

**THE BUZZARD CLUB OF AMERICA – DALLAS CHAPTER**  
**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

1. The name of this organization shall be The Buzzard Club of America, Dallas Chapter. The fiscal year shall be September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. This chapter shall be governed by Rules of USBC, not covered in these By-Laws.
3. The purpose is to bind together all certified bowlers who have had at least three splits of any variety, in a row, in one game while participating in certified competition. It is to encourage high score bowling and promote the fun and fellowship of the game of bowling through good sportsmanship.

**ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. The membership of this chapter shall consist of men and women who are members of either the Dallas Bowling Association or the Dallas Women's Bowling Association. The men shall be known as Fellow Buzzards and the women as Lady Buzzards. A bowler who has been refused membership in the USBC, or is under suspension by these bodies, cannot hold membership in this chapter until such time as they are re-instated.
2. Any fellow or lady Buzzard submitting an application of a new member shall verify all facts stated on application, including average, and shall submit application with money and telescore, if available, to the Treasurer before the General Meeting starts.

Any Buzzard member-at-large, who is a member in good standing from a bowling association other than Dallas, will be allowed to attend and bowl with the Dallas Chapter.

A member transferring from another chapter to the Dallas Chapter will pay current dues of the Dallas Chapter.

Membership in this chapter shall be by invitation only. To become eligible, a bowler must have had three splits in a row in one game while bowling in a certified league or tournament. Anyone qualifying to become a Buzzard must join within thirty (30) days. The membership initiation fee is \$5.00, which covers the cost of membership supplies and monthly dues through September or March; whichever comes first, must be paid before a proposed member may be added to our Chapter roster. After completing the membership initiation period, monthly dues are \$1.50 per month to defray current expenses of the Chapter. These dues must be paid semiannually in advance in September and March. Dues can be paid annually in advance if so desired. Dues would be either \$9.00 per six months or \$18.00 per year.

Any member who reaches his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday will be eligible for a lifetime membership in this Chapter provided they have attended at least 12 monthly meetings (the 12 meetings do not have to be consecutive). The member must notify the Treasurer upon reaching his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and having attended 12 meetings. Upon reaching lifetime membership, monthly dues will no longer be assessed. The member will be responsible for all other fees. Any member who is unable to bowl due to medical reasons the USBC certification requirement shall be waived. Honorary members will be allowed to join the Dallas Buzzard Club on a case by case

circumstance and with the approval of the Board of Directors. Honorary members may not hold office or vote.

Any member who becomes delinquent in dues will be notified in the first month of the delinquency by the Treasurer. Dues must be paid by the next attended Buzzard meeting or within 6 months whichever comes first or they will be dropped from the membership roll, by the Chapter Treasurer notifying the President and the Secretary. If within six months after being dropped a member wishes to be re-instated, they must pay all past dues and dues for the rest of the fiscal year. After twelve months they must re-qualify.

Membership may be revoked by the Board of Directors for any act that is detrimental to the chapter. No money will be refunded.

3. If a guest wishes to attempt to qualify as a Buzzard, they may do so at the discretion of the Board of Directors under the following conditions:
  - A. Guests may not participate in prize fund, high pots, mystery score, brackets, or crossovers.
  - B. Fee will be current lane fees only.
4. To be eligible for an elected office a member must meet the following requirements:
  - A. A member must hold and maintain current membership in the Dallas Mens Bowling Association or the Dallas Women's Bowling Association.
  - B. A members dues shall be current and not be in delinquent status.
  - C. A member shall not have been suspended nor on probation during the last 12 months by either of the following organizations: USBC, Dallas Bowling Association, Dallas Women's Bowling Association or any Buzzard Club of America.
5. To be eligible for an elected office the member must be present at the Election meeting unless due to a medical or business reason at the discretion of the nominating committee. Member will have attended at least 6 monthly business meetings of "Buzzard Club of America – Dallas Chapter" in the last year. At the meeting in which the "Buzzard Club of America – Dallas Chapter" elects any member to the Board of Directors the general membership shall have the right to waive these requirements for reasons that a member was incapacitated a sufficient length of time to make that member ineligible to hold an elected office.

### **ARTICLE III. MEETINGS & RULES**

1. This chapter shall meet the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sunday of each month, except May (Mother's Day) and August (Buzzard National Tournament). The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May and the National Tournament in August will be considered as the monthly meeting. The chapter meetings will be held at various bowling establishments in the Dallas Metroplex, which will be voted on by the members at the June meeting. At this time, new Buzzard members will be introduced and all pertinent questions will be voted on. The highlight of the meeting will be the singles and crossovers on a 100% handicap of 210 basis, which is certified by USBC.
2. Bowling fees for members will be voted on at the May meeting to discuss known bowling

center rate changes. Bowling fees are broken down as follows.

- A. Bowling fees to the lanes
- B. Prize Fund
- C. \$.25 Secretary fee
- D. \$.25 Treasurer fee
- E. \$1.00 per bowling member to the Tournament Fund.

3. There will be four door prizes each month @ \$5.00 each, drawn from the General Fund. A member must attend the General Meeting and bowl in order to be eligible for door prizes unless a member is unable to bowl due to medical reasons. Winners must be present.
4. There will be crossover and separate prize funds for men and women, which will be paid on a 1 place for every 10 entries. In case of a tie for score winners, place money will be combined and divided equally on a 1 place for every 10 entries. Prize money will be paid at the next meeting. If winners are not present at the General Meeting, the money will be held for an additional, two (2) meetings and then placed into the General Fund. The Board of Directors may waive this rule if they determine there is a medical reason.
5. New and re-instated members bowl with their highest current Dallas book average for first six (6) games at which time they use their 6 game Buzzard average. In September all Buzzard Chapter members will use their average determined in the following order:
  - A. Previous Dallas Buzzard Chapter season average of 21 or more games; if none
  - B. Highest new Dallas USBC book average will be used; if none
  - C. A member who does not have either of the above averages will set their average during their first 3-game series and use the moving average method thereafter.

All members who use an average determined in (a) or (b) above, will use their entering average for six (6) games and then they will use their Buzzard Chapter average.
6. When a member re-qualifies as a Buzzard, 3 splits in a row in one game, during our Chapter meeting and/or any certified event, verified by the league Secretary, team captain or Fellow/Lady Buzzard, they she must pay \$.50 into a separate kitty and \$.50 for each consecutive split thereafter. Eligible members will bowl for this kitty during our September meeting each year. The highest number of splits in the three game series will determine the winner. In the event of a tie, the first game will determine the winner. There will not be a separate prize fund for men and women. Monies will be paid on a 1 place for every 10 entries.
7. King and Queen Buzzard will be determined by the number of splits acquired throughout the year. The Buzzard year is from September through the following August. To be eligible, a member must have bowled at least eighteen (18) games or one-half of the season. An award will be presented to the King and Queen at the annual officer installation function.
8. At the monthly singles tournament a nickel (\$.05) will be paid for each split by each split by members. The man and woman having the highest number of splits will receive this money at next monthly meeting. In case of a tie, the first game will determine the winner, etc.
9. The Board of Directors will meet ½ hour before the General Meeting and the General

Meeting will be held one (1) hour prior to bowling at which time the Roberts Rules of Order will go into effect. Prize monies will be given out and new members will be introduced during the General Meeting. Every attempt will be made to maintain the above schedule. The number of bowlers per lane will be 4, unless space necessitates more. The meeting time for the Board of Directors will be from 12:00 pm. To 12:30 pm. and the General Meeting will be held from 12:30 p.m. To 1:30 pm.

No smoking will be allowed in the meeting room during the Board of Directors meeting or the General Meeting. If either meeting is an open area, no smoking will be permitted within 25 feet of the meeting area.

- . 10. Any changes to Constitution or By-Laws will be proposed and voted on at the July meeting. These changes will come from the rules committee appointed by the Board of Directors or directly from members at the July meeting. A 2/3 majority of those present is needed to change or add any new legislation. Special meetings can be called by the Board of Directors to vote on any changes. Members must be notified in the newsletter of any Special Meetings.
11. In the event that The Buzzard Club of America – Dallas Chapter holds an annual pastry sale, the distribution of the proceeds will be voted on two months prior to the said pastry sale.
12. The Board of Directors shall determine a designated frame each month, and members who have an open frame in that frame will pay \$.25 for that open, which will be deposited into the Tournament Fund.

#### **ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Dallas Chapter of Directors shall consist of six (6) officers. The Board of Directors shall decide on any dispute or protest and it is within its power to discipline any member for violating any provision of this Constitution and By-Laws, or for any conduct derogatory to the best interest of this chapter. It shall have authority to expel any member for good and sufficient reason.

If a member of the Board of Directors is absent for two months (without sufficient reason, determined by other Board members) the office will be declared vacant. A replacement shall be appointed by the President immediately. An officer must notify another officer if he/she will not be present at the monthly officers meeting. Officers late for the monthly meeting will be fined a \$1.00 unless another officer is notified.

#### **ARTICLE V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. Election of officers will be held at the monthly meeting in July of each year by secret ballot. If there are more than two nominees for one of the offices on the first ballot and no nominee gets over 50% of the votes cast on the first ballot, there will be a runoff between the top two vote-getting nominees. Ballots will be cast for one office at a time, beginning with highest office running, followed by next office, and so forth. A member may be nominated for more than one office. The new officers will be installed at a function prior to the September meeting each year. The type and details of the function will be approved by the membership at the July meeting prior to the function. Attire should be appropriate with the theme and in good taste. The theme will be up to the officer and his/her committee. New officers will assume their office at the September meeting.

2. If an officer of the Buzzard Club resigns during their term, he/she will not be eligible for re-election to any office for a period of not less than two (2) years from the date of resignation unless approved by the Board of Directors and a quorum vote of the general membership. Resignation may be given to the President written or verbally the President will then immediately appoint a replacement.
3. An officer may be re-elected each year, if agreeable to them. They must also be acceptable to the membership.

In order to vote you must be a member in good standing in the Dallas Buzzard Club.

## **ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **1. PRESIDENT:**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Directors. President shall arrange to have the Treasurer open an account in a recognized bank in the name of the chapter, with the signature of at least two (2) officers required for all withdrawals. President shall audit and verify the bank balance monthly. When a vacancy occurs in office, the President shall appoint a replacement until the next election. If the office of Presidency becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the Vice-presidents in the order of their titles. The new President shall then appoint a Vice-President. President shall appoint necessary committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all of them except the Nominating Committee. President shall be the chief executive of the chapter, and as such, enforce all the provisions, object and purposes thereof. President shall perform such other duties, which pertain to the presidential office and should make a report in writing with their recommendations at the annual meeting in August. shall submit a timely expense report to the Treasurer and shall be reimbursed for any justified personal expenses. The President shall represent the chapter at any other functions.

### **2. VICE-PRESIDENTS**

**A. FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** First Vice-President will, in the absence of the President, perform all duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required. First Vice-President must also keep the Buzzard scrapbook and be responsible for the chapter publicity. First Vice-President will get a written price quote from all centers and present the prices, a choice of centers for the upcoming year, to the members at the June meeting, for the coming year and will then be voted on. Crossovers will be taken and controlled by the First Vice-President.

**B. SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:** Second Vice-President will, in the absence of the President and/or the First Vice-President, perform all duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required. Second Vice-President will act as Chairman of the Social Committee. Second Vice-President will appoint other committees as needed. Second Vice-President will submit accurate records of disbursements for all activities. Second Vice-President will be responsible for the sending of flowers and cards. Flowers will be sent for the death of a Buzzard Club member or immediate family (spouse or child). Cards will be sent for a Buzzard Club member who is ill or has had surgery.

3. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary is the recording officer of the Chapter and custodian of its records. Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the chapter, Board of Directors and committees. Copies of the minutes will be provided upon request. Secretary shall keep a current membership roll each month, adding new members and deleting

delinquent members as notified by the Treasurer. Secretary shall have charge of and conduct the correspondence of the chapter except as otherwise provided. Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all bowling scores and averages and prepare a standing sheet showing all pertinent data. Secretary shall have all monthly scores out to other members of the board within 14 days of the preceding monthly meeting. Secretary shall perform all other duties as required by the USBC of a league secretary. The Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating Committee. Secretary shall handle the re-qualification kitty, which is bowled for in September.

4. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall establish an account in a recognized bank in the name of "The Buzzard Club of America – Dallas Chapter". Arranging that the monthly bank statements be sent to the Treasurer and further that the signatures of two (2) officers be required for all withdrawals. Treasurer must deposit all funds within one week after each meeting (except the re-qualification kitty fund). Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies paid to the chapter and the disbursements thereof, and an account of all monthly dues and contributions paid by members. Treasurer shall present a current financial statement at each meeting of the General and Tournament Funds. He/she shall collect all entry fees from members participating in the monthly bowling and pay the bowling fees to the lanes. Treasurer shall notify a member who becomes delinquent in dues in the first month of delinquency and submit a list of those delinquencies to the President and Secretary. Treasurer shall verify money is correct for each new application, initial application, give the information to the Secretary, and immediately turn application over to the President.
5. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** The Sergeant-At-Arms must maintain order during the meetings. Sergeant-At-Arms must count the votes whenever a show of hands or an Aye/Nay vote is taken, and shall perform such duties as may be requested of them by the President or the Board of Directors.

All officers shall transfer to their successors all records, funds, and equipment belonging to the chapter within 30 days.

#### **ARTICLE VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least 2 members (volunteers) with membership in our chapter of at least one year in good standing to be appointed by the President, by the June meeting. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to seek members interested in running for office, and members of this committee will excuse themselves from counting votes should a candidate for office be a relative.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. RULES COMMITTEE**

The Rules Committee shall consist of at least 2 members (volunteers) in good standing in the USBC for one (1) year. The members must have been members of our chapter for at least one year and in good standing. It shall be the duty of the committee to formulate any future rules and regulations and deemed necessary to the function of this chapter, to be brought before the chapter and voted on at the July meeting for the following fiscal year. This committee will be appointed by the June meeting by the President.

## **ARTICLE IX. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee shall consist of at least 2 members (volunteers) with membership in our chapter for at least one year in good standing. The committee shall audit the books at the end of the fiscal year and provide a written report to chapter members. This committee will be appointed by the June meeting by the President.

## **ARTICLE X. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee shall consist of no less than the officers of the chapter. The committee will appoint a Tournament Director and assign any subcommittees as needed. All Tournament Committees and subcommittees proposals involving chapter funds should be submitted to the general membership for vote approval.

## **ARTICLE XI. NEWSLETTER**

A Buzzard newsletter shall be sent to each member in good standing every month within 10 days of the next General Meeting by the President. Members are required to notify the President of any change in their physical and or email address.

## **ARTICLE XII. BUZZARD CLUB DRESS**

Buzzard National Tournament or monthly meetings dress: Buzzard shirt, slacks, jeans, skirt, or shorts. Shorts must be loose fitting walking shorts; no spandex or gym shorts will be allowed.

The official Buzzard Chapter shirt/blouse will be black with a collar, white lettering and a picture of a Buzzard on the back. Buzzard members are required to purchase an official Buzzard Chapter shirt/blouse within their first sixty (60) days. After receiving a Buzzard Chapter shirt/blouse it must be worn at all chapter bowling activities or pay a \$1.00 fine. Men or women who attend the General Meeting only, and do not bowl, are not required to follow the Buzzard dress code. Short and skirts must be in good taste as judged by the Board of Directors. Buzzard members not in compliance with this dress code will not be allowed to participate in that month's bowling. The Board of Directors may waive these rules if they determine there is a medical reason or extenuating circumstances.

A member may be asked by any other member to remove or cover his/her Buzzard shirt/blouse if the member's actions are deemed detrimental to the reputation of the chapter.

Officers will be furnished an office nameplate (ex. Dallas Buzzard Club, President), that is to be worn at all Buzzard Club functions. Failure to wear the nameplate will result in a fine of \$1.00. If the nameplate is lost or misplaced, it is that officer's responsibility to replace said nameplate, and that officer shall be held responsible for the cost of the replacement. When his/her term of office is completed, the badge will be passed on to the new officer.

## **ARTICLE XII. PLAQUE**

The chapter will furnish a plaque in honor of active Buzzards who have passed away since the beginning of the chapter.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. BINDING TIME OF BY-LAWS**

The approved changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of this chapter shall be binding for not less than a period of one year.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

This revised Constitution and By-Laws were voted and adopted on this 11th day of July 2010, by the Dallas Chapter and is to replace any other previously. These by-laws will take effect September 1, 2010.