

2011 CLOVERLEAF MATCH CLUB BYLAWS
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MEMBERSHIP

Members should bowl at least one league each year at Cloverleaf Family Bowl (Match Club participation does not count for this purpose). An exception is allowed, at the discretion of the Board, for no more than 10 of the 60 members to be non Cloverleaf Bowl league members.

The Club will accept former match club members that have a current USBC card and USBC average to bowl as "occasional" members (i.e., restricted bowling due to injury, etc.). These members shall pay the \$10.00 monthly dues at the time of their participation in a match. Occasional members may also participate in any other match club event (i.e., fun days, tournaments) and pay the corresponding entry fee associated with the event, but will not be responsible for paying the \$10.00 monthly dues unless they have bowled a match during that month.

A member must hold a current USBC card and be in good standing.

Membership shall consist of no more than 60 members, mixed with at least 15 Men and 15 Women.

Members may belong to only one match club.

The Club accepts all applications with no discrimination against race, national origin or sex.

New members must complete the Club membership application and provide the original to the President or Matchmaker. The President shall email the Club membership a short bowling bio of the proposed new member and request an affirmative or negative vote. The President may also present applications for new membership at the next scheduled Club meeting for discussion and vote. Voting on new member applications via email shall require a 2/3rds majority of those members responding. Voting on new member applications at a Club meeting shall require a 2/3rds majority of the members present.

Members who sponsor an accepted member to the Club must act as a "mentor" for two months (accompany the person to matches, explain the rules, introduce him/her to other members, generally make the person feel welcome). The Vice President will be responsible for accepted members without a sponsor.

INITIATION

Initiation fee shall be \$55.00, which includes the first month's dues and one Club shirt.

This amount must be paid before the new member may bowl as a Match Club member.

The shirt shall only be worn when representing the Club at scheduled matches and/or match club tournaments.

Match Club members must wear the black Cloverleaf Match Club shirts to all HOME matches, the older green shirts will be allowed for away matches until December 31, 2011.

Black slacks or black jeans, skirts, skorts or dress walking shorts (appropriate length) are to be worn at all matches. Hats or bandannas are not allowed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers:

President	Matchmaker
Vice President	Secretary/Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms	Food Coordinator

The new Board shall assume office in January of each year.

Preliminary nominations for office shall be accepted via email by the President or Secretary in November. Members nominated prior to the December meeting must advise the President or Secretary whether to accept or decline the nomination prior to the December meeting. If a nominee accepts the nomination prior to the December meeting, they are not required to be in attendance at the meeting to be elected but must have an excused absence. Elections will be held at the December membership meeting. Voting shall be by written ballot for each office (a simple majority will determine results).

Nominations from the floor at the December meeting will be accepted and the nominee must be present to accept the nomination or they will not be placed on the ballot.

A sealed absentee ballot will be accepted and should be provided to the Secretary (or President) at least one week prior to the December membership meeting.

Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume this office. A special election will be held to elect a new Vice President.

A special election will be held if a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

BYLAW CHANGES

The incoming Board shall meet after election to draft suggested changes to the Bylaws. Any changes shall be presented to the membership at the April membership meeting.

Any suggestions by members for alteration to the Bylaws must be made in writing to the President at least two weeks prior to the April and/or August membership meetings and will be presented by the Board to the general membership for approval at the next scheduled membership meeting.

Bylaws are subject to change by a 2/3rds vote of members present.

MEETINGS

Regular membership meetings shall be held in April, August and December subject to change depending on actual home match scheduling, as well as any special meetings deemed necessary by the Board. Members should make every effort to attend all membership meetings. In the event a member is unable to attend, the member should notify the President of their absence. Members may submit their suggestions in writing to the President for discussion at the meeting.

The newly elected Board shall meet, establish, email and post the proposed meeting schedule for the current year to the Cloverleaf Match Club bulletin board and website prior to February 1 of the current year.

Meetings will be held at Cloverleaf Family Bowl unless voted on by the membership for an alternate location.

DUES

Membership dues are \$10.00 per month plus \$20.00 for Fun Day payable by August 31st (total of \$140.00 per year). If dues are prepaid in January of any year, the fees for that year will be reduced to \$120.00.

Dues may be paid to any Board member.

Any member whose dues are not paid by the 10th of each month shall not be eligible to bowl. On the 11th of each month, the Secretary/Treasurer shall furnish the names of all delinquent members to the President and Matchmaker. The President shall present a warning notice to any delinquent member.

If a member is delinquent for three consecutive months they will be suspended until dues are brought current. If this suspension continues for more than three months, the Board shall vote and the member may be dismissed from the Club for nonpayment of dues. The President shall advise the delinquent member in writing within ten days of the suspension and/or dismissal.

A member may request approval by the Board for a leave of absence. Monthly dues for an approved leave of absence will be reduced to \$2.00 per month. All dues and fines must be current at the time of any approved leave of absence.

The President, Matchmaker and Secretary/Treasurer are exempt from monthly membership dues.

Any member who bowls a 300 game during a Match Club match will be exempt from dues for the following month after the game is rolled.

FUNDRAISER

The club will hold an annual Fun Day tournament in September and invite our opposing match clubs to participate. The annual dues will include an additional \$20.00 to be applied toward this tournament. All members are encouraged to participate in the Fun Day. The cost for members to bowl the Fun Day tournament will be \$5.00, payable at the Fun Day tournament. Raffle prizes, food and job assignments for the Fun Day will be assigned at the second annual membership meeting (July or August).

FINES

A \$10.00 fine shall be levied against any member who agrees to bowl a Club event and fails to do so without notifying a Board member 72 hours in advance, except in case of emergency (illness, injury etc.). The second occurrence shall result in a \$20.00 fine.

A \$1.00 fine per game will be levied if a member fails to bowl their match book/match club average. A \$1.00 fine shall apply for series.

Every member scheduled to bowl a home or away match should be at the match at least 45 minutes before the start time. If not present 30 minutes prior to the start time, a \$5.00 fine will be levied.

A \$5.00 fine will be levied against any member who fails to wear the Club shirt and appropriate black attire at a scheduled Match Club event.

All members shall comport themselves with respect and professionalism. No abuse of equipment or loud, obscene language or flagrant gestures will be tolerated. A fine of \$5.00 will be assessed for the first offense, \$10.00 for a second offense, a one month suspension for a third offense and dismissal from the Club after the fourth offense. Any appeal of these fines and/or dismissal must be presented to the President (or other Board member in the President's absence) the night the offense occurs. The Board shall review the appeal and respond in writing with a decision to the member within two weeks.

The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for advising the member and collection of any non-bowling fines (i.e., tardy, behavior, etc.). In the event a Sergeant at Arms is not present at the match/event, any Board member present may advise the member of the fine and collect the fine.

Team Captains are responsible for filling out scores and collection of bowling fines and all monies should be turned in to the Matchmaker at the end of the match. The Matchmaker will forward all monies collected at the match to the Secretary/Treasurer.

GENERAL

The number of members present for any Club meeting shall constitute a quorum. Each member will be furnished a copy of the current Bylaws after approval at the April meeting. The Secretary will retain the master copy.

A substitute may be added to the team lineup at the tardy limit (15 minutes before the match) to replace an absent or tardy bowler (in this case the uniform rule does not apply).

If a husband and wife are members, they may not necessarily bowl together at a match.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be paid \$35.00 per month.

The Matchmaker shall be paid \$5.00 per match.

Club members are responsible for contacting the Food Coordinator if they have not been contacted with a food assignment two days prior to a home match. If you are called as a substitute, you should contact the Food Coordinator to determine the food assignment to be brought to the home match.

Minutes of general, special and board meetings will be taken by the Secretary and distributed at the next general membership meeting.

All Match Club business will be destroyed after two years.

Match Club updates shall be posted in our glass case furnished by Cloverleaf Family Bowl in the lobby. A notice of all Club activities will be posted seven days in advance on the bulletin board and website.

DEFINITION OF MATCHES WON/LOST

A Match Club match consists of 4 or 5 teams from each club. Each of the teams will be playing a separate match against a team from the other club. The team with the highest total pins for 3 games wins the match.

The cost of a match lost is the lineage paid by the hosting club to the house plus any side bets between the clubs.

Example: A match played at Cloverleaf costs \$72.00 per set, total of \$360.00 in lineage for a 5 team match. If we win 4 out of 5 matches we are reimbursed by the other club \$288.00 of the lineage plus any side bets won. If we lose 4 out of 5 matches we are only reimbursed \$72.00 of the lineage plus any side bets won.

Side bets are \$2.00 per game and \$4.00 for total pins (total of \$10.00 per match). Side bets are optional depending on the opposing club (some clubs do not do side bets so in their case it would just be lineage).

***ANY RULES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED HEREIN SHALL
AUTOMATICALLY BE GOVERNED BY USBC TOURNAMENT RULES***