

# GREAT LAKES DEAF WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION - CONSTITUTION

## 2008 - 2009

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### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This organization shall be named as Great Lakes Deaf Women Bowling Association ("GLDWBA") (formerly known American Deaf Women Bowling Association (ADWBA)). The location of this organization shall embrace the States (upstate New York, western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) and portions of Canada bordering the five (5) Great Lakes.

### ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization are to:

1. Encourage and foster bowling among the deaf women of America.
2. Conduct an annual GLDWBA American Tenpins tournament.
3. Decide the championship of the GLDWBA in five (5) events.
4. Be governed by the rules and regulations as outlined by the United States Bowling Congress ("USBC") with GLDWBA rules as needed.
5. Be classified under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service charter.

### ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERS

All bowlers participating in the present tournament must be members of GLDWBA. They must have current USBC cards in order to participate in the tournament.

### ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

The officers shall include the following positions: President, Vice President/Law Chairlady, Secretary/Treasurer, and two (2) Law Committee members with names of two (2) backups.

### ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

An annual Board of Directors meeting shall be held on a Friday night during the month of April.

### ARTICLE 6 - AMENDMENT

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) votes of all Board of Director members at the regular meeting upon the recommendation of the Executive Board members.
2. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing and reading to the Executive Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to vote. When approved by the Executive Board of Directors, the proposed amendment shall be brought and approved by the Board of Directors members at its annual regular meeting.
3. The suspension of the Articles of Constitution and Bylaws of the Great Lakes Deaf Women Bowling Association is prohibited.

### ARTICLE 7 - DISSOLUTION

In the event that GLDWBA shall dissolve, the monies in the general fund shall be divided among the previous host cities.



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# GREAT LAKES DEAF WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION - BYLAWS

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## ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the GREAT LAKES DEAF WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION ("GLDWBA"). The GLDWBA will follow the GREAT LAKES DEAF BOWLING ASSOCIATION ("GLDBA") tournament on a date that shall be held during the month of April.

## ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

To encourage and foster bowling among only the deaf women of American and to conduct an annual tournament of the game of American Tenpins, the results of which shall decide the championship of the GLDWBA, in five-woman teams, doubles, singles, all events and Queen and Senior Queen.

## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

1. The Executive Board shall consist of a President, a Vice President/Law Chairlady ("Vice President"), and a Secretary/Treasurer.
2. The election of each officer (President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer) is done consecutively for three (3) years in order and shall be elected by a ballot vote at the Board of Directors meeting. Each officer shall begin on July 1 following the GLDWBA tournament.
3. Any officers are not permitted to hold more than one elected office at the same time.
4. Any officer with a good reason for not bowling during the current year shall notify the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board will decide if she will be able to remain on the Board.
5. Any interested bowler who would like to run for the office of President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer shall be in good standing, shall have bowled in at least six (6) GLDWBA tournaments, must be a resident of the Great Lakes region, and shall do one of the following:
  - A. have served on the law committee at least two (2) terms;
  - B. have been a captain of the team at least three (3) GLDWBA tournaments.
6. Outgoing officers shall turn over to the newly elected officer(s) all records including, but not limited to, minutes of meeting, copies of bylaws, GLDWBA properties, documents, and monies by July 1 following the GLDWBA tournament.

### Committees – Law Committee

7. The Law Committee shall be the current and next year's host chairpersons. The two (2) members of Law Committee shall be remained until April 2011.

### Auditing Committee

8. The auditing committee shall consist of two (2) current USBC-associated bowlers. The Secretary/Treasurer, with the President's approval, will appoint the auditors annually.

### Board of Directors

9. The Board of Directors shall consist of:
  - A. Three (3) officers of the GLDWBA,
  - B. Two (2) Law Committee members,
  - C. Chairpersons of the current host and next year host's tournaments,
  - D. Captains of all the teams competing in the current GLDWBA tournament, and
  - E. Active former executive officers who have served two or more terms.Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.
10. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the control and management and by a majority vote may delegate its authority in whole or in part of the Executive Board.
11. All former executive officers who have held four (4) or more years of service shall be automatically appointed to be served on the advisory board when necessary.
12. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in the tournament city during progress of the tournament, at a such time as the President may designate, and at such meetings shall elect their officers and promulgate tournament regulations for the coming year.
13. The active captains and members of the Executive Board of GLDWBA, who shall be present at the meeting on time, shall constitute the quorum and a majority of such members of the GLDWBA Board of Directors so present may transact any business of said association. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members present shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.
2. The President shall be the chief executive of the Great Lakes Deaf Women's Bowling Association and as such shall enforce all the provisions, objects and purposes thereof.
3. The President shall appoint the recording secretary to take notes for the provision of minutes at the annual Board of Directors meeting.
4. The President shall read and countersign all the minutes of all meetings.
5. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.

6. The Vice President shall conduct all correspondence relating to the Constitution and Bylaws of Great Lakes Deaf Women Bowling Association. She shall be responsible for all the mail matters and mail ballots on the amendments of the Constitution or Bylaws with her committee and the Executive Board ninety (90) days before to the tournament.
7. The Vice President shall conduct the Queens tournament. She will be conducted under the direction and supervision of GLDWBA's Board of Directors.
8. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all the meetings and conduct all correspondence. She shall receive and deposit all entry monies and revenues from the tournament properly – direct or indirect – to the credit of the Great Lakes Deaf Women's Bowling Association that may be withdrawn only on checks drawn by herself with the authorization of the President.
9. The Secretary/Treasurer shall deposit all monies in a federally insured bank, which is in the city where she resides. Therewith, the signature cards shall consist of two (2) signatures of the Secretary/Treasurer and the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for all the transactions.
10. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for all prize distributions after the annual tournament. This will be done by check within thirty (30) days after the tournament. Should the prizes not be paid out, the President shall notify the U.S. Bowling Congress ("USBC") and the bonding company. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be suspended for the wrongdoing of her job.
11. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for paying out all legal and authorized bills before the end of each fiscal year by June 30. She will submit a financial report to each of the Executive Board members.
12. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a true account of all receipts and disbursements and make an annual report to the Board of Directors. Prior to the upcoming tournament, the Secretary/Treasurer shall mail the minutes and the financial report of the previous tournament, updated bylaws, necessary schedules, and a letter to all participating bowlers.
13. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be bonded for the full amount of the association funds and bank deposits at the association's expense. The bond is to be held by the Secretary/Treasurer and the duplicate bond by the active President for safekeeping purposes.
14. The Secretary/Treasurer shall handle the contract signing with the management of the lanes; the site must be inspected by one of the GLDWBA officers in order to fulfill the requirements for the GLDWBA tournament. Her transportation and one-day lodging expenses will be reimbursed by the GLDWBA general fund if necessary.
15. The Secretary/Treasurer, subject to the approval of the President, shall set the entry fees.
16. The Secretary/Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Executive Board, shall have the sole charge of conducting annual tournament events and shall conduct the events in the style of USBC's tournaments. She shall make her own arrangements with the assistants at the tournament city and hire whatever extra help she deems necessary to attend to clerical labors. All legitimate expenses for extra help shall be paid out of the tournament fund. The Secretary/Treasurer shall select the tournament assistants by the month of January prior to the next tournament.
17. The Secretary/Treasurer shall select a Senior Chairlady to run the Senior Queens tournament. She will be conducted under the direction and supervision of GLDWBA's Board of Directors.
18. The Secretary/Treasurer cannot make any decisions contrary to USBC or GLDWBA bylaws or tournament rules.

#### **ARTICLE V - EXPENSES**

1. Transportation expenses of the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary/Treasurer shall be paid out of the general fund of GLDWBA. The transportation expenses to be reimbursed at twenty-five cents (25¢) per mile for the tournament (round trip) or by the cost of airfare/train, whichever is cheaper. Communication expenses for the GLDWBA officers shall be paid out of the general fund.
2.
  - A. The lodgings for the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer for three (3) nights shall be paid equally between GLDWBA and the host city (50% and 50%, respectively).
  - B. The lodgings for two (2) Law Committee members for one (1) night shall be paid equally between GLDWBA and the host city (50% and 50%, respectively).
  - C. Lodging expenses shall be paid out of the GLDWBA general fund.
3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be reimbursed the sum of one dollar (\$1) per woman per event entered during her term in office. The reimbursement shall be drawn from the tournament expense fees.
4. One-day lodging shall be provided to two (2) law committee members who are present at the law committee meeting on the Thursday of the tournament. Lodging expenses shall be paid equally by the GLDWBA and host organization.
5. The auditing committee shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25) per committee member for the services, to be drawn out of the GLDWBA general fund.
6. The recording secretary shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25) for her services, to be drawn from the GLDWBA general fund.
7. At any time an advisor is called to discuss in a law committee meeting, she will be reimbursed ten dollars (\$10) for her service. It is to be drawn from the GLDWBA general fund.
8. The chairlady of the Lillian E. Kernz Queens event shall be reimbursed two dollars (\$2) per participant in the Queens event. The reimbursement shall be drawn from the Queens tournament expenses.
9. The chairlady of the Senior Queens event shall be reimbursed two dollars (\$2) per participant in the Queens event. It shall be drawn from the Queens tournament expense fees.

#### **ARTICLE VI - MEETING**

1. The annual meeting of Board of Directors shall be held in the current tournament city during the tournament following the GLDBA tournament when the President may designate on Friday night of April. At such meetings, the captains shall elect their officers. The active captains and members of the Executive Committee of GLDWBA who are present at the meeting on time shall constitute a quorum.

2. The order of business at the annual GLDWBA meeting shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
  - A. Quorum
  - B. Introduction
2. Opening Ceremonies
  - A. Welcoming Remarks
  - B. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Reading of Minutes and Actions
5. Report of Officers in Order
6. Report of Law Committee
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Announcements by Future Tournament Chairperson
10. Election of New Officers
11. Oath
12. Good of Order
13. Announcement
14. Adjournment

**Oath:**

I hereby pledge myself to perform faithfully the duties of my office to the best of my abilities and to uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Great Lakes Deaf Women's Bowling Association, so help me, God.

3. The Vice President is responsible for:

- A. getting proposals from the bowlers and officers during the tournament. The proposals shall be reviewed for next meeting's new business.
- B. sending proposed motions (from the bowlers and officers) to the Executive Board members for the review ninety (90) days before the next tournament starts.
- C. getting approval or denial for proposed motions by the Executive Board members to the Board of Director meeting and bringing them to New Business, in order to be approved or declined by the captains (Board of Directors members). Any new proposals made during the New Business shall then be referred to the Law Committee for review and be brought up during New Business at the next Board of Director meeting.

If there is any disagreement with submitted proposals, they shall be brought up during New Business meeting.

**ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be made by mail vote at a designated date set preset by Vice President. Acceptance shall be by a two-third (2/3) vote of the Law Committee members. Any change in the Constitution and Bylaws shall be given to the Vice President by March 1 annually. She shall, in turn, supply copies to the Executive Board members before March 8 annually. The members will present and propose changes via mail with their recommendations. Copies of all amendments must be supplied to the Executive Board members in time for the final vote on March 15 annually. Emergency legislation may be proposed, not subject to the above provisions, but shall require a unanimous vote of the Executive Board members to become one effective immediately if adopted. Amendments and proposals that are not classified as emergencies become effective at the beginning of the fiscal year.

**ARTICLE VIII - EMERGENCIES**

The Executive Committee has the authority to act in any or all emergencies.

**ARTICLE IX - LILLIAN ELLIS KERNZ QUEENS**

1. The Lillian Ellis Kernz Queens tournament is held in conjunction with the annual GLDWBA tournament.
2. The Queens event is open to all GLDWBA bowlers who enter all events.
3. Entries close in the date based on the current entry form. A late entry fee of five dollars (\$5) will be charged for entries arriving after the deadline and will be added to the prize fund 100%.
4. The entry fee shall be at least thirty-five dollars (\$35) which includes prize fees, printing, postage, tournament fees, and alley fees.
5. All prize fees will be returned 100% to qualified participants.
6. The host organization will donate ten dollars (\$10) per head (bowler) toward first-place prize.
7. Bowlers' handicap scores will be based on a 70% difference between her average and 200. There shall be a maximum of 45 pins per game handicap.
8. The qualifying round will be three (3) games across six (6) lanes (opening round).
9. A. Based on 40 or more entrants, the top 40% of all entrants will advance to the next round. Two more games will be bowled and the total will be added to the first three (3) games (total of five (5) game). The top sixteen (16) bowlers will advance to the match lay (double elimination). Following the rounds with the sixteen (16) highest qualifiers, pairings of the match play in one game across two (2) lanes will be the top qualifier against 16th qualifier; 2nd against 15th; 3rd against 14th; 4th against 13th; 5th against 12th; 6th against 11th; 7th against 10th; 8th against 9th.
  - B. Based on less than 40 but more than 31 entrants, a total of sixteen (16) highest qualifiers will advance to the match play. Pairings will be to the positions as above.
  - C. Based on 31 or less entrants, a total of sixteen (16) highest qualifiers will advance to the stepladder finals by bowling two (2) more games. A total of eight (8) highest five-game qualifiers will advance to the next step and bowl one (1) more game, which totals six (6) games. The four (4) highest six-game qualifiers will advance into the final round using the position: 4th against 3rd; 3rd against 2nd; 2nd against 1st.

10. In case of a tie in any game, a full roll-off game will determine the winner.
11. If a bowler is unable to appear at the start of the first round, an alternate bowler will be given the opportunity to replace her. After the first round, no alternates will be permitted. (A bye will be given and the winner will advance to the next round.)
12. The bowler shall be responsible to check the line-up board for her starting lanes and the time she is expected to be present to bowl.
13. The starting time will be at 8:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. (depending on the numbers of bowlers entered). Entries may be accepted up to half an hour before the starting time.
14. A plaque donated by the host city will be given to the Queens champion.
15. The prizes of Queens event, with the exception of first and second place winners, shall be given to the winners during the event with proof of a driver's license or an appropriate photo identification card. The first and second place prizes will be presented at the ballroom. Winners who do not receive monies during the event will have the monies sent to them within thirty (30) days of the tournament.

### **ARTICLE X - SENIOR QUEENS**

1. The Senior Queens event is held in conjunction with the annual GLDWBA tournament.
2. In order to enter the Senior Queens event, a bowler must be at least 55 years old with the understanding that she is not to enter the GLDWBA's Lillian E. Kernz Queens tournament and is to enter all events.
3. Entries must arrive by the date as listed upon the current form. A late entry fee of five dollars (\$5) will be charged after the deadline and will be added to the prize fund.
4. The host organization will donate ten dollars (\$10) per head (bowler) toward the first-place prize.
5. The entry fee shall be at least thirty dollars (\$30), including prize fees, printing and postage costs, tournament fees, and alley fees.
6. All prize fees will be returned 100% to qualified participants.
7. Bowlers' handicap scores will be based on 70% difference between her average and 200. There shall be a maximum of 59 pins per game.
8. The qualifying games will be three (3) games across six lanes. The top eight (8) bowlers will advance to match play. Single elimination will be used until a winner prevails. In case of a tie in any game, a full roll-off game will determine the winner.
9. If an entrant is unable to appear at the beginning of the first round, an alternate will be granted to replace her. After the first round begins, no substitutes will be allowed.
10. The GLDWBA Secretary/Treasurer will decide the starting time based on the number of bowlers entered. Entries may be accepted up to half an hour before the starting time.
11. A plaque donated by the host city will be given to the Senior Queens champion.
12. Senior Queens' prizes (except first and second place winners will receive monies at the ballroom) shall be given to the winners during the event with their proof of driver's license. Winners who do not receive monies during the event will be sent to them within thirty (30) days.

### **ARTICLE XI - GLDWBA TOURNAMENTS**

#### **Host City**

1. The GLDWBA annual tournament date shall coincide with that of the GLDBA when the GLDWBA makes its decision on the site of the next tournament.
2. The organization of the host city sponsoring the tournament shall pay GLDWBA the minimum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more at the time of nomination.
  - A. It will be split in three ways:
    - (1) The minimum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or more donation is for the prize of the handicap team events. Extra donations must be distributed among the top five (5) handicap team events only. The prize for first-place team shall be based on fifty dollars (\$50) per entry (minimum shall be \$1,500). A first-place prize in double/single event is to be equal to the amount per bowler in the team event.
    - (2) A performance bond of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) is refundable with understanding that the host city has faithfully send team(s) to the GLDWBA tournaments every year after winning the bid as well the year after their own tournament.
    - (3) The other two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) is for the host bid fee that will go directly to the GLDWBA general fund.
3. After being selected to host the GLDWBA tournament, if the said city is unable to pay the minimum of \$2,000, the host city shall deposit at least \$500.00 during the tournament, and the remaining balance shall be made within a year. Should the host city fail to make the required deposit, the said city shall be penalized 6 percent (6%) annually on the two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The "penalty money" shall be deposited in the general fund. Should the said host city fail to pay the deposit, the Executive Board shall take appropriate actions.
4. A signed agreement with the bowling establishment where the tournament is to be held shall be presented at the time of nomination. It shall be stated in the agreement that the pins will be of tournament weight for each team entered and that four (4) lanes adjoining the tournament lanes will not be used.
5. The organization sponsoring the tournament shall reserve an establishment with thirty-six (36) or more lanes.
6. If the said host city fails to send at least one team every year (a full team of five (5) bowlers with at least three (3) or more members from the host city) from the time the host city wins the bid until the year after its own tournament, this city shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per year.
7.
  - A. The lodgings for the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer for three (3) nights shall be paid equally between GLDWBA and the host city (50% and 50%, respectively).
  - B. The lodgings for two (2) Law Committee members for one (1) night shall be paid equally between GLDWBA and the host city (50% and 50%, respectively).

8. All executive officers and all former executive officers shall be admitted to the ballroom and the bowling alleys free of charge, with lifetime passes provided by GLDWBA. They, along with Hall of Famers, are to receive Gold Passes from the Secretary/Treasurer.
9. The host of the tournament city is required to donate plaques to the winner(s) of each actual and handicap pinfall event and mail them to the winners who did not receive them if necessary.
10. The host city shall pay GLDWBA the minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or fifty percent (50%) of bowlers' ballroom admission (whichever is greater) during the tournament regardless of quantity of bowlers.
11. The tournament shall be sanctioned and conducted according to the rules and regulations of the USBC unless otherwise arranged with the Congress by the Secretary/Treasurer of the GLDWBA.

### **Bowlers' Entries**

12. Acceptance of entries shall close at midnight approximately thirty (30) days before the opening of the tournament. Under no conditions will applications be accepted after the state deadline.
13. Each bowler must write her USBC membership number when filling out an entry form. No bowler is eligible to complete more than once in any event.
14. Any team who is deemed responsible for letting any hearing person to participate in the GLDWBA tournament shall forfeit any claims of entry fees and prizes.
15. No high school girls or younger are to participate in the tournament.
16. A. All replacement bowlers must be in the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer (during the tournaments) at least one (1) hour before the scheduled time of bowling.  
B. If no replacement bowler is found prior to the start of a tournament, only a full team is allowed to keep the absent bowler's average and handicap minus 10 percent (10%) of the average.  
C. If there is a team with one (1) unavailable bowler (blind), the base average of 175 with handicap minus 10 percent (10%) of the average.
17. A. A bowler must bowl in a team event in order to participate in the double/single events. In addition, all bowlers must bowl doubles in order to bowl singles.  
B. The local bowlers are to bowl on the last squad of the single and double events.
18. A. The single event will be bowled first and double event will follow consecutively.  
B. If there is a late second bowler for the double event, a substitute shall be permitted.
19. Any late bowler shall forfeit the score in any missed frames in any event.
20. The entry fees shall be paid in the form of postal money order, express moneys order, certified check, or bank draft with the completed entry forms. Personal checks or any entry fees less than the full amount will be not accepted.
21. No entry fees shall be refunded unless a replacement bowler is found.
22. A captain who does not show up at the general meeting shall be fined five dollars (\$5) unless replaced by a bowler of her team. The money will go towards the GLDWBA general fund.
23. **The dress code for GLDWBA tournaments is as follows:**
  - A. **No denim or color jeans are allowed.**
  - B. **Participants are not allowed to wear shorts, jogging outfits, and the use of the curlers during the tourney.**
  - C. **Skirt lengths should be no more than one inch above the knee. Appropriate casual pants, capris, skirts, and skorts with tops (collar and V-neck) are allowed. Sleeveless tops and T-shirts are prohibited.**
  - D. **Any bowlers who disregard any of above item A, B, or C will be disqualified.**
24. Discrimination against or use of profane language toward any officer of the GLDWBA is forbidden.
25. Each bowler is responsible for her own scores.
26. Complaints of any individual bowler should be written in triplicate and sent to any member on the Executive Board. This member shall see to it that the other Board members rule on the said complaint.

### **Average**

27. A bowler's average is to be verified by the GLDWBA Secretary/Treasurer.
28. A. The highest USBC-sanctioned average of 21 or more games from the previous year's winter season must be used;  
B. If no average from the previous season is available, the entrant must use the current year's average of 21 or more games as of February 1;  
C. The bowler must use her current average for entry in the tournament if she has a current season's average for 21 or more games, which is 10 pins or more higher than the previous season's average;  
D. If no establishment average from the previous season and this season, the entrant will use the average based on the tournament average of three (3) previous GLDWBA tournaments of a minimum of last five (5) years.  
E. If a bowler's GLDWBA's average from three (3) to five (5) years prior is higher than her last year's or this year's league average, she will receive the GLDWBA average in the present tournament.  
F. If the above does not apply, then the entrant will enter the game with a 170 scratch.
29. Handicap will be based on 70% of the difference of bowler's average and 200 scratch. The minimum average is 115; anyone who has a lower average than 115 must use 115 as her average. No individual's handicap shall exceed 59 pins per game in any event.
30. A bowler's average will be rerated if she has won a prize of three hundred dollars (\$300) or more in the period from last year's GLDWBA tournament date to the present GLDWBA tournament date. The Secretary/Treasurer will determine the amount of rerate. Failure to comply with this provision shall cause to forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings (Rule 319d).

### **Prizes**

31. A minimum prize fee shall be ten dollars (\$10) per woman per event. Bowling and tournament expense fees shall be separated from the entry fees.

32. The handicap prize will be at a ratio of one to three (1 to 3).
33. Should an odd number of teams occur in a tournament, a dummy team is to be used, and the cost of the game is to be paid out of the GLDWBA general fund.
34. A minimum of the five hundred dollars (\$500) from the general fund, subject to the approval of the Executive Officers, shall be contributed to the actual pinfall prizes.
35. If there is a tie first in the teams, singles, doubles, or all events, the host of the tournament city is responsible for the expenses of an extra trophy(ies) or plaque(s).
36. Any bowler who bowls a 300 game in any actual events (team, doubles, singles) shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100). Any bowler who bowls a 700 series, a 298 game, or a 299 game will receive fifty dollars (\$50). These awards of one hundred dollars (\$100) and fifty dollars (\$50) will be drawn out of GLDWBA general fund.
37. The prize checks must be mailed to the participated bowlers within thirty (30) days of the tournament.
38. Only winners will be named on the printed prize list. The money prize list is to be mailed to all bowlers who participated in the tournament.

## **ARTICLE XII - GLDWBA HALL OF FAME**

1. The purpose of the GLDWBA Hall of Fame is to honor deaf women (either living or deceased) who have contributed exceptional bowling services and achievements to the deaf community as bowlers and/or leaders. There shall be two (2) categories of honorees: Bowlers and Leaders.
2. The nominating body for the Hall of Fame committee shall consist of former Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers of GLDWBA.
3. A. The GLDWBA Hall of Fame voting body committee shall consist of the Executive Board of the GLDWBA (excluding the two chairpersons of GLDWBA tournaments), law committee, past officers, and three to seven (3 to 7) bowlers, appointed by the President, who are interested in the welfare of GLDWBA during the odd-numbered year between the Hall of Fame elections.  
B. The number of voters shall be an odd number.  
C. A secret ballot voting system shall be used. For those who do not participate in the current tournaments, their ballots will be done by mail and be returned before April 1 of that year.
4. The Hall of Fame committee shall oversee the Hall of Fame event, screen and prepare all nominations, handle all ballots, and announce the results.
5. The Secretary/Treasurer of GLDWBA, upon request, will assist in furnishing GLDWBA records only to the members of the Hall of Fame Committee.
6. Nominations and biographies must be submitted to the secretary of Hall of Fame Committee on or before March 1st preceding the tournament date.
7. Women shall be nominated on the basis of her outstanding performance, integrity, sportsmanship, and character. No consideration will be given to race, religion, creed, or geographical home.  
A. Bowlers must have bowled in a total of at least eight (8) GLDWBA tournaments. Death of a bowler auto-eliminates the eight-year eligibility clause for which an election can be held.  
B. Bowlers must show outstanding achievement in a number of GLDWBA tournaments. Their GLDWBA records shall be listed on all future ballots and shall be used as a basis of their election by the electors.  
C. Leaders must have contributed at least eight (8) years of service to GLDWBA as captains, officers, and/or chairpersons of bowling tournaments.  
D. The Hall of Fame nominating committee may submit up to five (5) names in each category for election each year.
8. Once every two (2) years during an odd-numbered year, the ballot for the "Bowlers" category shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame committee during the Executive Board meeting. Once every four (4) years during the odd-numbered year, the ballot for the "Leader" category shall be submitted to the Hall of Fame committee during the Executive Board meeting.
9. Points: Electors may vote up to three (3) candidates in each category ("Bowler" and "Leader") using a scale of five (5) points for the first choice, three (3) points for the second choice and one (1) point for the third choice.
10. Any candidates receiving at least 37 points shall be declared elected.
11. If no candidate receives the requisite 37 points, the Secretary/Treasurer shall declare it null.
12. Any Hall of Fame candidates failing to achieve 37 points shall remain to receive another chance at the next election.
13. Any "write-in" or additions to the ballot shall be voided.
14. The results of votes cast by the Hall of Fame committee shall be announced at the annual GLDWBA Board of Directors meeting during the even-numbered years.
15. A newly elected Hall of Fame member shall receive a plaque and the Gold Pass in recognition of her achievements at the ballroom during the GLDWBA tournament.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION**

If there is should be a dissolution of the GLDWBA, the monies in the general fund shall be divided among the previous host cities. The Executive Board will consider the number of times a host city have had has hosted the GLDWBA tournaments.

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