

**BUZZARD CLUB OF AMERICA
TYLER CHAPTER 2023 - 2024 RULES**

NAME AND PURPOSE

Chartered January 17, 1966, with twenty members, this club will be known as the Buzzard Club of America, Tyler Chapter, and will be sanctioned by USBC as a Monthly Mixed Singles Tournament. Its fiscal year will be August 1 through July 31.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose is to join together all sanctioned bowlers who have had at least three splits in a row in one game while participating in sanctioned competition. It is to encourage good bowling with members of high moral character, and to promote fun and fellowship in the game of bowling. This club shall be governed by Rules of USBC not covered in these by-laws.

MEMBERS AND ELIGIBILITY

The membership of this chapter shall consist of men and women who are members of USBC. Active members are members who bowl in all monthly tournaments, when possible. A member who does not bowl in the monthly tournament for any reason will not participate in prize money, splits, Calcutta, or Sandbagger. Any bowler who has been refused membership in the USBC or is under suspension by USBC cannot hold membership in good standing in the Chapter until such times as reinstated. A non-member may bowl as a guest. Guest fees will be \$10.00. NOTE: All guests must be certified by USBC. Guests will not participate in prize money, splits, Calcutta, or sandbagger awards. Guests will make no contributions for splits or open 5th frame.

To become eligible for membership in the Club, a bowler must have had at least three splits in a row in one game while bowling in certified competition league play or tournament. A printout, copy, or photo must accompany an application for membership.

Any member who issues an insufficient fund check to the Tyler Buzzard Club will pay all bank charges and fees assessed. Once that member writes an insufficient fund check that member's check will not be accepted by the Club for one year from the date of the bad check. Those fees assessed because of that insufficient fund check will be paid by that member no later than the following month. That member will not be eligible to bowl until all insufficient fund check fees are paid in full to our club.

CLUB MEETINGS

This Club will meet on the first Sunday of each month or on first available Sunday, at Green Acres Bowl at 1:30 PM for a business meeting, and to distribute the prize money from the previous tournament. If the winner of any prize money is not present at the meeting, the money will be awarded at the next scheduled meeting. If it becomes necessary for the Club to mail a check for these winnings then the postage fee will be deducted from the winnings. If the member's dues become delinquent after winning then those dues will be deducted from the winnings of that member.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

The one-time membership initiation fee of \$2.00 will provide each member with an Official Club Emblem and Pin.

The annual Club dues of \$6.00 will be collected on the anniversary month of joining the club. Any member who is delinquent in dues for two consecutive months can be dropped from good standing in the Club.

MANAGEMENT

The management of this Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, SGT-at-Arms and six Executive Committee members. The Club Membership will elect officers, executive committee members and adopt club rules. A two-thirds majority of members present will constitute a quorum.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, SGT-at-Arms, and six Executive Committee members. The Board will arbitrate any and all disputes and protests. The board has the authority to discipline any member(s) for violating any provisions of the Club's rules or constitution or for any conduct deemed to be detrimental to the best interest of the Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The election of Officers and Executive Committee will be held at the monthly meeting in December of each year, with the newly elected officers taking office in January of the following year. Elections are held in alternate years as follows: President and SGT-at-Arms elected for a 2 year term during even years, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer elected for a 2 year term during odd years. The six Executive Committee members are elected for 3-year terms with 2 being elected each year. Vacancies during office shall be filled by the Board of Directors. It is a requirement of each elected officer to participate in all Club and Tournament functions.

The following committees will be appointed annually by the President, each to be composed of at least three club members who have been in good standing for 6 months:

Audit Committee - appointed in September to report in October.

Rules Committee - appointed in July to be presented and voted on in September.

Nominating Committee - appointed at least two months prior to the December election.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors. He/she shall arrange to have the Treasurer open an account in a recognized bank in the name of the club, with the signature of at least 2 officers required for all withdrawals. He/she shall audit and verify the bank balance monthly. When a vacancy occurs in office, a replacement will be voted on within a 3 month period of time by the Club. If the office of the presidency becomes vacant, the Vice President shall fill the vacancy. He/she shall appoint all necessary committees. He/she shall be the chief executive of the club, and as such, will enforce all the provisions, object and purposes thereof. He/she shall perform such other duties as pertain to his/her office and should make a report in

writing with his/her recommendations at the annual meeting in August. He/she shall represent this chapter at any and all other functions. He/she is responsible to make sure the newsletter is published and posted for viewing at Green Acres Bowling Center by the Secretary/Treasurer. The President will see that the Club is sanctioned by the Secretary/Treasurer.

VICE PRESIDENT: He/she will, in the absence of the President, perform all duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required of him.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: The Secretary/Treasurer is the recording officer of the Club and custodian of its records. All committee meetings will be attended by the President or Secretary. He/she shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club and Board of Directors. He/she shall keep a current membership roll each month, adding new members and deleting delinquent members. He/she shall have charge of and conduct the correspondence of the Club except as otherwise provided. He/she shall keep an accurate record of all bowling scores and averages and games bowled and prepare a standing sheet showing all pertinent data. He/she shall perform all other duties as required by USBC of a league secretary. As Treasurer, he/she shall establish an account in a recognized bank in the name of the Buzzard Club, Tyler Chapter, arranging that the monthly bank statements be sent directly to the President and further that the signatures of two (2) officers be required for all withdrawals. No checks will be made out to Cash and signing a blank check is not allowed. He/she must deposit all funds within one week after each meeting. He/she shall keep an accurate account of all monies paid to the Club and the disbursements thereof and an account of all monthly dues and contributions paid by members. He/she shall present a current financial statement at each meeting. He/she shall collect all entry fees from members participating in the monthly tournaments and pay the bowling fees to the lanes. He/she shall notify a member who becomes delinquent in dues in the first month of delinquency and submit a list of those delinquencies to the President. He/she shall verify money is correct for each new application, initial application, and give this information to the President. The Secretary/Treasurer will see that the Club is sanctioned each year and that this is kept current.

For the National Tournament, the Secretary/Treasurer will collect all tournament entries and fees at the May Meeting as follows: all members who are going to the tournament will collect a temporary tournament form, completely fill out the tournament information per team on that temporary entry form, have the appointed team captain collect all fees from the team, write one check payable to the Tyler Buzzard Club for bowling fee and one check made payable to the Tyler Buzzard Club for the banquet fees and submit same to the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer will in turn transfer all information submitted to the final application, after she verifies averages and all other information. The Secretary/Treasurer will deposit those fees in the Tyler Buzzard Club account. Then the Secretary/Treasurer will submit one check for bowling fees of all teams participating and submit one check for all members going to the Banquet to the hosting chapter with the original tournament entries, no later than two weeks after the May meeting. Members must have bowled 9 games in a Buzzard Chapter from the previous year June 1st through May 1st, in order to qualify for participation in the annual Buzzard Club Tournament.

The Club will take funds out of the Buzzard account up to \$75.00 to buy flowers for any active Buzzard that passes away and send a sympathy card to any immediate family member.

SGT-AT-ARMS: The Sgt-at-Arms shall maintain an orderly environment in the meetings and on the lanes. He/she will officiate if required at all meetings where a vote is called for. He/she may appoint an assistant teller as needed. (During elections where paper ballots are used, the Nominating Committee counts the votes supervised by the Sgt-at-Arms, unless he/she is a candidate for election in that race.) He/she shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Members of the Executive Committee shall meet as needed with the officers beginning in January. They will perform such duties as required by the position.

CLUB MONTHLY TOURNAMENT

The highlight of monthly meetings will be bowling of three games using 90% handicap basis from 220. USBC book averages will be used for each monthly tournament.

Tournaments will start at 2:00 PM with entries closing at the time bowling begins. 100% of the prize fund will be awarded based on the following percentages:

First Place	17%	Fourth Place	11%	Seventh Place	8%	Tenth Place	5%
Second Place	14%	Fifth Place	10%	Eighth Place	7%		
Third Place	13%	Sixth Place	9%	Ninth Place	6%		

Bowling fee will be \$15.00 per member, disbursed as follows: Tournament Fund \$1.00, lane fees \$8.25, Secretary/Treasurer fee \$1.00, with the rest \$4.75 going into the prize fund.

Each member is encouraged to have a Buzzard Patch on a red or white shirt and wear to the meetings and bowling.

Each member will be ready to bowl when his/her name appears.

Each member shall have only one ball at a time on the ball return rack.

Each member will conduct themselves respectfully, that is, no profanity, temper tantrums, or yelling at employees of the bowling lanes, or sitting or standing on the back of seating areas or chairs.

There will be no separate division for men and women. No person may win more than one place monthly. Ties for 1st through 10th places will occupy 2 spots. Members who open the fifth frame will donate ten cents to the club. This money is to be awarded to the bowler with the lowest handicap series and is referred to as the Sandbagger Award. Members will also donate ten cents to the Club for each split bowled. The man and woman with the most splits will each receive \$3.00 from Club funds plus half of the split money collected during the tournament. In case of a tie, with either men or women, the person having the most splits in the first game will be the winner, or if still tied, the person with the most splits in the second game will be the winner, or if still tied, the money will be split between the tied parties. 50/50 tickets will be sold and 3 tickets will be drawn - one each game except when we bowl 3-6-9 then 4 tickets will be drawn - one each game. Money will be disbursed equally to the winners and divided between the club and winners with the odd money going to the Club to keep the money even with no cents to either the Club or the winners. To Rob the Egg Nest you must have a print out each game with the designated strikes.

AVERAGES

Current members will use their USBC book averages as established in September. New book averages will be used in September each year and will be reset every September thereafter. Buzzard averages will be used only for the monthly Club tournament. All averages used must be certified league averages.

Ruling A New members will use highest end of season book average of 21 games or more. (Average verification will be required for "B" thru "D").

Ruling B No book average, highest average of 21 games or more in a Fall League as a regular member or substitute as of date of the tournament.

Ruling C No Fall League average, highest average of 21 or more games in a Summer League.

Ruling D No Summer League average, highest average of 15 or more games as of tournament date.

All others will bowl with a 210 average for 3 games in Singles format.

USBC Rule 319a, Item 2 will not apply. (This is the 10-pin rule.)

Buzzard members who wish to participate in the Buzzard National Tournament must have bowled at least 9 games by the May meeting to be eligible to bowl in the National Tournament each year. These 9 games can be bowled in any Buzzard format to count toward eligibility.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A Buzzard Club Newsletter will be posted on the Bar door monthly by the Club Secretary/Treasurer. All members who have an e-mail address can receive their newsletter by e-mail each month. It will contain the results of the last tournament and list all Board members.

BOWLING FORMATS FOR 2023 – 2024 Certification #04814 for 2023 - 2024

AUGUST	No Bowling – at National Tournament in Tyler, Tx
SEPTEMBER 3	Singles Colored Pins
OCTOBER 1	3-6-9 Bowl 4 – throw out the lowest
NOVEMBER 5	Singles Colored Pins
DECEMBER 3	No Tap Christmas Food
JANUARY 7	No Tap
FEBRUARY 4	3-6-9 Bowl 4 – throw out the lowest
MARCH 3	Singles Colored Pins
APRIL 7	No Tap
APRIL 14	Singles to make up for not bowling in May or June, Men’s Open in Tyler and Longview
JULY 7	Singles Pizza Day
JULY 14	3-6-9 Bowl 4 – throw out the lowest
AUGUST 4,5,6	National Tournament – August 2,3,4/24 in Conroe – Montgomery Co

USBC RULE CHANGES AND UPDATES

Bowling balls cannot be cleaned with liquid substances or cleaning agents or have any foreign materials on the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker, or paint after competition has started.

Dry towel rule: only a dry towel or chamois may be used during competition. In the event a ball in use gets a foreign material on it from lane play (belt mark, grease, etc.), a USBC approved liquid cleaner may be applied with the consent of a league officer.

This is an adult tournament. Bowlers must be at least 18 years of age or older prior to bowling in the Buzzard Club.

In the event that foul lights are inoperable, it will be the responsibility of the bowlers on that specific pair of lanes to call fouls. If a foul is called and disputed, a provisional frame shall be bowled, awaiting Board of Directors resolution.

Tyler Buzzard Club rules, USBC Rule Book, and Robert's Rules of Order IV Revised will be observed during all Club functions.

Dates are subject to change depending on lane availability.

Men's Open in Tyler and Longview is April 20th thru June 9th, 2024.

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