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## Adopt-A-Bowler Program

Since 1982, the Women's National Duckpin Association (WNSA) has been promoting the thrill and challenge of duckpin bowling competition for women. To date, we have held more than 150 events with over **\$1,000,000.00** in prizes and awards. Each year, our association organizes a number of tournament events designed to provide a professional environment in which women can compete to be the best. Our members have opportunities to compete for over \$40,000 in annual prizes, travel to other cities, compete in a professional atmosphere, and make new friends. The WNSA has attracted women bowlers from New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and Canada.

The Adopt-A-Bowler program is a unique way for interested and qualified bowlers to participate in a single WNSA tournament event without any obligation to join. This program is open to women who have not been a member of the WNSA in the last five years, have a documented league average, and have not previously participated as an Adopt-A-Bowler. This program cannot be used for the Grand Prix Invitational event.

Any current WNSA member in good standing may sponsor a bowler and these bowlers will be given the opportunity to bowl on the same lanes with their WNSA sponsor. Should an Adopt-A-Bowler wish to become a member of the WNSA, the event in which they participated will be included in the bowler's eligibility into the Grand Prix Invitational event.

A bowler's entrance average is used for special qualifying and/or monetary awards and is calculated by using the bowler's composite league average (45 games or more) from their local area for the prior year *or* their composite league average as of April 15th of the tour year in which they are entering, whichever is greater. For average verification and calculation purposes, all bowlers must submit copies of league average sheets that show statistics as of April 15th for each league in which they have bowled 45 games or more. Non-sanctioned bowlers will be required to sanction with the NDBC through the tour prior to participating in the event.

Bowlers whose entrance averages are below 110 will use 110 for purposes of special qualifying and/or monetary awards.

The standard WNSA event format is based on twenty-four qualifiers and is as follows:

- All participants bowl an eight-game qualifying round. The twenty women with the highest scratch scores and the four women from the remaining field with the highest number of pins bowled over average qualify and advance to Sunday match play semi-finals. The number of qualifiers may change based on total entries.
- For the semi-finals, the field of qualifiers is divided into four divisions: A, B, C, and D. Divisions are first assigned to the top 20 scratch scores from the qualifying round (top qualifier = A division; second qualifier = B division; third qualifier = C division; fourth qualifier = D division; fifth



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qualifier = A division; and so on). The remaining pins-over-average qualifiers are then ranked and assigned in the same manner.

- Qualifiers for the semi-finals bowl one game against each bowler in their assigned division, with the highest scratch score winning each match. Ties are permitted and bowlers each receive 1/2 win and 1/2 loss.
- The bowler with the highest win/loss record in each division advances to the final ladder round. These bowlers are seeded on the ladder based upon their win/loss records and scratch five game score. The bowler with the highest win/loss from the remaining field of bowlers, across all divisions, becomes the wild card entry into the final ladder round. In all cases where there is a tie for win/loss record, the bowler with the highest total pinfall during the semi-final round will advance.
- The first match of the ladder round is between the wild card and the last seeded bowler. The winner of the match bowls the next seeded person up the ladder, and so on, until a grand prize winner is determined.

Further details may be obtained from the WNSNA sponsor, the web site located at [www.wndatour.com](http://www.wndatour.com), via phone to the WNSNA Statistician at 410.740.8282 or via e-mail at [cmcmillen@wndatour.com](mailto:cmcmillen@wndatour.com).



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## ADOPT-A-BOWLER APPLICATION

Bowlers who wish to participate in the Adopt-A-Bowler program must be sponsored by a current WNSA member, complete this form, and submit it along with the appropriate entry fee (payable to WNSA), to the WNSA Statistician at the address below.

WNSA Statistician  
6521 Allview Drive, Columbia, MD 21046-1047

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NDBC Sanction # for 2012-13: \_\_\_\_\_ (if not sanctioned, please enter N/A)

YEAR	SANCTIONED(S) OR NON- SANCTIONED (NS)	BOWLING CENTER	LEAGUE NAME	LEAGUE SECRETARY NAME & PHONE NUMBER	AVERAGE	# OF GAMES	PINFALL

Adopt-A-Bowlers are required to comply with the dress code (with the exception of a shirt with their name on it) and code of conduct established in the WNSA by-laws. A copy of the current by-laws may be found on the web site at [www.wndatour.com](http://www.wndatour.com).

By signing below, I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and by-laws of the Women's National Duckpin Association. I also hereby affirm that all information I have provided is true and accurate.

Adopt-A-Bowler Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

WNSA Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

***Celebrating 30 Years of the Best in Women's Duckpin Bowling.***