UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

BOWLING TEAM
2013-14 HANDBOOK
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UW Bowling Team
Membership Information
2013-14 Season

The UW Bowling Team exists to provide UW-Madison students with an opportunity to become more involved in bowling, both as a competitive and as a social activity. Any University of Wisconsin-Madison student is welcome to apply to join the team. However, anyone who joins the team is expected to follow through on their commitment to the team.

The policies and procedures below will be used throughout this bowling season.

Benefits Provided By the Wisconsin Union:

1. Transportation and entry fees for selected bowlers to Conference and other regional and national tournaments as the budget allows.
4. Collegiate sanctioning for eligible bowlers.

Bowler Obligations:

Membership Eligibility
Bowlers must be students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison actively participating in at least one Wisconsin Union bowling league, in order to be eligible for membership. For collegiate sanctioning, bowlers must meet USBC-Collegiate eligibility guidelines.

Financial Commitments
Team members are expected to help contribute to the team budget in order to maximize the number of tournaments which we can attend. The following are the specific expectations:

• Bowlers must pay $20.00 as a contribution towards sanctioning the team. This payment covers the period from the semester during which the payment is made through the end of the following summer.
• Team members are required to join the Bowling Club at a cost of ~$35 per semester. Bowling Club membership entitles team members to practice on the Union South bowling lanes at no charge before 5pm every day.
• Team members are required to participate in the team qualifying league (see below) at a cost of ~$9 per week.
• Team members may also be required to pay for their own team shirt.
• Team members are expected to participate in fund raising activities (see below).
League Attendance and Activity
All Bowling Team members are expected to be enthusiastic supporters of the Union South Games Room and of league bowling.

It is expected that continuing team members will actively recruit non-team participants to participate in Sett Recreation bowling league. Friends, classmates, and league participants from high school leagues and bowling clubs are good sources of new bowlers.

All rules for participants in Wisconsin Union Bowling Leagues apply equally to Team members. This includes the rules regarding absenteeism.

Any Team member missing more than two nights of league bowling in a semester will automatically be suspended until all games are made up.

No exceptions to league attendance requirements will be made other than medical excuses documented by a note from a physician.

The team advisor may alter overall league attendance requirements as necessary.

Fund Raising
Various fund raising opportunities may be organized throughout the season. The proceeds from these events are used to help finance team activities such as optional tournaments. Team members are expected to participate in fund raising activities to the best of their abilities. Members who directly benefit from the proceeds of fund raising should be especially conscientious about committing effort to the activities. Each year, the team advisor, in consultation with the team members, will set a target fund raising amount for each member.

Team members are urged to suggest new and creative means of raising funds. However, all fund raising activities must follow Wisconsin Union, University of Wisconsin, and State of Wisconsin policies and procedures.

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES:

The Bowling Season
The season will commence with the first day of leagues each fall and end the week before final exams in the spring.

Practice
Members of the Bowling Team are encouraged to practice at least once per week. However, this is not a requirement.

Discipline
Participants involved in inter-collegiate competition should carefully read the league
participation requirements. Failure to complete league obligations will result in suspension. Additional penalties may be incurred for violating conditions of practice, or abuse of equipment and/or staff.

INTER-COLLEGIATE RULES AND PROCEDURES:

All sanctioned team members are eligible to compete for participation in inter-collegiate tournaments. The procedures below help clarify this activity. Rules and policies outlined are in addition to the policies above.

Eligibility for Inter-Collegiate Competition
All participants in intercollegiate events must meet minimum eligibility requirements established by USBC-Collegiate. These include:

a. Minimum cumulative grade-point of 2.0.
b. Undergraduates = Minimum 12 credit course load for the semester. Graduates = Minimum 6 actual credit course load for the semester. Members who drop below the minimum credit load in mid-semester, after having participated in intercollegiate competition that semester, will be disallowed participation in further inter-collegiate competition for 1 full season.
c. Satisfactory degree progress as defined by USBC-Collegiate.
d. Maximum of 4 years intercollegiate bowling participation.
e. Sanctioning for intercollegiate competition.

Check the USBC-Collegiate rule book for complete information.

Establishing and Maintaining Eligibility
Three qualifying games will be bowled each week during the season, except for during winter and spring breaks. A maximum of 36 qualifying games will be required during each semester. Bowlers will be allowed to miss a maximum of one week of qualifying each semester and still be considered current.

Fall Semester:
1) To qualify under the year-to-date qualifying guidelines, a bowler must be current with their qualifying games.
2) A bowler joining mid-semester must make up all qualifying games for the current semester in order to establish eligibility under the year-to-date qualifying guidelines.
3) To qualify under the prior-two-weeks qualifying guidelines, a bowler must have bowled the six most current games in the two weeks prior to determining eligibility. It is possible for a bowler joining mid-season to be eligible under the prior-two-weeks guidelines, but not under the year-to-date guidelines.

Spring Semester:
1) To qualify under the year-to-date qualifying guidelines, a bowler must be current with their qualifying games for the spring semester, as well as having bowled an additional 12 games.

2) To qualify under the prior-two-weeks qualifying guidelines, a bowler must have bowled the six most current games in the two weeks prior to determining eligibility.

**Selection of the Intercollegiate Team**

The rules and procedures below will be used to determine the make-up of the traveling team for all tournaments. For all tournaments, the team captain(s) will meet with the team advisor on the Tuesday preceding each tournament to finalize the roster for that tournament.

For "scheduled" tournaments, the first two positions on each team will be filled by the bowlers with the highest YTD qualifying averages. Positions three and four will be filled by the remaining bowlers that have the highest four-week average. The bowler for position five will be chosen based on the particular needs of that tournament. Position six will be given to the team captain. If the team captain is unable to attend, they will choose a bowler to fill the position.

For "special" tournaments such as national events, the team advisor, in consultation with the team captains, may create alternate objective selection criteria.

For every tournament, the team captain will designate one bowler as an alternate.

If a bowler has missed more than one week of qualifying bowling, they will not be eligible to travel to a tournament.

**Qualifying Games**

These games will be used to determine the make-up of the traveling teams. These games must be:

1. Rolled during qualifying league (as announced at the organizational meeting.)
2. Bowled on any pair of lanes.
3. Recorded by the automatic scorers. Any manual score adjustments must be verified and initialed by the desk clerk.
4. Qualifying games must be bowled in sets of three during a single session, with no significant time breaks between the games.
5. Any game started as a qualifying game must be completed and the scores submitted.

No more than three games may be bowled for record in any week except for the purpose of re-establishing eligibility to travel. If more than three games are bowled the highest game will be dropped.

Score sheets from all games bowled must be printed and turned in to the team advisor.
Definition of Tournament Types
Team members compete to represent the UW at a variety of tournaments. These are referred to either as "Scheduled Tournaments" or as "Special Tournaments." Members of the team may choose to participate in additional tournaments at their own expense. These are referred to as "Optional Tournaments."

Scheduled Tournaments - Selection of participants will be made according to the format above. It is expected that all eligible bowlers will compete to attend these events.

Special Tournaments - These are unique and/or prestigious events which occur during the season such as the Sectionals. Designation of such events will be determined by the team advisor in consultation with the Team Captains. Selection of participants will be determined by objective criteria established in advance of the qualifying date. Examples of criteria that may be used include level of participation throughout the season, league participation, and/or scores at a special roll-off.

Optional Tournaments - Participation in these events is not required, and is at the expense of the participants. Selection will be made according to normal procedures from among interested participants. Normal selection processes are required for optional tournaments even though no organizational funds are used. In most cases these events are invitational and the number of teams that can attend is limited. Since there is limited opportunity to participate selection will be based upon objective criteria.

TRAVEL RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Travel Rules
Travel rules can be summarized with the statement "Behave like a mature adult." Team members are representatives of the University of Wisconsin and should act in a manner that will leave a positive impression. The following are some specific rules which must be followed:

1. Vehicles may be driven only by authorized, designated, drivers.
2. Vehicle driver authorization must be in driver’s possession.
3. No alcohol may be consumed or transported in University vehicles.
4. No drivers may consume alcohol or other drugs on the day they will drive.
5. No under age team members are to consume alcohol at any time.
6. All team members must travel to tournaments in the designated transportation or receive prior authorization to use an alternate means of travel.
7. Drivers and passengers must abide by all vehicle regulations.
8. Safety belts must be used by all vehicle occupants at all times.

Due to the serious potential consequences of violating the above rules (i.e.-losing the privilege of borrowing state vehicles), violations will result in suspension of the entire team for a period deemed suitable by the team advisor.
**Tournament Attire**
Bowlers must wear matching, non-denim, trousers or skirts and the team shirt. The style chosen for the team shirt will be subject to approval by the team as a whole. The shirts must be lettered according to USBC-Collegiate guidelines in a format approved by the team advisor. Team members may be required to pay for their own shirts. More detailed uniform requirements may be established for select tournaments.

**Determination of Team Line-ups**
The bowling order at competitive events will be determined by the team captain.

In the event the team captain is not present an individual designated by the team advisor will make these decisions.

Any disputes regarding bowling order will be decided by the team advisor.

**Substitution of Alternate Bowlers**
Substitution of bowlers is an action necessary to maintain a highly competitive team.

The decision to substitute bowlers in competition will be made by the captain according to the guidelines below. Any bowlers who become disruptive due to decisions made by the captain during competition will be suspended. Questions regarding the captain’s interpretation of the guidelines may be discussed with the team advisor and the captain after the competition.

Bowlers will be substituted according to the following guidelines:

1. A score significantly (40 pins or more) below the team average for that game.
2. Any bowler using profanity, expressing frustration in an unfitting manner, arguing with officials, taunting opponents, or otherwise behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner will be substituted immediately.
3. Any bowler arriving more than ten minutes past the departure time will automatically be designated alternate for that competition.

**Definition of Timely Arrival**
In order to be considered on time all bowlers must be available and ready to leave, with all equipment packed, by the stated departure time. The departure time will be announced by the captain at least two days prior to the departure date.

**Tardiness or Absence from Events**
Departure times are determined to assure safe arrival at events in time to comfortably prepare for competition. No additional time is built in. Individual tardiness reduces the preparation time for other team members at the tournament site.

**Penalties For Late Arrival of Travelers**
10-15 minutes late  Individual bowls the alternate position for the event.

>15 minutes late  Individual bowls alternate position and is disallowed from participation in the next event.

10-15 minutes late twice  Individual is disallowed from participation in the next event.

>15 minutes late twice  Individual is disallowed from participation in the next 3 events.

Absences  Absences not substantiated by medical excuse will result in being disallowed from competition for the next two events.

Chronic Violations  Penalties will be determined by the Team Captain and the team advisor. Penalties may include permanent suspension.

In all of the above cases the next event is interpreted to be the next competition for which the bowler would be eligible.

**TERMINOLOGY:**

**Types of Averages**

Prior-Two-Week Average - This figure will be the average score for the prior two weeks. If the roster posting date is less than two weeks into the season, the average from the previous week will be used.

Year-To-Date Average - This figure will be the average of all qualifying games bowled for the season.

**Definitions of Membership Categories**

In Good Standing - Team members that are current on all required games, league attendance, and are not currently being disciplined for rule violations.

In the two categories below members are eligible for all team privileges except that they may not participate in any intercollegiate competition.

Game Ineligible - Team members that are not eligible for travel due to failure to complete the required number of games of record.

Rule Ineligible - Team members that are not eligible for travel due to rule violations or failure to fulfill team obligations.

**Categories of Suspension**

The decision to suspend a bowler is made by the team advisor. Bowlers may be suspended
for rule violations, academic misconduct, unsporting behavior, or other reasonable cause. The categories of suspension are:

**Time Suspension** - Bowlers are suspended for a stated period of time. During the period of suspension all team rules must be followed and obligations fulfilled. The suspension automatically expires at the end of the stated period. This penalty is applied if rules have been broken or procedures not followed in single or isolated instances.

**Indefinite Suspension** - Bowlers are suspended for an unspecified period of time. The suspension will terminate when the team advisor reviews the member's status and determines that there is a strong likelihood that no further violations of rules or policies will occur. During the period of suspension all team rules must be followed and obligations fulfilled.

This penalty will be applied in the event of severe or repeated failure to follow rules or procedure.

**Permanent Suspension** - A bowler that is permanently suspended will be permanently disbarred from team membership and its benefits. In a suspension of this type the individual is no longer obligated to team responsibilities or rules.

This penalty will be applied in the event of chronic or extremely severe disciplinary problems.

**OFFICERS:**

**Selection of Team Captains**
The team advisor will, with input from the team members, select the captains for both teams.

**Captains' Responsibilities**
The Men's & Women's Team Captains shall be responsible for matters relating to intercollegiate competitions and travel. They shall make team personnel decisions, determine line-ups, arrange for transportation, organize team fund raising activities, and perform other duties as determined in consultation with the team advisor.

**Advocates**
Bowling team members traveling to a tournament may, if they desire, designate an Advocate to consult with the Team Captain on any decisions made during the tournament. The Captain will give due regard to the Advocate's opinions.

**Additional Officers**
The team advisor shall determine if the creation of additional positions is desirable at a later date, and will specify the responsibilities and method of selection for these positions.