

MASTER BOWLERS ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

CONSTITUTION (Amended March, 2006)

Article One - Aim

The AIM of the Master Bowlers Association of Saskatchewan (M.B.A.S.) is to gather together the finest bowlers in Saskatchewan to set the standards of sportsmanship, ethics and conduct that bring prestige to the sport of bowling.

The M.B.A.S. is associated with the different bowling organizations, both Provincially and Nationally, such as: Bowling Proprietors Association of Saskatchewan and Canada. (YBC and Golden Age); Ten Pin Bowlers Association; Saskatchewan and Canadian 5-Pin Bowlers Association.

Article Two – Objects

1. The Master Bowler shall:
 - a) exemplify the high regard that all dedicated bowlers have for the sport of bowling.
 - b) represent their respective bowling centres in tournaments, matches and championships.
 - c) encourage conducting of clinics for youth and new regular bowlers.
 - d) conduct themselves befitting Master Bowlers in all phases of bowling.
2. The Master Bowlers Executive Committee shall at all times govern and regulate the conduct of the members of the M.B.A.S. The M.B.A.S. shall arrange and conduct events, tournaments, championships, matches and exhibitions for its members.
3. Provide training seminars for the sport of bowling.

Article Three – Code of Ethics

The M.B.A.S. Code of Ethics is as follows:

1. to conduct oneself at all times in a manner befitting a Master Bowler.
2. to diligently and actively support the M.B.A.S., its rules and by-laws.
3. to avoid bringing discredit to the sport of bowling.

4. upon signing the M.B.A.S. official membership form, the member agrees:
- a) to always conduct himself/herself in a manner befitting a Master Bowler, whether in an M.B.A.S. tournament or other tournaments, competitions or regular league play.
 - b) to promote the aims and objectives of the M.B.A.S. by good example.
 - c) to issue no NSF cheques to cover tournament entries and if an NSF cheque is issued, and they have not covered the NSF cheque within 30 days of notification of same by the Treasurer, they will be considered as a non-entry for that tournament. As a non-entry, they also understand that their pinfall for that event will not be counted.
 - d) that they will not arrive at the lanes, at any time, under the influence of alcoholic beverages and that they will not consume alcohol at or during an M.B.A.S. tournament.
 - e) that they will observe all other M.B.A.S. rules pertaining to entry deadlines for each tournament and observe punctual arrival for the events.
 - f) that failure to observe any of the above rules may result in the suspension and/or expulsion from the Master Bowlers Association of Saskatchewan.

Article Four – Duties of Master Bowler

Each Master recognizes that survival of the organization is resultant of our individual and collective involvement with the game's promotion. Each Master is encouraged to provide some service for the good of bowling, other than personal accomplishment.

Article Five – Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee members of the M.B.A.S. shall be elected by a general election for a term of two (2) years, including the President, but excepting the Zone Delegates who shall be elected from their respective zones by Masters in that zone.
- B. The duties of the Executive Committee will be directed by the Association.
- C. Delegates to the National Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings will be the President and one other member at the discretion of the M.B.A.S. Executive Committee.
- D. The officers of the M.B.A.S. and their respective terms are:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
President	2 years - elected
1st Vice President	2 years - elected
2nd Vice President	2 years - elected (opposite zone of 1 st VP)
Statistician	2 years - elected
Tournament Division Rep.	2 years - elected
Teaching Division Rep.	2 years - elected
Senior Division Rep.	2 years - elected
Secretary	Appointed
Treasurer	Appointed
Tournament Director	Appointed
Certification Co-ordinator	Appointed
B.P.A.S. Representative	Appointed by B.P.A.S.
Sask. 5-Pin Bowlers Assoc. Rep.	President or Appointee
Immediate Past President	Consultant

NOTE: The composition of the Zones will be according to the Sask. 5-Pin Bowlers Association so there will be continuity and effective use of technical personnel and materials. The Secretary and Treasurer are usually appointees from the same zone as the President while the Tournament Director is usually from the same zone as the Statistician.

E. All Executive Committee members, appointed or elected, will have full voting privileges at the MBAS Executive meetings.

Article Six – Elections

A. A Nominating Committee headed by the Immediate Past President shall conduct the nominations and the election.

B. Nominations are accepted for the positions vacated or to be vacated and the nominees shall be given the opportunity to accept or decline the nominations. The nominations are to be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting. The one receiving the most votes shall be declared elected. Zone Delegates will be voted upon through a ballot system sent out to the members of the zone requiring a vote.

Article Seven – Annual Meetings

A. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the final tournament weekend.

B. The Executive Committee shall meet twice yearly or as required.

Article Eight – Uniforms

- A. Master Bowlers black golf shirt with embroidered M.B.A.S. design plus:
Men - black pants or walking shorts
Women - black pants, skirts or walking shorts
No hats/head gear are to be worn without the authorization of the Tournament Director
- B. No other crests or pins than those approved by the M.B.A.S. shall be displayed on the Master Bowler's shirt. Tournament winners may display their star(s) on the collar or shirt sleeves.
- C. For the singles and teams going to the National Championships, the uniform will be chosen by the team members, either black pants, skirts or walking shorts, but all team members must be dressed the same.
- D. Any Master out of uniform in a tournament without proper authorization of the Tournament Director or a member of the Executive Committee shall be disqualified from the tournament.
- E. Master members participating in a tournament wearing the original wheat-coloured shirt may do so only at the provincial, zone and local levels.

Article Nine – Travelling Expenses

Travelling expenses incurred by the Executive members of the M.B.A.S. shall be paid at the rate determined by the Executive Committee.

Article Ten – Clinics

- A. Fees set for the clinics will be determined by the Executive Committee as required.
- B. Clinics shall be set as the need arises and the clinic dates shall be announced beforehand to give all bowlers an opportunity to apply.
- C. Clinicians will be trained and appointed as required.

Article Eleven – Membership and Membership Renewals

- A. (1) All Master Bowlers shall be members of the Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association.

- (2) All Master Bowlers Association of Saskatchewan tournaments must be held in a PBAS affiliated house.
- B. Master Bowlers memberships shall be renewed yearly.
- C. The age for joining the M.B.A.S. is nineteen (19) years of age prior to January 1st of the bowling membership year.
- D. Membership renewal categories:
1. Full Membership - allows full participation and privileges in the M.B.A.S.
 2. Associate Membership - allows the Master Bowler to participate in the Master/YBC tournaments only, no singles events, and cannot hold office.
 3. Senior Division - allows Master Bowlers age 50 plus to participate in all Senior events. Senior Masters may participate in Teaching or Tournament Divisions provided that they pay full membership.
 4. The membership fees for the above are to be set at an Annual General Meeting in consultation with the Executive Committee.

Article Twelve – Tournament Entries

- A. It is the responsibility of each Master Bowler to make the entry deadline.
- B. A spot is liable to forfeit if a bowler does not appear.
- C. A Tournament Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to be responsible for all tournament events, excluding the Master/YBC events. The Tournament Director by natural consequence of the facility being too small, or insufficient lanes being reserved, has the authority to nullify an entry for a particular tournament due to the entry not being received (by phone or mail) prior to the entry deadline.
- D. Tournament entry fees may be set yearly as required. Tournament entry fees do not include lineage costs.
- E. Each tournament shall consist of no more than four bowlers per lane. Split shifts may be used to ensure the expedient operation of a tournament, but must be outlined as an option on the particular tournament entry form in question.

Article Thirteen – Yearly Calendar of Events

A yearly calendar of events shall be produced by the Executive Committee and mailed to each house to be distributed to all members for their general knowledge of the M.B.A.S. The calendar shall include all the Provincial information such as dates for Singles events, Master/YBC Provincials and other relevant information.

Article Fourteen – National Events

- A. The Master Bowlers representing Saskatchewan at the National Championships shall be given Saskatchewan Master Bowler trader pins to exchange with each opponent in the participating events.
- B. A Saskatchewan Participation Pin will be awarded to each Saskatchewan contingent member for recognition of their achievement in winning a spot on the Provincial contingent.
- C. Coaches for the Provincial teams will be chosen from a coaching list provided by the Executive Committee. Teams will choose their own coaches through a rotation determined by the Executive Committee.
- D. Coaches must be Level II Certified. These coaches will be entitled to all benefits of the Provincial teams.
- E. To be eligible to coach a Masters team at the National Championships, the coach must be a fully paid member in good standing, have the required coaching certification level referred to in item D and must have bowled in one Master/YBC event.
- F. Funding for any or all divisions participating in the National Championships is at the discretion of the Executive Committee, with its first responsibility being for bowlers participating on teams that are eligible to receive aggregate points at the National Championships.

Article Fifteen – Transfers

- A. A qualified Master Bowler transferring to Saskatchewan shall pay full price for the Saskatchewan uniform and will be recognized by the M.B.A.S.
- B. The M.B.A.S. shirt shall be purchased within one year of transfer to Saskatchewan.
- C. Out of province uniforms are acceptable until the new uniform is received.

Article Sixteen – Life Memberships

The following criteria is provided for the selection and/or consideration of Life Members. The criteria was developed by the M.B.A.S. Executive and authorized by the general membership via the Annual General Meeting:

1. All applications for Life Members shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration prior to August 1st of each year.
2. One Life Member only may be elected by the Association in each year of the Association, unless the Executive Committee vote for an additional Life Member(s) under extenuating circumstances.
3. Life Members should be recommended on the basis of valuable service rendered on behalf of the Master Bowlers Association of Saskatchewan to the sport of 5-Pin Bowling in the Province and all such services shall be listed on the application submitted.
4. The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to make the final selection of Life Members.
5. Life Membership Certificates, pins and/or plaques shall be presented to Life Members at the Awards dinner.
6. If a Life Member attends any event which has a wind-up banquet, he/she shall receive two (2) complimentary tickets.

Article Seventeen – Amendments

The foregoing by-laws and rules have been adopted by the M.B.A.S. through Annual General Meetings and revised through subsequent meetings.

Amendments, revisions or additions must be submitted in writing by a member in good standing twenty days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Submissions shall be made to the Executive Committee and all such amendments, revisions or additions must be carried by a two-thirds majority of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Rules not covered by this Constitution/Association shall be governed by the current issue of the "Canadian 5-Pin Bowlers Association" Rule Book.