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**“STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE”**

# INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for your interest in the American Bowling Congress/Women's International Bowling Congress Sport Bowling program.

Whether your bowlers are looking to return credibility to the game or want to improve their skills, Sport Bowling continues to be the choice for thousands of bowlers across North America.

Sport Bowling's objective is to re-establish credibility in the sport by creating a standard of competition recognized as the elite competitive level for bowling. By using competitive standards for lane dressing patterns, Sport Bowling emphasizes the bowler's ability to deliver the ball accurately and consistently, make adjustments, read lanes and convert spares. This represents a new set of standards clearly different from today's more forgiving "house" conditions.

Sport Bowling was created to put the level of success into the hands of the bowler. In this way, Sport Bowling provides a method of identifying the best bowlers and is designed with all ABC, WIBC and Young American Bowling Alliance members in mind. Though high-average bowlers are drawn to this challenge, Sport Bowling appeals to bowlers of all abilities, because at all levels the program provides members a chance to re-ignite the enthusiasm and excitement for the sport they love.

Sport Bowling leagues, members and host centers will be required to sign a code of ethics indicating their intent to comply with all Sport Bowling rules and requirements.

Participation is on a voluntary basis. This reinforces the "Step up to the Challenge" tag line by offering bowlers the choice.

In order to make Sport Bowling a success in your center, association, league or tournament, this "How To" manual will help you to ensure that all specifications and requirements are met.

You also will find more information on Sport Bowling at [SportBowling.com](http://SportBowling.com) or by contacting Bowling Headquarters at (800) 514-BOWL, Ext. 3400.

**Thank you for your interest in Sport Bowling and GOOD LUCK!!!**

# LANE PATTERN SPECIFICATIONS

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Performing these requirements prior to competition will verify that the bowlers are competing on a compliant Sport Bowling condition. This will eliminate the scenario in which an honor score is bowled in what was believed to be Sport competition, only to find out later that the bowler doesn't qualify for a Sport award.

Prior to Sport Bowling league/tournament competition, the following must be completed:

- **Each lane shall be stripped prior to oiling of the Sport condition.**
- **Tapes will be taken at 15 feet, 25 feet and two feet before the end of the pattern.**
- **The ratio of oil must not exceed 2:1 for all tapes taken.**
- **The ratio shall be defined as the average amount of oil (in units) between boards Left 18 to Right 18 divided by the average amount of oil (in units) between boards R3-R7 & L3-L7, respectively.**
- **The amount of oil measured on the outside boards (average of R/L3-7) at 15 feet must be greater than 10 units, and the amount of oil measured on the center boards (average of L18 to R18) must not exceed 80 units of oil.**
- **The maximum amount of oil from boards R8 to R17 and L8 to L17 shall not be greater than 120 percent of the average of boards L18 to R18.**
- **The minimum amount of oil from boards R8 to R17 shall not be less than 80 percent of the average of boards R3 to R7.**
- **The minimum amount of oil from boards L8 to L17 shall not be less than 80 percent of the average of boards L3 to L7.**
- **A backend inspection shall also be performed to verify stripping.**
- **There is no pattern length minimum or maximum.**
- **There is no lengthwise ratio requirement.**
- **All other ABC/WIBC requirements are still in effect (i.e. three-unit minimum).**

## Equipment Restrictions

At this time there are no additional equipment restrictions for Sport Bowling competition. Any equipment approved for sanctioned competition may be used.

# LANE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

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The driving force behind the development of these requirements is compliance of the Sport Bowling lane patterns.

Option A is recommended for all Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments. It requires that the league, center or whomever is doing the lane inspections have access to a Computer Lane Monitor and take-up device.

Option B is new for the 2003-04 season. It allows for those centers and leagues that do not have access to a Computer Lane Monitor to run an official Sport Bowling league/tournament. However, please note that this option has the potential for the rejection of honor awards and scores. For any questions, comments, or concerns, please refer to Rule 210, or contact Bowling Headquarters

## **Option A (RECOMMENDED)**

**Initial Pattern Verification/Inspections:** Verification of compliance with the lane dressing requirements must be submitted prior to the first week of competition and prior to implementing any change in patterns. Verification requires tapes/graphs from two different lanes that document the center is capable of consistently meeting the requirements

**Weekly Pattern Verification/Inspections:** During the run of the competition's schedule, lane-dressing inspections are required prior to the start of competition after each application of dressing. Graphs must be forwarded to Bowling Headquarters, and tapes will be required upon request. For example, leagues must inspect prior to competition each week. Tournaments must have an inspection prior to each squad where the lanes were dressed. Please note that tapes must be retained for 30 days to allow for possible review by Bowling Headquarters.

If required by the tournament manager, redressing of the heads to 10 feet will be allowed. Redressing beyond 10 feet will require all lane inspection requirements to be performed.

**Responsible Party/League Member Representative:** A person in the league, association or center shall be designated by the association and league/tournament to take tapes from the lanes and read them via the Computer Lane Monitor to determine if the lane conditions are compliant prior to the start of every Sport Bowling competition. For a Sport Bowling tournament, the responsible party shall be the tournament manager or someone designated by him/her who meets the above criteria. If the representative is unavailable, he/she can designate a responsible replacement to fulfill this requirement. This person must be qualified to perform this task. This includes the ability to understand tape graphs and determine, in the best interest of the league, if the lane pattern is compliant with Sport Bowling criteria. This task may also be accomplished by a rotation of more than one person, all of who meet the above requirements.

**NOTE: Bowlers must be informed prior to the start of competition whether the condition is compliant.**

These inspections do not satisfy the 30-day, unannounced lane inspection requirements for the three-unit rule.

**Tape Reader/Computer Lane Monitor and Take-Up Device:** A Computer Lane Monitor capable of reading the UV additive in the oil is required. This computer lane monitor must be able to read the tape from R2 to L2 of any given lane tape. It also must be used in conjunction with a computer so that a graph of the pattern from the lanes can be displayed for determination of compliance to a Sport Bowling pattern. A take-up device capable of dispersing ABC/WIBC supplied tape across the lane is required. This device must be used in accordance with Sport Bowling requirements to determine that the correct lane pattern is applied to the lanes for the Sport Bowling league/tournament prior to the start of competition.

### **Option B (Test for 2003-04 Season)**

**Initial Pattern Verification/Inspections:** Verification of compliance with the lane dressing requirements must be submitted prior to the first week of competition and prior to implementing any change in patterns. Verification requires tapes/graphs from two different lanes that document the center is capable of consistently meeting the requirements.

**Weekly Pattern Inspections:** During the run of the competition's schedule, lane-dressing inspections are required prior to the start of competition after each application of dressing. Tapes must be taken at the distances required and sent to Bowling Headquarters for the readings. For example, leagues must run tapes prior to competition each week. Tournaments must have tapes run prior to each squad where the lanes were dressed. If required by the tournament manager, redressing of the heads to 10 feet will be allowed. Redressing beyond 10 feet will require tapes to be taken as per above. The cost of inspections will be the responsibility of the league or tournament.

**Verification Process:** Tapes will be sent to Bowling Headquarters and will be retained for 30 days for all leagues and tournaments.

Tapes will be read on a random basis, but at a minimum, each league will be checked at least once per month. Additionally, tapes will be read from every week in which an honor score is earned.

**Responsible Party/League Member Representative:** A person in the league, association or center shall be designated by the association and league/tournament to run tapes from the lanes prior to the start of every Sport Bowling competition. These tapes must be taken at the distances noted in the "Lane Dressing Requirements" section of this manual. Once tapes have been taken, they must be placed in an envelope, signed by the

league secretary and mailed to Bowling Headquarters. For a Sport Bowling tournament, the responsible party shall be the tournament manager or someone designated by him/her who meets the above criteria. If the representative is unavailable, he/she can designate a responsible replacement to fulfill this requirement. This person must be qualified to perform this task. This task may also be accomplished by a rotation of more than one person, all of whom meet the above requirements.

The representative must also have all bowlers that are participating in the league/tournament sign a form that states the bowler understands and is aware that if any honor scores/awards are earned, they may be rejected based upon the inspection method used (Option B).

**Take-Up Device:** A take-up device capable of dispersing ABC/WIBC supplied tape across the lane is required. This device must be used in accordance with Sport Bowling requirements to determine that the correct lane pattern is applied to the lanes for the Sport Bowling league/tournament prior to the start of competition.

# RATIO AND MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CALCULATION PROCEDURES

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For a Sport Bowling pattern, there are specific calculations that must be completed to ensure that it follows all compliances that have been set in the Sport Bowling manual. They are: ratio calculations; minimum/maximum amount of oil from boards L8 to 17 and R 8 to 17; and the minimum/maximum amount of oil at 15 feet.

## Ratio Calculation

The ratio calculation is the average of boards L18 to R18 divided by the average of boards R3-7 (for the right side) and L3-7 (for the left side). This will give you the ratio of the pattern at the specified tape distances. An example follows:

Center Average (L18 to R18)	=	40 units
Right Average (3 – 7)	=	20 units
Ratio at this distance	=	2.0

## Minimum/Maximum Percentage Calculation

The minimum/maximum amount of oil calculation removes the possibility of creating a “walled” type pattern in Sport Bowling competition. An example calculation is below:

Center board average is 40.0. Multiply 40 units of oil by 120 percent (1.20) to determine the maximum amount. The maximum amount you can reach is 48.0 units of oil.

Right board average is 20.0. Multiply 20.0 units of oil by 80 percent (.80) to determine the minimum amount. The minimum amount you can go to is 16.0 units of oil.

## Minimum/Maximum at 15 Feet

On all Sport Bowling patterns at 15 feet, the amount of oil measured on the outside boards (average of R/L3-7) at 15 feet must be greater than 10 units, and the amount of oil measured on the center boards (average of L18 to R18) must not exceed 80 units of oil.

# ASSOCIATION, CENTER, LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

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The driving force behind the development of these requirements is credibility and has been established to help associations, centers, leagues and tournaments to comply completely with all Sport Bowling requirements and specifications.

## Association Requirements

**WinLABS:** Sport Bowling leagues only can be held in associations using WinLABS.

**Compliance/Registration:** Host associations will be required to complete an “Association Registration” form (included in this kit) that assures the association(s) will agree to meet the requirements of the Sport Bowling program. Host associations will be required to submit a list of final averages at the conclusion of all Sport Bowling leagues in the respective season.

**Pattern Verification/Inspections:** Please see the sections titled, “Responsible Party/League Member” and “Lane Pattern Inspection Requirements.”

## Center Requirements

**Compliance/Registration:** Host centers will be required to register online at SportBowling.com for certification stating that they will abide by the stipulated code of ethics. For centers that do not have Internet access, a form is provided in this kit and must be sent to Bowling Headquarters. Host centers must be ABC/WIBC certified first before they can begin the Sport Bowling certification process.

**Equipment:** Host centers will be required to have a lane machine capable of applying consistent oil patterns that meet Sport Bowling lane dressing requirements. Basic Sport Bowling patterns are available at SportBowling.com.

**Pattern Verification/Inspections:** Please see the section titled, “Lane Pattern Inspection Requirements.” ABC/WIBC will provide technical support to assist the center in meeting this requirement.

**Bowling Center Representative:** A bowling center representative must be present to ensure that the correct program and lane pattern is applied to the lanes. This person also will be on hand if the tapes read (Option A) before the start of the league/tournament do not comply with the Sport Bowling pattern requirements. If the condition is not compliant, this person must be able to correct the pattern and apply it to the lanes before the league/tournament is allowed to begin Sport Bowling sanctioned play.

If Option B is chosen and the tapes read do not comply with Sport Bowling lane pattern specifications, Bowling Headquarters will notify the center representative of any changes that may need to be done to the pattern.

This person holds full responsibility of the application of the correct Sport Bowling pattern.

## **League Requirements**

**Compliance/Registration:** Interested leagues will need to contact Bowling Headquarters. Leagues must notify the local association(s) that they are conducting an official ABC/WIBC/YABA Sport Bowling league and complete the Sport Bowling league sanction application. The league secretary must also register the league for Sport Bowling online at SportBowling.com. A “Sport Bowling League Service Kit” will be provided to the league secretary when sanction is complete.

**Membership:** Sport Bowling membership fee is \$9 in addition to the ABC or WIBC local, state/provincial and national dues. Bowlers who participate only in a Sport Bowling league will receive only one card. Bowlers who compete in Sport Bowling and standard leagues may either upgrade to the Sport level after purchasing their regular card, or purchase only the Sport Bowling card by indicating that dues will be paid in the Sport Bowling league. YABA members may participate in YABA Sport Bowling with standard YABA membership.

Substitutes in ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling leagues are permitted to participate in one league session per season without the requirement to purchase Sport Bowling membership, if they have already purchased ABC or WIBC standard membership for the current season. Only Sport Bowling members are eligible for Sport Bowling awards.

**Submission of League Records:** Each league must upload the individual games scores to Bowling Headquarters following each week’s competition. Treasure Software is the official Sport Bowling league secretary program that allows the leagues to upload records directly to the National Sport Bowling Database. Copies of the software are available from Bowling Headquarters. Please contact (800) 514-BOWL, Ext. 3295 for more information.

**Lane Dressing Inspections:** Please see the section titled, “Lane Pattern Inspection Requirements.”

## **Tournament Requirements**

**Compliance/Registration:** Tournaments may sanction as Sport Bowling events. All other ABC/WIBC/YABA tournament sanction requirements must also be met. Tournament management must submit to Bowling Headquarters a “Tournament Registration” form and a lane-dressing graph to confirm that the condition to be used meets the specifications. The form is included in this kit and also is available on SportBowling.com.

**Pattern Verification/Inspections:** Please see the section titled, “Lane Pattern Inspection Requirements.”

**Membership:** Sport Bowling tournaments are open to all ABC and WIBC members, unless tournament rules require all participants to be Sport Bowling members. YABA members may participate in YABA Sport Bowling with standard YABA membership and will receive Sport awards. Only Sport Bowling members will be entitled to Sport Bowling benefits for awards. Non-Sport Bowling members will receive standard ABC and WIBC awards.

**Submission of Tournament Records:** Tournament management must report all entrants’ scores and prize winnings to Bowling Headquarters following competition. The tournament management is required to include a lane-dressing graph of the Sport Bowling lane condition used for each day of the event.

**Tournament Manager’s Kit:** A Sport Bowling tournament manager’s kit will be supplied to outline Sport Bowling requirements and condition specifications to assist in establishing a Sport Bowling tournament.

## AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT TABLE

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ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling lane conditions are more challenging than typical league conditions. While Sport Bowling averages may be lower for most bowlers, Sport Bowling emphasizes accuracy, consistency, spare shooting and the ability to make adjustments. This has been confirmed through the analysis of scores from Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments across North America.

In an effort to equalize competition during standard tournaments, an adjustment chart has been formulated for bowlers who **ONLY** have a Sport Bowling average. A 2003-04 copy of the adjustment table follows and is to be used under the following conditions:

- Applies to Sport Bowlers who **ONLY** have a Sport Bowling average.
- If a bowler has an established standard average, that average shall be used for standard tournaments.
- This adjustment sheet is not considered a “re-rate” of the bowler. It allows for a fair adjustment to what would be expected of the bowler on a standard league condition.
- This adjustment table does not supersede the abilities of a tournament director to further adjust any bowler’s entering average upward in a tournament per Rule 319.
- As additional data is obtained, slight changes to the table may occur. If so, the updated table will be published and distributed.
- The adjustment sheet has been statistically designed to correct 95 percent of the Sport Bowling league averages to within 5 percent of a bowler’s standard average.

Sport League Average Adjustment To Standard Average									
2003-04 Sport Bowling season									
Sport Average	Adjusted Average	Sport Average	Adjusted Average	Sport Average	Adjusted Average	Sport Average	Adjusted Average	Sport Average	Adjusted Average
0-130	Same	148	157	166	180	184	202	202	219
131	135	149	158	167	181	185	203	203	220
132	137	150	160	168	183	186	204	204	221
133	139	151	161	169	184	187	205	205	222
134	140	152	162	170	185	188	206	206	223
135	142	153	163	171	187	189	207	207	224
136	144	154	165	172	188	190	208	208	225
137	145	155	166	173	189	191	209	209	226
138	147	156	167	174	190	192	210	210	228
139	148	157	168	175	192	193	211	211	229
140	149	158	170	176	193	194	212	212	230
141	150	159	171	177	194	195	213	213	231
142	150	160	172	178	195	196	214	214	231
143	151	161	173	179	196	197	214	215	232
144	152	162	174	180	198	198	215	216	233
145	153	163	176	181	199	199	216	217	234
146	154	164	178	182	200	200	217	218	235
147	155	165	179	183	201	201	218	219+	SL Ave+17

**NOTE:** This Average Adjustment Table is effective for Sport Bowling average adjustment from Aug. 1, 2003, to July 31, 2004.

# PLAYING RULES

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The following rules were approved by the ABC and WIBC Boards of Directors in accordance with the authority granted them in Article 6, Item G of the ABC Constitution and Article V, Section B of the WIBC Bylaws. The rules included in this chapter are unique to Sport Bowling. In the absence of a rule or specification, the ABC and WIBC rules and specifications governing standard leagues and tournaments shall be followed for Sport Bowling competition.

## **Definition – Sport Bowling League**

**Rule 200.** A Sport Bowling league is defined as a league meeting the following requirements:

- a. League application is approved by ABC/WIBC/YABA prior to the start of competition.
- b. The league's entire schedule takes place in a center complying with Rule 210.
- c. All rules and specifications for Sport Bowling are adhered to.
- d. Local association(s) with jurisdiction must be using WinLABS.

## **Definition – Sport Bowling Tournament**

**Rule 201.** A Sport Bowling tournament is defined as a tournament meeting the following requirements:

- a. Tournament application is approved by ABC/WIBC/YABA prior to the start of competition.
- b. All competition takes place in a center complying with Rule 210.
- c. All rules and specifications for Sport Bowling are adhered to.

## **Membership**

**Rule 202.** All bowlers participating in ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling leagues must pay or provide proof of payment of the \$9 Sport Bowling membership dues in addition to all required standard ABC/WIBC membership dues. Unless required by tournament rule, participants in Sport Bowling tournaments are not required to be Sport Bowling members.

YABA members may participate in YABA Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments with standard YABA membership.

Substitutes in ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling leagues are permitted to participate in one league session per season without the requirement to purchase Sport Bowling membership if they have already purchased ABC or WIBC standard membership for the current season. Only Sport Bowling members are eligible for Sport Bowling awards.

Basic membership dues for ABC Lifetime and WIBC Permanent members will be paid by the organization, but the bowler is responsible for paying the additional Sport Bowling dues.

### **Average Adjustment Table**

**Rule 203.** The table would be used to adjust Sport Bowling averages upward, as required, for use in standard competition.

### **Average Adjustment - League**

**Rule 204.** A bowler must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Table (see Rule 203) and identify he/she as a Sport Bowler if:

- a. Bowler is entering a standard league; and
- b. The league's entering average rule requires the bowler to use the average; and
- c. Bowler does not have a standard league average from the same season(s) specified in the league's entering average rule as the Sport Bowling average.

A bowler is required to submit their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Table (see Rule 203) in leagues that use composite averages for entering and/or handicap purposes.

Nothing in this rule supersedes the league's authority to adjust a bowler's adjusted average higher prior to entering. A bowler's failure to comply with these provisions could result in forfeiture of games bowled.

### **Average Adjustment - Tournament**

**Rule 205.** A bowler must submit and use his or her adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Table (see Rule 203) and identify he/she as a Sport Bowler if:

- a. Bowler is participating in a standard tournament; and
- b. The tournament's entering average rule requires bowler to use the average; and
- c. Bowler does not have a standard league average from the same season(s) specified in the tournament's entering average rule as the Sport Bowling average.

A bowler is required to submit their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Table (see Rule 203) in tournaments that use composite averages for entering and/or handicap purposes.

Compliance with ABC/WIBC Rule 319a, Item 2 and Rule 319e will be determined based on the bowler's adjusted Sport Bowling league average using the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Table (see Rule 203) or their standard league average, whichever is higher.

Nothing in this rule supersedes tournament management's authority to adjust the bowler's adjusted average higher prior to bowling. A bowler's failure to comply with these provisions could result in disqualification.

## **Lane Dressing/Lane Dressing Inspections**

**Rule 206.** Each league or tournament is responsible for arranging for lane dressing inspections as required by ABC/WIBC/YABA for Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments. Games bowled on conditions that were not properly inspected or do not comply with Sport Bowling lane dressing requirements are not eligible for Sport Bowling awards and shall be issued standard ABC/WIBC/YABA awards.

## **Awards**

**ABC Rule 207.** Special enhanced awards will be issued for the following accomplishments bowled by Sport Bowling members participating in Sport Bowling competition when the provisions of Rule 206 and 209 have been met:

- Single game score of 300, 299, 298
- Three game series totaling 900
- Three game series totaling 800 to 899
- Three game series totaling 700 to 799
- 11 strikes in a row, in a game of 297 or less
- Single game score of 100 pins over average
- League high awards
- 210+ average award
- National high average award (minimum of 48 games)

A Sport Bowling member is eligible for one of each of the above awards per season. Standard ABC awards will be issued for all accomplishments not covered above. Scores bowled on non-complying Sport Bowling conditions will be issued standard ABC awards.

If a Sport award cannot be approved administratively, the applicant will be notified in writing, setting forth the reasons for denial. If within 15 days of receipt of the written notice the applicant files a written appeal, the claim will be submitted for final decision to the ABC High Score Awards Review Committee.

**WIBC Rule 207.** Special enhanced awards will be issued for the following accomplishments bowled by Sport Bowling members participating in Sport Bowling competition when the provisions of Rule 206 and 209 have been met:

- Single game score of 300, 299, 298
- Three game series totaling 900
- Three game series totaling 800 to 899
- Three game series totaling 700 to 799

- 11 strikes in a row, in a game of 297 or less
- Single game score of 100 pins over average
- 225 game (160 average)
- 250 game (180 average)
- League high awards
- 190+ average award
- National high average award (minimum of 48 games)

A Sport Bowling member is eligible for one of each of the above awards per season. Standard WIBC awards will be issued for all accomplishments not covered above. Scores bowled on non-complying Sport Bowling conditions will be issued standard WIBC awards.

**YABA Rule 207.** Special enhanced awards will be issued to YABA members who participate in Sport Bowling competition when the provision of Rule 206 and Rule 209 have been met for the following accomplishments:

- Single game score of 300, 299, 298
- Three game series totaling 700 to 899
- 11 strikes in a row
- National high average (minimum of 48 games)

A YABA member is eligible for one of each of the above awards per season. Standard YABA awards will be issued for all accomplishments not covered above. Scores bowled on non-complying Sport Bowling conditions will be issued standard YABA awards.

### **Special Awards/Average Determination**

**Rule 208.** In the application of ABC Rule 55c and WIBC Rule 55a and 55b and YABA Rule 501, Item A, Sport Bowling averages can only be used when bowling in Sport Bowling competition.

### **Equipment Restrictions**

**Rule 209.** Equipment designated by ABC/WIBC/YABA as not approved for use in Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments cannot be used. Games bowled with unapproved Sport Bowling equipment are not eligible for ABC/WIBC/YABA Sport Bowling awards and shall be subject to forfeiture/disqualification.

### **Sport Bowling Center Certificate**

**Rule 210.** Once a bowling center has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Rule 211, a certificate will be issued. The certificate is required for the center to host Sport Bowling competition. ABC/WIBC retains the authority to withdraw the certificate at its discretion and/or if the center fails to continue to meet the requirements of Rule 211. When ABC/WIBC find non-compliance with any of the requirements, the following procedure will apply:

- a. The center will be notified by ABC/WIBC of the noncompliance and asked to correct the matter.
- b. If the non-compliance is not corrected before the next competition, ABC/WIBC will issue a warning to the center.
- c. Any center accumulating two warnings within a 12-month period will have its certificate withdrawn.
- d. If an appeal to the certificate withdrawal is not received by ABC/WIBC within 10 days of notification, the ABC/WIBC decision will be final.
- e. If there is an appeal, it will be heard by a committee comprised of ABC and/or WIBC board members.

### **Sport Center Requirements**

**Rule 211.** In order to obtain and retain a Sport Bowling center certificate to host Sport Bowling competition, the center shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Center must be ABC/WIBC certified.
- b. Center must have a tape take up device and computerized optical reader.
- c. Center must have an approved Sport Bowling lane dressing inspection on file with ABC/WIBC.
- d. Center must have a “Letter of Intent” on file with ABC/WIBC stating they will comply with all requirements.
- e. Center shall be in compliance with all ABC/WIBC certification requirements in addition to all Sport Bowling lane dressing requirements.

### **Submission of Scores/Prize Winnings**

**Rule 212.** The following are requirements for the submission of scores and prize winnings for Sport Bowling competition:

- a. For Sport Bowling leagues, the league secretary shall be responsible for submission of all scores to ABC/WIBC/YABA within 30 days after each league session.
- b. For Sport Bowling tournaments, the tournament manager shall be responsible for submitting all scores and a prize list to ABC/WIBC/YABA within 30 days of the tournament’s conclusion.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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For additional information about the ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling program, visit **SportBowling.com**, the program's official Web site.

There you will find information on the program, including:

- Latest news
- "In the Spotlight," featuring current information
- League statistics, including the Top 25 averages and the Top 50 games and series nationwide for all Sport Bowlers
- Online league standing sheets
- Listing of Sport Bowling tournaments
- Awards for ABC, WIBC and YABA Sport Bowling members
- Dedicated discussion forum
- "Tip of the Month," featuring various industry leaders
- Lane pattern settings specific to your lane machine
- "Find a Sport Bowling Center" search engine
- *Bowler's Journal International* Sport Bowling inserts

