

ILLINOIS WOMEN’S 600 BOWLING CLUB
(Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of Illinois, November 13, 1998)

A Nonprofit Organization.....Incorporated November 13, 1998
Organized July 18, 1998.....Statutes of the State of Illinois

PURPOSE

The Illinois Women’s 600 Bowling Club is formed for the following purposes:

- A. To unite in the State of Illinois an honorary group of all current Illinois USBC WBA members and current USBC female members who have qualified for membership by bowling a three (3) game scratch series of 600 or more, in any leagues and/or tournaments sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (hereinafter referred to as the USBC) or the Women’s International Bowling Congress (hereinafter referred to as the WIBC) or the Young American Bowling Alliance Collegiate Division (hereinafter referred to as the YABA).
- B. To encourage local groups to form clubs, to conduct 600 **certified** tournaments, to promote social and charitable activities and to carry out the objectives and purposes of the Illinois Women’s 600 Bowling Club.
- C. To encourage Illinois Women’s 600 Bowling Club members to join the National 600 Club organization.
- D. To conduct the club as a nonprofit organization. The club is operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and particularly to foster state bowling competition either directly or by contributions to organizations that are recognized as exempt from federal income taxation as organizations described in section 501 (c) (7).

**BYLAWS OF THE
ILLINOIS WOMEN'S 600 BOWLING CLUB**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

- A. This organization shall be known as the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club.
- B. The Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club shall have and continuously maintain within the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered agent whose office shall be identical with such registered office, and may have other offices within the State of Illinois as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

The Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club is formed for the following objectives and purposes:

- A. To unite in the State of Illinois an honorary group of all current Illinois USBC WBA members and current USBC female members who have qualified for by bowling a three (3) game scratch series of 600 or more, in any leagues and/or tournaments certified by the USBC or the WIBC or the Young American Bowling Alliance Collegiate Division.
- B. To conduct an annual tournament for its members, **certified** by USBC.
- C. To encourage members to promote social and charitable activities and devote themselves to the fun of bowling.
- D. To encourage all members to play the game in a clean, sportsmanlike manner, bringing credit and honor to themselves and to the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club.
- E. To encourage local groups to form clubs, to conduct 600 **certified** tournaments; promote social and charitable activities, bowl for fun and, in general, carry out the objectives and purposes of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club on the local level.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A. Application for membership may be made at any time after the scratch 600 three (3) game series has been bowled, as set forth in Article II, paragraph A. Local Bowling Association managers will have application forms.

Application forms must be filled out and signed by the local association manager, local 600 club secretary or tournament director. All applications shall be completed when a request to join the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club is received.

B. Membership fee into the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club shall be \$ 15.00. A change in membership fee requires a proposed amendment and can be voted on only at the annual meeting of the membership. This fee entitles the member to a pin, emblem and a lifetime membership card. Members may purchase additional articles such as: pins, emblems, replacement cards and Bylaws booklets at prices determined by the Board of Directors.

C. USBC rules governing conditions under which scores may qualify for awards, will determine eligibility for membership in the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club.

D. Either the local 600 club secretary or the local association manager shall verify the 600 series and may accept as evidence newspaper clippings, individual average cards, or other satisfactory evidence.

E. The Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club will also accept evidence of same (as noted in paragraph C) and accept memberships at the tournament site and/or registration area.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

A. An annual meeting shall be held in the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club tournament city, at a time convenient to the Illinois Women's 600 Club Board of Directors. It shall be open to all members. Forty-five (45) days notice of the time and the place of the annual meeting shall be given by publication to the local 600 club secretaries. In the event there is no local 600 club, local association managers will be sent notification.

B. **One (1) meeting** of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time convenient for the 600 Bowling Club Board of Directors. A written notice of board meetings shall be forwarded by the club **Executive Director** to each member of the board of directors. The notices should be forwarded at least twenty (20) days in advance of the meeting. The president may call special meetings of the board of directors, and shall call a board meeting upon written request of not less than one-third of the members of the board.

C. Members may register at the annual meeting by showing a lifetime membership card or receipt for payment of the Illinois membership fee, signed by the local 600 club secretary or the local association manager. Only those showing official membership are eligible to take part in the deliberations and vote at the annual meeting.

D. Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, of which three (3) shall be officers.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

A. The officers of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club shall be the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Executive Director and Sergeant-at-Arms.

B. Officers: The officers shall perform the following duties:

1. **President.** The President is the chief executive of the club and shall enforce all the provisions and purposes thereof. The president shall perform the following duties:

- a. Preside over all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors.
- b. Co-sign all warrants supported by statements which are drawn on the treasury as ordered paid by the Board of Directors.
- c. Appoint the members of all committees unless otherwise provided in the bylaws or in a motion requesting a special committee.
- d. Appoint these standing committees: financial and legislative.
- e. Verify the bank balance monthly.
- f. Make a report in writing with her recommendations (if any) at each meeting of the club.
- g. Be an ex officio member of all but the nominating committee.
- h. Perform such other duties as pertain to her office.

2. **Vice Presidents:** The vice presidents in the order of their precedence, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required.

3. **Executive Director:** The Executive director shall perform the following duties:

- a. Keep a membership record.
- b. Send notices for all board of directors meetings.
- c. Keep a record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose.
- d. Make a report in writing with her recommendations (if any) at each meeting of the board of directors.
- e. Report the acts of the Board of Directors at each meeting of the Board of Directors.
- f. Compile and record all activities from the reports made by the members of the board and from all tournaments held by the club.
- g. Have charge of and conduct the correspondence of the club.

h. Receive and issue a receipt for all dues or other funds paid or donated to the club. Within seven (7) days of receiving funds, she shall (1) remit them with a detailed account to the treasurer and president, or (2) deposit them in the name of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club, and shall furnish the treasurer and president with a detailed account and proof of deposit. The Board of Directors shall determine which procedure shall be followed, (1) or (2). The deposit shall be made in a (a) bank which is a member of, and whose deposits are insured by, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its equivalent: or (b) a credit union which is federally insured.

(1) and (2) are procedures - not options. Therefore, both must remain in the bylaws. The procedure selected by the board of directors is to be shown in the minutes and/or policy manual.

- i. Issue all warrants against the club as ordered by the Board of Directors. Supporting itemized statements must be attached to warrants.
- j. Be an ex officio member of all but the nominating committee.
- k. Keep other records and perform such duties as may be required of her by the president or Board of Directors.
- l. Disburse monies according to warrant supported by itemized statements, signed by the president.
- m. All withdrawals in the name of the club shall carry the signature of at least two authorized officers.
- n. Keep a correct account of all earnings, savings, reserves, holdings, receipts and disbursements and at each meeting of the club, submit a current written report in detail and itemized statement of all financial transactions of the club, its officers and Board of Directors. Make reports and statements to the president and the Board of Directors.
- o. At the close of the year, July 31, a detailed financial report must be provided to the club's Board of Directors by September 15.

The Board of Directors may authorize the Executive Director to pay all routine bills without delay. Other expenditures must be authorized by the Board according to the advance recommendation of the **Financial** Committee.

4. Sergeant-at-Arms: The sergeant-at-arms shall maintain order during the meeting and perform such other duties as may be required.

C. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Executive Director, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Executive Board shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club and shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any individual director of any responsibility imposed upon it or her by law.

Duties shall include but not be limited to the following:

- * Manage business needing immediate attention.

* Approve the proposed office expenses for the upcoming season.

D. If the office of President becomes vacant, the vice-presidents, in their order, shall have the option, within seven (7) days, to become President and to hold that position for the unexpired term or decline the position, in which case the Board of Directors shall elect a President who shall hold that position for the unexpired term. A vacancy occurring in other offices shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The appointee shall hold that position for the unexpired term.

E. The officers' terms of office shall be as set forth under the provisions relating to the Board of Directors and the election thereof.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The management of this club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall have full control and power to carry out the objectives of this club. The President may conduct a meeting of such Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in a meeting can hear each other and participate in a meeting pursuant to this subsection, which constitutes presence of a person at such meeting. All board members shall be furnished a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting within twenty (20) days of said meeting.

B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, **Executive Director** and Sergeant-at-Arms, together with eleven (11) Directors elected by the membership each Director serving a particular post designated as Director #1, etc., but shall consist of not less than eleven (11) members.

C. Seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Board of Directors meeting, of which three (3) shall be officers.

D. The Board of Directors shall yearly review tournament rules and changes as necessary due to **USBC** rule changes and/or changes submitted by membership or the Tournament Committee.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

A. Standing Committees

1. The Legislative/Bylaws Committee shall review all proposed amendments, which have been submitted, either by the committee or any individual member and may propose such additional proposed amendments as it may consider necessary. The committee should present all proposed amendments with its recommendations to the board of directors at a

meeting prior to the annual meeting of the club.

2. The **Financial** Committee will plan and schedule money to be used in day-to-day operations of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club. The proposed estimated budget will be submitted to the Board of Directors at the **annual board** meeting.

3. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee will not consist of any member of the board of directors.

B. Other Committees. May be appointed as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. Officers and Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting to succeed those whose terms expire and shall hold office for terms as set forth in Article VIII, Section E commencing December 1 following their election and until their successors take office. Each office and directorship shall be filled by the candidate receiving a majority of the legal votes cast by those present and eligible to vote. All voting shall be by ballot, except that a voice vote may be taken when only one candidate is nominated. When two candidates are nominated, and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, balloting shall continue until the candidate receives the required majority vote. When three or more candidates are nominated and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate having the lowest vote total shall be dropped from the list of candidates. Balloting shall continue and the same procedure followed until a candidate receives the required majority.

B. A candidate to be eligible for nomination as an officer of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club, shall have served three (3) or more years on the Board of Directors. The year of nomination may be included in the three year requirement.

C. A candidate for the office of director must have attended a minimum of one (1) of the last three (3) annual meetings including the current meeting of nomination of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club.

D. All applications for nomination of Officers and Directors from the floor must be given to the Nominating Committee chairman by 12:00 noon on the day of the annual meeting prior to the election for verification of qualifications.

E. Officers and Directors shall be elected on a staggered system.

Group A President, Director #6, Director #8, Director #10 and Director #11.

Group B 1st Vice President, Executive Director, Director #3, Director #5, Director #7 and Director #9.

Group C 2nd Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms, Director #1, Director #2 and Director #4

Any Officer or Director of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club may accept nomination and run for election to another office on the Board of Directors without resigning her present office. If she is defeated, she may remain in her present office until her term expires.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern proceedings on all meetings of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club, and of the Board of Directors when not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

A. **POWER TO AMEND.** The bylaws of the Corporation may be amended only by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting at an annual meeting.

B. **PROCEDURE.** Any member or group of members of the Club may submit proposed amendments to these bylaws. The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the president, **executive director** or Legislative Committee chairman by twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting of the club.

C. The legislative committee shall review all proposed amendments, which have been submitted and may propose such additional amendments as it may consider necessary. The committee should present all proposed amendments with its recommendations, if any, to the Board of Directors.

D. The Board of Directors should consider all proposed amendments at a meeting and should report its recommendations, if any, to the membership for final action at the annual meeting.

E. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** All amendments shall be come effective on December 1 following adoption unless otherwise specified at the time of adoption.

ARTICLE XI

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE SUSPENSION/REMOVAL

It shall be the responsibility of the Board to appoint a committee to conduct a confidential investigation to determine whether disciplinary action, including the preferring of charges, is necessary and warranted.

Any Officer or Director of the IW600BC who is charged with nonfeasance, misfeasance or malfeasance, or other conduct detrimental to the club while in office, shall be subject to suspension or removal from office in accordance with the rules of the USBC.

Following a hearing, an Officer or Director may be suspended or removed from office when it is the judgment of the USBC that the best interests of the organization would be served.

An Officer or Director may be removed from office for any of the following reasons, provided the procedure outlined in the USBC bylaws has been followed:

1. Conduct derogatory and/or any deliberate action, which can be proven to be detrimental to the best interests of the organization.
5. Violation of the USBC and/or Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club bylaws.
6. Failure to perform duties and responsibilities outlined in the bylaws and/or those mandated by the Board of Directors of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club.
7. Pending bond claim for misuse of organization funds.

A written complaint, detailing the reasons for removal from office, must be filed with the organization's president or secretary. If either of these officers is involved in the complaint, it must be filed with the next highest ranking officer.

If a club Officer or Director has been suspended under the rules of the USBC, she shall not be permitted to finish her term of office. However, suspension from holding office on the board shall not be considered a suspension from holding a membership card, or suspension from tournament play unless it is the judgment of the USBC that suspension of membership in the club would be in the best interests of the club.

Reinstatement of the individual to the board shall be made by application and filed with the club. All avenues of suspension and reinstatement of the individual must be followed per the suspension and reinstatement procedures of the USBC bylaws.

Refer to the guidelines set forth in the USBC bylaws regarding this procedure.

ARTICLE XII

TOURNAMENT

A. Management. The Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club shall conduct and manage an annual tournament for its members. A Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee shall be responsible for the event, making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The tournament director shall have the power to hear and act on disputes, complaints or protests relating to the tournament. The tournament director shall seek the council and advice of members of her committee and the IW600BC board members present at the tournament site at the time of the incident(s). The decision of the tournament director is final, except when an appeal is made to USBC.

The tournament committee will review the tournament entry form, submitting any recommendations or changes to the board of directors for approval.

B. Selection of Tournament Site. Tournament hostess sites will be established two (2) years prior to the tournament. Local 600 clubs or local associations may place bids with the IW600BC

no later than December 1st of any given year. Tournament bids shall be referred to the Tournament Site Inspection Committee for evaluation. The tournament site shall be selected by the voting members at the annual meeting from invitations received and approved by the Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors.

Selection shall be made by majority vote. When three or more invitations are to be voted on and a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, the invitation having the lowest vote total shall be dropped from the list of invitations. Balloting shall continue and the same procedure followed until an invitation receives the required majority. When only two invitations remain on the ballot, balloting shall continue until an invitation receives a majority vote.

When two invitations are to be considered and a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, balloting shall continue until an invitation receives the required majority.

All voting shall be by ballot except that a voice vote may be taken when only one invitation is considered.

If no invitation is received, the IW600BC board of directors is empowered to make the tournament site selection.

When an inviting hostess site is not selected and wants to extend its invitation again, the invitation must be resubmitted no later than June 1st.

C. Change of Hostess Site. The president and the tournament director shall be empowered, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to award the tournament to another hostess site if, in their opinion, it becomes advisable to relocate the tournament.

D. Tournament Requirements. The tournament will be a doubles and singles event.

1. Averages. Bowlers shall use their highest sanction league average in accordance with the tournament rules.

2. Prize Distribution. All prize funds shall be distributed within 30 days following the close of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized a delay in payment.

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