggie Hipp Queens head and one dollar (\$1.00) per Elaine Bice Senior Citizen Queens head.

C. The Board of Directors shall receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for their work during tournament weekend.

SECTION 2 TRANSPORTATION

A. The officers shall be reimbursed for her transportation half (1/2) by MSDWBA and half (1/2) by the Host City (at thirty-five (35) cents a mile or a full fare for tourist class airline seat). The fare is limited up to \$350.00.

ARTICLE X HALL OF FAME

SECTION 1 NOMINEE

A nominee must meet the following requirements:

1. She must bowl at least eight (8) tournaments of MSDWBA to be eligible for nomination and bowler selection.
2. She must earn thirty-five (35) points to qualify for the hall of fame.
3. Bowlers who earned thirty-five (35) points should be automatically inducted within two years after earning the points.

SECTION 2 PROGRAM BOOK

1. The Hall of Fame points must be recorded in the program book.

SECTION 3 AWARDS

1. The President will present "Hall of Fame" plaque(s) to bowler(s) at the ballroom.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. The tournament shall be sanctioned and conducted according to the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) unless otherwise arranged with the Congress by the Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. All events will be awarded on a handicap basis of 80 percent of 210, limit 72 pins at the average of 120 minimum.
- C. Any complaints or protests regarding any association to bowling must be made within an hour before the game in question has been bowled in writing which will be taken up with the Executive Board.
- D. All USBC bowlers present at the annual meeting shall have voice and can vote.
- E. All bowlers must copy their USBC cards and send to the Secretary-Treasurer along with entry forms.
- F. The entry fees may be in any cash square, money orders, certified checks, or personal checks must accompany the completed entry forms. Fees less than the full amount will not be accepted.
- G. If a bowler's check bounces, then the bowler is responsible to pay 25 dollars as a penalty fine.

SECTION 1 RE-RATE PRIZE

- A) Any bowler who has received a prize of \$300 or more in any event of a bowling tournament within twelve (12) months to date the tournament must report to the Secretary-Treasurer for possible re-rate. Failure to do so can lead to forfeiture of this tournament prize.
- B) The Secretary-Treasurer has full power to make decision not to conflict with USBC By-laws on tournament rules. She has the right to re-rate the average if a bowler does not tell that she has won \$300 within twelve (12) months with her sanctioned membership of USBC.
- C) To re-rate the average if a bowler does not tell that she has won \$300 within twelve (12) months with her sanctioned membership of USBC.

SECTION 2 TIE-BREAKER PRIZES

- A) In case of a tie for first place in team event, the money prize will be added together, then will be divided the prizes to the teams.
- B) In case of a tie for first place in singles event, the money will be added together, then will be divided to the singles.
- C) In case of a tie for first place in doubles event, the money will be added together, then will be divided to the doubles.

SECTION 3 AWARDS

- A. Plaques shall be awarded to first place Handicap Team Championship at the same hotel on the same date. This also must be on the entry form.

SECTION 4 BOWLER'S COMBO

- A. All bowlers must pay for Combo equal to early bird fan combo fee as prior to the MSDWBA rules accompanied with the entry forms.

SECTION 5 NATIONAL CRISIS

A. In case of National Crisis, the Host City can have their deposit refunded. The Secretary-Treasurer must be notified by prior to the tournament year.

B. Premature termination of the tournament brought about by war, national emergency or emergency causes relating there to or there from, fire natural disaster or any other reason beyond the control of the MSDWBA's host city shall cause, to the extent required thereby all advertised prizes, guaranteed or otherwise, to be prorated in accordance with the number of entrants who have bowled in each of the respective events up to the time of such termination.

SECTION 6 PRIZE RATIO

- A. Prize ratio is 1:4. One (1) prize for each eight (8) entries in all event (1:8). B. All prize fees paid out of the tournament shall be 100 percent.

SECTION 7 PARTICIPANTS

- A. Participants may only bowl once in each event, if she wishes to bowl in queen event, she must enter team, double, and single events, too.

SECTION 8 VERIFY AVERAGE

- A. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of her average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, her captain, or other.

SECTION 9 USBC SANCTIONED AVERAGE

- A. Use highest USBC sanctioned average, 21 games or more of _____ season. If no average is available for _____, use highest USBC sanctioned average, 21 games or more as of March 1, _____. If the _____ average is 10 or more pins above the _____ average, the current March 1st _____ average must be used. (USBC Rule 363A2).

SECTION 10 AVERAGE: HOW IT IS ESTABLISHED

A. Each league shall adopt a rule to determine the number of games required to establish an average in that league. When establishing an average, a righthanded bowler must always bowl right-handed. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must always bowl left-handed. Penalty: Forfeiture of game (Rule 118b).

B. Bowlers who have neither a current average nor an average from last year must bowl at 210 averages. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$300 or more, won within the previous twelve (12) months shall forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings. See below for Re-Rating system.

SECTION 11 MSDWBA's RE-RATING SYSTEM

A. Pins will be added to your average. Winning must be \$300 or more per event within twelve (12) months from MSDWBA tournament to MSDWBA tournament.

B. Re-rate is based on the USBC's rules.

C. This rule replaces USBC rule 363a in MSDWBA.

D. A classic/tournament bowler should report to the Secretary-Treasurer for prize winnings.

E. All bowlers must notify the Secretary/Treasurer of the winning prizes on the entry form.

F. Points for Re-Rate System is 3 points automatic.

SECTION 12 NON-REFUNDABLE FEES

A. No team or individual bowler shall be entitled to a refund after the entry forms and fees have been received by the Secretary-Treasurer. In case of illness or death in the immediate family, a bowler or team may be refunded any time during the tournament.

B. If the bowler wants a refund, she must find a replacement bowler with the help of the Secretary-Treasurer. No replacement bowler, No refund.

SECTION 13 DISQUALIFICATION

A. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby results in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average, however, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series. (USBC Rule 363a-3).

SECTION 14 DRESS CODE

A. Shorts must NOT be more than 3 inches above knee.

MAGGIE HIPP QUEENS TOURNAMENT

SECTION 1 MAGGIE HIPP QUEENS RULES

A. The Dixie Deaf Women Queen Tournament is held in conjunction with the annual MSDWBA tournament. It is conducted on handicap basis and is open to all MSDWBA bowlers who enter all events (teams, doubles, and singles). The MSDWBA Queen Tournament should be held at the same establishment where all events (teams, doubles, and singles) are held. This tournament is conducted as the USBC Queen with exception of qualifying round is limited to three (3) games. The cut-off will be based on half of the entrants. The qualifiers will bowl in the match play rounds in step ladder system.

SECTION 2 USBC RULES

- A. The rules of USBC will govern all play and the following general rules are:
1. The minimum entry fee shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) and must be paid with the entry forms before the deadline.
 2. The prize fund will be returned 100%.
 3. The top half of the bowlers will enter the qualifying round to bowl two (2) games to add to the first three (3) games.
 4. A total of eight (8) highest five-game qualifiers will advance to the next step and bowl one (1) game with the total of the previous five games. The four (4) highest qualifiers will advance into the final round using the position, fourth (4th) against third (3rd), third (3rd) against second (2nd), second (2nd) against first (1st) using the step ladder system with a clean slate.
 5. Prizes pay out to top eight (8) bowlers.
 6. If there are any tied bowlers in the tournament, a full roll-off game shall be made to determine the winner.
 7. The tournament director shall reserve the right to refuse entries with a mentioned reason
 8. The handicap shall be limited to 72 pins per game based on 80% of 210. The minimum average will be 120.
 9. MSDWBA Queen winners get their prize monies by mailed within fifteen (15) days.

ELAINE BICE SENIOR CITIZEN QUEENS TOURNAMENT

SECTION 1 ELAINE BICE SENIOR CITIZEN QUEENS RULES

A. The Mid Southeastern Deaf Women Bowling Association Elaine Bice Senior Citizen Queen Tournament will be held with the annual MSDWBA tournament. It is conducted on handicap basis and is open to all MSDWBA bowlers with a +55 of age who enter all events (teams, doubles, and singles.)

B. This tournament will be separate tournament away from the Maggie Hipp Queen Tournaments. No combinations.

C. The Maggie Hipp Queen Tournament rules apply same Elaine Bice Senior Citizen Queen except for few alternates.

a. The handicap basis of 80% of 210. Limit 72 pins per game.
The minimum average is 120.

b. If less than 8 bowlers, there will be advance to rule 9B mentioned in the Maggie Hipp Queen Tournament rules. If less 5 bowlers, the tournament will be cancelled, and monies refunded back to the registrants.

D. The prizes will be paid out based on the number of entrants.

HOST CITY

A. The city which the annual tournament is to be held would be decided by the Mid Southeastern Deaf Bowling Association (MSDBA).

B. The sponsoring host must deposit a security deposit of \$400.00 to MSDBA and \$200.00 to MSDWBA. In the second year, the sponsoring host city must pay twenty-five (25) percent of the total prize money when the MSDBA accepts the winning bid. The sponsor shall pay one-fourth (1/4) of seventy-five (75) percent prize money until it is paid in fourth (4th) year of upcoming tournament, paying 2 separate checks to MSDBA and MSDWBA. The bidding minimum for MSDBA is \$3,000.00 and for MSDWBA is \$1,500.00

C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be notified within six (6) months if the Host City cannot hold the tournament, and the prize money shall be forfeited and automatically moved to the next Host City.

D. The Host City sponsoring the tournament shall print the schedule, prize list of the tournament in their program book on MSDBA-MSDWBA's program book and website.

E. Plaques, stationery, and all advertising shall be at the expense by the Host City.

F. The Host City Chairperson shall send a scratch flyer to the Secretary-Treasurer in the month of December preceding the tournament.

G. The chairperson is responsible for sending final flyers and host reservation cards to the Secretary-Treasurer by February 1st preceding the tournament.

H. The Host City is responsible to pay half of the officer's transportation by either thirty-five (35) cents a mile or a full tourist class fare and MSDWBA will pay the remaining half up to \$350.00.

I. The Host City is responsible to reserve hotel rooms for the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer during their stay. 1. President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible pay for one night, the Host City will be responsible to pay for one night, and the MSDWBA will be responsible to pay for one night.

J. The Host City must send a representative or a team to the tournament starting after the bidding year to show their interest. The chairperson shall attend the annual meeting a year before their appointed year. If the chairperson does not attend the meeting, MSDWBA shall deduce \$100 per year from the security deposit.

K. The Secretary-Treasurer shall inform the Host City chairperson of the upcoming tournament to expect all expenses and related arrangements to be readied. This shall be done in January prior to their tournament.

L. The Host City must check that the bowling establishment has proper arrangements for the upcoming tournament and a meeting room provided for ball and bag storage overnight under lock. The earnings will go to MSDWBA General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

These guidelines and agreement listed under Host City article are the cross-reference and are kept with the by-laws. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make sure to check the flyers and program books are in accordance of the by-laws to approve the final copies. The Host City must include the following list:

A. SCHEDULE

1. Records of All-Time High Scratch and Handicap Teams, Doubles, Singles, and All Events of the past five (5) years
2. Prize list of the MSDWBA
3. The names listed in MSDWBA Hall of Fame

The Host City must correspond with MSDWBA Secretary-Treasurer on all ongoing plans.

The Host City is responsible for championship plaques in total of ten (10):

1. Four (4) for Team with Handicap
2. Two (2) for Doubles with Handicap
3. One (1) for Single with Handicap
4. One (1) for All-Event with Handicap
5. One (1) for the winner of Queen Tournament
6. One (1) for the winner of Senior Citizen Queen Tournament

The agreement set forth shall be signed by the Host Chairperson the year following the bidding.

APPENDIX B: MSDWBA HALL OF FAME POINT SYSTEM

Officers:

President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer: 3 points for 3-year term (if one misses the event, then deduct 1 point each year.)

Board of Directors: Board of Directors will earn 1 point each year they serve. Volunteers: Volunteers will earn 1 point each year they serve.

Attendance:

Bowlers who attend the meeting each year will earn 1 point.

Places:

Team, Double, Single, Queens, All-Event:

1st Place – 3 points

2nd Place – 2 points

3rd Place – 1 point

TOTAL: 35 Points