**University of Wisconsin Whitewater Intercollegiate Bowling Club
Constitution 2023-24**

**ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION NAME** A. The name of this organization shall be the University of Wisconsin Whitewater Intercollegiate Bowling Club.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE** A. The purpose of the University of Wisconsin Whitewater Intercollegiate Bowling Club is to organize interested students
 with the following goals in mind:
 i. To select members of the club for participation in United State Bowling Congress Collegiate certified
 competition on a national level;
 ii. To improve both bowling and life skills of members of this club;
 iii. To provide an opportunity for student bowlers, regardless of skill level or abilities, to meet each other and
 discuss their personal interests in the sport of bowling.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP** A. The membership of this club shall consist of any interested University of Wisconsin Whitewater students.
 i. EXCEPTION: current members of the University’s Women’s NCAA Varsity program, due to NCAA eligibility rules.
 ii. The club may hire a coaching staff to assist members of the club, either individually or with matters of the club
 as a whole, that are not current students or employees of the University. These coaches will have the same
 rights as other members of the club with regard to club issues.
 B. This club shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, religion, age, ancestry, national origin,
 disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, political affiliation, material or parental status, veteran’s status, or arrest or
 conviction record.
 i. Bowlers who have a currently suspended membership status with the United States Bowling Congress would be
 ineligible for membership within the Club. Once a bowler is reinstated by the United States Bowling Congress,
 that bowler would immediately be eligible for club membership.
 C. Club members, and coaching staff if applicable, have the right to participate in any and all practice session of this club.
 Each member of the club is entitled to one vote per voting issue.
 i. EXCEPTION: Certain Executive Committee issues, which are detailed in the By-laws, may have separate voting
 rights and privileges.
 D. All club members are required to have a current “Code of Conduct” agreement on file with the club.

**ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** A. The officers of the club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Captain/Co-Captains. Anyone
 elected to the Great Lakes Bowling Conference Executive Board shall also serve on the UWW Executive Committee.
 i. Any elected officer of the club can also serve as the club Treasurer if the membership so desires. That officer
 will receive no extra privileges by serving in dual positions.
 B. Active Club members shall elect officers from the club membership during the final meeting of the spring semester for a
 one-year term.
 C. Club President shall have a minimum of one year’s experience as an Executive Committee member.
 i. In the event that no one with one year’s experience as an Executive Committee member is available to nominate
 for President, the club may nominate potential President candidates “from the floor” to be voted on by club
 members.
 D. The officers, any coaches, and the assigned Club Advisor shall serve as the Executive Committee. The Club Advisor will
 be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee regarding decisions made by the committee.

**ARTICLE V: COACHES** A. Coaches can be hired by the club, with the approval of the student members of the Executive Committee. Any coach
 hired by the student members of the Executive Committee shall be “contracted” with the club. Members of the club as
 a whole are responsible for payment of any funds agreed to in a contract with a coach or coaches.
 B. If a coach is contracted by the club, that contract shall be for no more than one school year in length.
 C. Coaches can assist in representing the club with United States Bowling Congress communications, and can assist the club
 when dealing with club matters on campus with other University of Wisconsin Whitewater organizations and the
 University’s Recreation Sports Department.

**ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS, CLUB ADVISOR AND, COACHES** A. President
 i. In coordination with a coach, or by themselves in the absence of a coach, the President will:
 a. Act as club spokesperson at intercollegiate bowling events, and in absence of a coach, assume
 leadership of the team regarding rosters, lineups, substitutions, lane play, etc. b. Coordinate club hosting of Great Lakes Bowling Conference (when hosted by club) and Warhawk Open.
 c. In the absence of an Executive Committee Member, assume the duties and responsibilities until a
 replacement has been elected.
 d. Attend all UWW Sport Club meetings.
 B. Vice President
 i. In coordination with a coach, or by themselves in the absence of a coach, the Vice President will:
 a. Act as public relations specialist for the club, including fund raising activities, Great Lakes Bowling
 Conference events, and press releases to local media.
 b. Collect bowler profile data, including Code of Conduct forms.
 c. Provide recruiting information to prospective new University of Wisconsin Whitewater students.
 C. Secretary
 i. In coordination with a coach, or by themselves in the absence of a coach, the Secretary will:
 a. Keep team standings and totals for event competition, including club website updates.
 b. Keep practice attendance records for club.
 c. All necessary paperwork, entry forms, and communications, including United States Bowling Congress
 Collegiate needs, proxy form collection for club business meetings and other events as needed.
 ii. . Arrange travel and lodging for traveling team members for intercollegiate bowling events.
 D. Treasurer
 i. In coordination with a coach, or with the Club Advisor in the absence of a coach, the Treasurer will:
 a. Maintain record of club membership dues, club budget allocations from the University’s Recreation
 Center or Whitewater Student Government, other income from fundraising activities, and all
 expenditures for club expenses.
 b. Print and report detailed club financial status to coaches on a monthly basis.
 c. Attend all UWW Sport Club meetings.
 d. Submit forms for reimbursement within 48 hours of each tournament and deposit all monies collected
 within 24 hours of receiving it. Also, will have all payments for coaches by the contracted dates.
 E. Captain/Co-Captains
 i. Will facilitate all practices, with regiments provided by the coaches or President in the absence of a coach.
 ii. Will serve as the voice of the team to the coaching staff.
 iii. Will be a role model for all players in every aspect relating to the team.

F. Club Advisor
 i. Assist student members of the club with operations of the club, including developmental programs and club
 issues with the University Recreation Center, Whitewater Student Government and Recreation Sports.
 ii. In the absence of a coach contracted by the club, the Club Advisor shall handle duties of the coach as well,
 except for (vi.) below.
 iii. Ensure that the activities and undertakings of the club are sound and reflect favorably on the University.
 G. Coaches
 i. Will assist with the day-to-day operations of the club, including supervision of team practice sessions and
 tournament events.
 ii. Will assist the Club Advisor with the developmental programs and club issues with the University Recreation
 Center, Whitewater Student Government, and Recreational Sports.
 iii. Provide expertise and mature judgment to club members.
 iv. The club Executive Committee will work with the coaches for planning of club events and tournaments for the
 upcoming season.
 v. The coaches will have no access to deposit or withdraw funds from the club accounts, however, should be
 provided monthly updates from the Treasurer.
 vi. During tournament events, the judgment of the coaches for issues dealing with rosters, lineups, substitutions,
 lane play, disciplinary matters, etc. will be final.

**ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS** A. Formal club business meetings called by the Executive Committee (excluding practice sessions), will be conducted under
 *Robert’s Rules of Order*.
 B. Meetings can be called by a minimum of two members of the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM** A. The minimum number of members of this club needed to conduct business shall be a majority of the Executive
 Committee officers and a majority of ACTIVE general membership for that year.
 i. A member is considered active if they have participated in a club practice session at least twice in the previous
 30 days and is current with membership dues and meets the academic standards set in the clubs Code of
 Conduct.
 B. Proxy votes can be made by members unable to attend any business meeting. The proxy vote form must be returned to
 the club Secretary prior to the business meeting, and the form must designate an attending club member for the absent
 member’s vote.

**ARTICLE IX: ELECTION OF OFFICERS** A. Any club member may submit nominations of officers. Nominations shall be due during the annual spring club business
 meeting to elect officers for the next school year.
 B. Elections shall be held at the last club business meeting each spring.
 i. Only returning active players will be eligible to vote for the Executive Committee members.
 C. Club officers will be elected by a simple majority vote of the club membership.
 D. Term of the elected club officers shall be until the following year’s spring club business meeting.
 i. If an officer leaves or becomes inactive within the club during a competitive season (prior to the end of the United
 States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Nationals), a business meeting shall be called as soon as possible to nominate
 and elect a replacement for the vacated position.

**ARTICLE X: CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS** A. This constitution may be amended by being brought before club members at a scheduled club business meeting. Any
 amendment, if passed, will take effect as soon as it is filed and approved by the Student Organizations Committee and
 placed on file with the Recreation and Club Sports Office and Campus Activities and Programs Office. An amendment
 must receive an affirmative vote from ¾ of all active club members, whether in attendance or by proxy vote.
 B. This constitution shall be ratified by an affirmative vote from ¾ of all active club members, whether in attendance at a
 regular business meeting or by proxy vote for that meeting.
 C. This constitution shall not become valid until a copy of said constitution is filed and approved by the Student
 Organizations Committee and placed on file with the Recreation and Club Sports Office and Campus Activities and
 Programs Office.