

## WOMEN'S NATIONAL DUCKPIN ASSOCIATION 6521 Allview Drive • Columbia, MD 21046-1047



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## Dear Interested Bowler:

Since 1982, the Women's National Duckpin Association (WNDA) has been promoting the thrill and challenge of duckpin bowling competition for women. To date, we have held more than 150 events and awarded over \$1 Million in prizes. 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 WNDA has attracted members from New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and Canada.

You are invited to bowl one of our tour stops as an adopt-a-bowler, whereby you would have no obligation to join the tour or pay a membership fee for the first tour stop.

Each year the WNDA organizes a number of tournament events designed to provide a professional environment for women to compete to be the best. Our opening event for 2013 is in Hagerstown, MD, and offers a first place prize of \$3,000. Please keep reading to find out how you can participate in this event – possibly even for **FREE!** 

The final event of the year is our Grand Prix Invitational. To be eligible for this event, members must bowl in 3 events during the tour year.

The 2013 Schedule includes four tour events with the DPBA (the Men's Pro Tour). The schedule is as follows:

EVENT NUMBER	DATES	BOWLING CENTER	CITY, STATE	COMBINED IN THE CENTER WITH THE DPBA
		Turner's Dual		
1	May 24 – 26	Lanes	Hagerstown, MD	No
2	July 12 – 14	White Oak Lanes	Silver Spring, MD	Yes
3	August 2 – 4	Town Hall Lanes	Johnston, RI	Yes
4	August 30 - September 1	Parkville Lanes	Baltimore, MD	Yes
5	October 4 – 6	Johnson's Lanes	Hamden, CT	Yes
6	November 2 & 3	AMF Timonium	Timonium, MD	No

Membership in the WNDA is open to all female bowlers who have a minimum average of 110 and have completed the membership application. If a bowler wishes to join the WNDA and her average is below 110, she would enter with the minimum average of 110 for the purposes of qualifying in the pins over average category and/or monetary awards. A bowler's entrance average, which is used for any qualifying and/or monetary awards, will be calculated by: (1) the bowler's WNDA tour average from the previous year for three or more tours; (2) the bowler's WNDA tour average from two years prior for three or more tours; or (3) the bowler's composite league average (45 games or more) for the prior year or their composite league average as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of the tour year in which they are entering, whichever is greater. Bowlers must furnish the league average sheet(s) as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year entering the tour for the purpose of average verification. Bowlers participating in more than one league must use a com

posite league average and furnish a league average sheet as of April 15<sup>th</sup> from each league in which they participated. Bowlers must have bowled 45 games or more in each league.

Bowlers joining the tour with a non-sanctioned league average (45 games or more) for the prior year or their composite league average as of April 15<sup>th</sup> of the tour year in which they are entering, will establish a sanctioned tour average upon the completion of the tour event for which they have completed 3 tour stops of WNDA competition.

Bowlers with no league average from the prior two years will not be eligible to advance to Sunday match play in the pins-over-average category or for minor awards until they have established a sanctioned tour average, which will become effective upon the completion of the tour event for which they have completed 3 tour stops of WNDA competition.

The standard WNDA 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 <u>highest number of pins bowled</u> over their average will qualify and advance to Sunday match play semi-finals. The number of qualifiers may change based on the total number of 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 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 will 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, advances to the ladder round as the wild card. 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.

The WNDA Adopt-A-Bowler program is a unique way for interested and qualified bowlers to participate in a single WNDA tournament event without any obligation to join. This program is open to women who have not been a member of the WNDA 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. A form is included for those interested in this option.

We have enclosed an Adopt-a-Bowler Form, Membership Application, Member Bio Form, and Advertising Form for our review.

The purpose of the Member Bio Form is to collect information from each member that can be used on the Bowler Profile section of the WNDA website, and in promoting the WNDA and the sport of duckpin bowling. Information that is specifically covered by the Privacy Act (i.e., address, telephone number, etc.) will not be openly published. We will arrange for your photograph to be taken at one of the WNDA

events. However, if you have a digital picture of yourself that you would like to be used instead, you may feel free to provide it. Submitted photographs require approval prior to posting on our website.

The Advertising Form may be used for two purposes.

- With our Advertising Reward Program, <u>MEMBERS CAN BOWL FOR FREE!</u>
- Members that acquire a Silver Sponsor, \$175 for one half-page ad in each of six program books or an ad on our web site, the member will receive a Silver credit worth \$40 towards their annual membership dues or towards an event entry fee.
- Any member who obtains a Gold Sponsor, \$250 for one half-page ad in each of six program books and an advertisement and/or link to their website on the WNDA website, the member will receive a Gold credit that may be used for their membership fee or any event entry fee, up to a maximum value of \$80.
- Members who obtain a combination of advertising that results in a total of \$250 of advertising income (combination of full page ad, half page ad, and/or business cards) may also receive a Gold credit that may be used for their membership fee or any event entry fee, up to a maximum value of \$80.
- Members may only redeem credits towards membership fees and entry fees. Any credits in excess of these fees will be forfeited. Credits must be used during the current tour season and will not be carried forward into the following year.
- Should you obtain an advertiser prior to the deadline for submitting your member application, enclose the completed advertising form with the sponsor's check, made payable to the WNDA, with your completed membership application. Please be sure to include a check for the balance of your membership fee if necessary. Sponsors may be obtained at any time during the year.

**So, how can you bowl for free?** You can earn credits for selling advertising that will cover your membership fees and entry fees. For example, earning 8 Gold credits will cover your membership and entry fees for all six events. You can earn a combination of 5 Gold credits and 5 Silver credits and also bowl the entire season for free.

Contact information for the WNDA governing body is listed below. Our website can be found at <a href="https://www.wndatour.com">www.wndatour.com</a>.

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We invite you to join us for a tour stop! If you are interested in trying a tour stop as an adopt-a-bowler, or if you are interested in joining our tour, please contact me personally at <a href="mailto:tashworth@wndatour.com">tashworth@wndatour.com</a> or by phone at 240.320.4426. I would be happy to talk to you about the tour, answer any questions you may have and walk you through the process.

I look forward to hearing from you!



Tammy Ashworth President