# STRIKES OF ROCKLIN MATCH CLUB BY-LAWS

#### **ARTICLE I:** NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1.01. This organization shall be known as Strikes of Rocklin Match Club. It shall be composed of individuals who enjoy fair minded competition. Each member is encouraged to carry his/her fair share of the Club and to maintain a positive interest in the sport of bowling.

#### **ARTICLE II:** MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.01. The Club shall consist of no more than fifty (50) members keeping as even a number of men and women as possible.

Section 2.02. All members must hold current USBC membership cards and meet the following requirements:

- (a) A willingness to travel at their own expense.
- (b) A willingness to be the very definition of a sportsman with any and all combinations of fellow members during all Club activities.

Section 2.03. Averages for each member will be maintained by the Club based on games bowled in match play. Averages will be computed and figured at the end of each match. New averages will be determined after the first nine (9) concurrent games have been bowled. Until averages have been established, book averages (Bowl.com) or league averages of 21 games will be used. If no average is available, then an average of 140 will be used until established. Match Club's season begins in September and ends in August of every year.

- (a) If it is necessary to use a missing bowler's average (Blind score) to fill a lineup, the full average will be used. A ten (10) pin deduction will not be applied unless the opposing Club has that rule.
- (b) Should there be a need to modify the rules pertaining to averages/handicap, the Board of Directors will present this to the members of the club for a vote before applying any changes.

Section 2.04. Teams shall bowl scratch if there is a difference of ten (10) pins or less for total averages of a team of four (4). If there is more than ten (10) pins, there shall be a handicap of 100% less ten (10) pins of the total difference. For example, if the difference in total pins is 25, subtract 10 for the handicap given and the total handicap is 15 pins per game.

Section 2.05. The Club shall schedule prospective members to bowl as guests prior to membership. All guest's fines will be waived. New members shall be given a copy of the by-laws and a board member will explain the rules and purpose of the Match Club.

Section 2.06. All members shall wear the Match Club shirt to all matches. Members may wear pants, leggings (non see through), walking shorts, skirts or jeans in good condition. Absolutely no rips or tears.

#### **ARTICLE III: MANAGEMENT**

Section 3.01. The board of Directors shall consist of the following elected Match Club officers: President, Vice President, Match Maker, secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 3.02. The Directors shall be elected by the match Club's membership at the first annual meeting. A vote may be taken regardless of the number of members attending.

Section 3.03. Directors shall hold their respective offices for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3.04. Any proposed changes to the by-laws will require a thirty (30) day notice posted for the members to review before an amendment is voted on at the next Club meeting.

# **ARTICLE IV:** DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 4.01. The President shall preside over all meetings of the general membership.

Section 4.02. The Vice President shall preside over all meetings or represent the Club at other events in the Presidents absence. Shall work with the Board and other Club members on group activities.

Section 4.03. The Matchmaker shall be responsible for the scheduling of all matches and team assignments. The Matchmaker will also assign members participating in a match the duties of selling raffle tickets, collecting team fines and recording game scores. If the Matchmaker deems it necessary to remove a member from the Club due to failure of meeting match assignments, they can present the recommendation to the Board for final approval. A two thirds vote is needed from the Board to proceed. The Matchmaker does not pay membership dues. Any Board member may fill in for an absent Matchmaker.

Section 4.04. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the Board, general meetings and be prepared to read the minutes from prior meetings as requested. The Secretary is responsible for the recording of scores from each match and the maintaining of averages. These averages are reported to GSA which posts them on Bowl.com. The Secretary is expected to collect new members needed paperwork and hand it in accordingly.

Section 4.05. The Treasurer shall collect ALL MONIES due to the Club, deposit said money into the Match Club account (GOLDEN ONE) and pall all obligations of the Club. The Treasurer shall be empowered to co-sign on the Club account. The Treasurer will keep and maintain a ledger of the Club's financial business and be prepared to give an accounting written and verbal as requested. The Treasurer shall report all delinquent dues at general meetings.

Section 4.06. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for good conduct of the members at all meetings and match games. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall take the count of votes whenever a vote is taken, standing or written ballot and report his/her count to the President.

# **ARTICLE V:** MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FINES

Section 5.01. Membership fees shall be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar month. Any member in arrears for more than two (2) months shall incur a \$5.00 late fee. Three (3) months arrears will result in loss of membership unless extenuating circumstances can be cited.

Section 5.02. Fines shall be assessed to members for the following:

- (a) \$10.00 for a special assessment shall be paid by each member if the Club treasury falls below \$500.00.
- (b) \$1.00 for each game bowled below average during Match play.
- (c) \$1.00 for each game failing to mark in the designated Mystery frame.
- (d) \$5.00 for failure to wear the Club shirt or inappropriate attire to a match.
- (e) \$2.00 for an Officer not wearing their badge at any match.
- (f) \$10.00 for failure to keep a match commitment without a valid reason.

Section 5.03. All fines are to be paid in the envelope provided by the Matchmaker or to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 5.04 Any fines excluding pay frames and game averages' can be contested and brought before the Board of Directors for review.

Section 5.05. CASH RAFFLE (50/50 pot) is collected on home matches. Half (50%) is going to the Club's general fund and half (50%) is given out as a raffle during bowling.

Section 5.06. STRIKE POT is collected during home matches with a 100% payout to participants.

Section 5.07. OVER AVERAGE POT is collected at all matches at a cost of \$2.00 per member with a payout of 100% to participants.

## **ARTICLE VI:** MEETINGS

Section 6.01. The general meeting of the Club shall be held at Fireside Lanes at least twice a year as posted.

Section 6.02. members who miss two (2) consecutive meetings in a row can be fined \$2.00.

Section 6.03. The Board of Directors shall meet once a quarter.

# ARTICLE VII: COMPOSITION OF THE MATCH CLUB

Section 7.01. The Matchmaker shall try to schedule 2-3 matches per month. Members will be rotated to participate in the matches scheduled each month.

Section 7.02. All scheduled matches are to be posted by the Matchmaker two (2) weeks in advance of a match (if possible). It is the responsibility of each member to keep track of bowling dates. The Matchmaker WILL NOT call members regarding matches unless there has been a change.

Section 7.03. Regarding "Leave of Absences". If a member cannot bowl for medical or personal reasons for an extended period of time, they must inform the Board of Directors, so they are not dropped from the Club. There will be no monetary penalties for an extended leave of absence.

Section 7.04. Any member who leaves the Club shall notify any Club Official of their intention by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month or be charged dues for the following month. All back dues and fines must be honored before leaving.

Section 7.05. Members shall be considerate and respectful of their fellow members as well as their competitors.

Section 7.06. STRIKES OF ROCKLIN MATCH CLUB is U.S.B.C. sanctioned.

Section 7.07. failure to adhere to the rules and regulations shall be grounds for the forfeiture of membership.

Section 7.08. Members shall give 48 hours' notice to the Matchmaker if they are unable to attend a scheduled match.

Section 7.09. The Club shall award 200 game pins.

## **ARTICLE VIII:** PAYMENT OF LINEAGE

Section 8.01. The HOME CLUB shall pay for the entire match to the bowling center. The Host Club shall receive monies owed for losses incurred by the visiting Club. The rate to be charged is dependent upon which Club has the highest lineage at their respective bowling centers.