

Constitution of the Men's Bowling Club at IU

The Men's Bowling Club at IU is in existence to provide a resource for keglers in the Bloomington, Indiana community. It will hold weekly social meetings as well as offer the opportunity for members to represent Indiana University at collegiate tournaments. The club is based at the Back Alley in the Indiana Memorial Union Recreation Center.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

- i. The Men's Bowling Club at IU allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
- ii. There will be no limit to the number of club members participating in the Men's Bowling Club at IU; however, all board officers must currently be enrolled at Indiana University, Bloomington.
- iii. In addition to the general membership rules, athletes on the competitive traveling collegiate team must abide by United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Collegiate eligibility guidelines, to include the following:
 - a. Credit Hours – All student athletes (graduate/under graduate) shall, at the time of competition, be registered as full time students at Indiana University, Bloomington and currently attending classes which:
 - i. Shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter undergraduate hours for undergraduate student athletes.
 - ii. Shall not be less than 6 actual semester or quarter hours for graduate student athletes.
 - b. Grade Point Average – Student athletes must maintain a minimum cumulative overall grade point average not less than:
 - i. A 2.0 GPA at institutions on a 4.0 scale.
 - ii. A 3.0 GPA at institutions on a 5.0 scale.
 - iii. Any organization with GPA less than USBC Collegiate may use that organization's requirements so long as all participants are from that organization.
- iv. General membership in the Men's Bowling Club at IU is contingent on payment of bi-yearly dues. Dues will be paid at the beginning of each academic semester.
- v. In the event that a member violates a student code of conduct or does not meet organization requirements, the member may be removed from the organization.
 - a. If this were to be under consideration, a meeting with the officers would first occur. They will discuss the issue at hand and determine whether or not the

member will be removed. If they agree, they will speak with the member formally and remove him from the organization.

ARTICLE II: UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

The Executive Board will govern the Bowling Club at IU. The board will consist of the offices of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. These officers will coordinate their efforts with the general club membership and with guidance from the advisor ensure the smooth and fair operation of the Men's Bowling Club at IU.

- i. President:
 - a. Accurately represent the voice and opinions of the Men's Bowling Club at IU.
 - b. Offer short and long term direction for the club.
 - c. Keep advisor current of club activities.
 - d. Act as overall leader of the Executive Board.
 - e. Develop meeting agendas.
 - f. Develop social activities for at large membership.
 - g. Coordinate to obtain first aid certifications, retain liability waivers, and collect emergency contact information.
 - h. Re-register the organization annually
- ii. Vice President:
 - a. Preside over club operations in absence of President.
 - b. Conduct financial duties of club in absence of Treasurer.
 - c. Assist to coordinate to obtain first aid certifications, retain liability waivers, and collect emergency contact information.
- iii. Treasurer:

- a. Collect membership dues.
 - b. With assistance from advisor, develop and maintain club budget.
 - c. With assistance of secretary, maintain records of club finances.
 - d. Maintain Student Organizations Account records for club.
- iv. Secretary:
- a. Document minutes for meetings; maintains copies of minutes.
 - b. Coordinate with advisor to handle tournament and university generated paperwork and processes.
 - c. Keep up to date records of all club members.
 - d. Act as Men's Bowling Club at IU historian by documenting and maintain statistics and significant events during club operations.
- v. Requirements and Specifications for Officers:
- 1. Officers must have paid their dues for the respective semester they are running for office in at the time of voting.
 - 2. Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher as recorded from previous semester.
 - 3. Officers' terms will be one year in length starting from date elected. This will allow new members a chance to participate as well as allow for continuity during traditional non-academic periods.
 - 4. Officers may reapply for same or different position each election cycle.
 - 5. Officers may be removed from their position for not fulfilling duties and responsibilities of position elected to, or conduct detrimental to the Men's Bowling Club at IU, or violations of student code of ethics.
 - a. An emergency meeting will be called and with the agreement of the majority of members present, the officer will be removed.
 - b. Vacancy will be filled by anonymous ballot as in normal general elections. To allow time for candidate nominations, voting will take place at next regular scheduled meeting.

6. Minimum of two officers on the executive board will be members of the competitive traveling collegiate team.

ARTICLE IV: ADVISOR/COACH

- i. The advisor will provide positive support to the Men's Bowling Club at IU. The advisor will offer guidance and insight for successful operation of the club. The advisor will not be able to vote.
- ii. The advisor must be a full time staff/faculty member of Indiana University Bloomington.
- iii. The coach will coordinate efforts with the advisor to ensure proper and current information concerning status of competitive traveling collegiate team members is available and routed to correct departments within Indiana University and the USBC.
- iv. The coach will be required to travel with the competitive team to tournaments and provide supervision and support to the team.
- v. The advisor/coach position(s) are filled by a majority vote from members of the Men's Bowling Club at IU.
- vi. The advisor/coach may be the same person and must meet all requirements of the Men's Bowling Club at IU and the Indiana University Student Activities Organization.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

- i. Once a week meetings with the general membership of the Men's Bowling Club at IU will be conducted. Members will be notified about the meetings via email. The meetings will held prior to any organized practice or event on that day. Scheduling of the meetings will be determined after membership organization in September.
- ii. The President will conduct the meetings as previously stated.
- iii. Emergency meetings, if necessary, will be called by the President who will be responsible to contact all club members with specifics.
- iv. The coach will establish practice schedules in conjunction with the competitive traveling collegiate team after tryouts. At the discretion of the players and coach, separate individual sessions will be coordinated as to not conflict with team practice times.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

- i. Within two weeks after completion of tryouts for the competitive traveling team, annual general elections will be held; or by 1 October, whichever will occur first.
 - a. Elections can be held only if, two thirds of the club members are present, as well as all heads of club including the positions: Treasurer, Vice President, and President.
- ii. Any member meeting the requirements of an office on the executive board may seek office.
- iii. Voting will be conducted anonymously and supervised by the current advisor.

ARTICLE VII: ANTI-HAZING POLICY

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES AND BUDGET

- i. The Executive board of the Men's Bowling Club at IU will establish dues for members desiring to join the club. Dues will be set at a level deemed necessary and may be changed at the start of the academic year as needed to fit the needs of the Bowling Club at IU.
- ii. Dues will be collected each semester by the start of October and start of February. Members not paying dues will not be entitled membership in the Men's Bowling Club at IU nor will they be able to receive any benefits of said association.
- iii. The treasurer and advisor will develop and follow a budget for the Men's Bowling Club at IU.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

- i. A reasonable fee for use of the Back Alley in the Indiana Memorial Union will be negotiated between the director of the Back Alley and the Executive Board.
- ii. The Men's Bowling Club at IU must use its Student Organization Account for all financial transactions conducted.

- iii. If the Men's Bowling Club at IU is dissolved any remaining monies will be turned over to the Women's Bowling Club at Indiana University.
- iv. If the Women's club is also dissolved, then monies will be ceded to the Back Alley with intentions of the funds be used to improve and maintain the bowling facility.

ARTICLE X: PERSONAL GAIN CLAUSE

- i) **This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.**
- ii) When the Men's Bowling Club at IU travels to a tournament and pays the entrance fee and expenses using funds from the organization account, any monetary winnings will be put back into the organization's account. Only if a member participates in a tournament and pays their own expenses independently of the team may they keep any monetary earnings.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS

- i. Amendments to the constitution may be voted upon at any time during the year. A majority of the members of the Men's Bowling Club at IU must be in concurrence of the revision for it to pass. If an amendment is successful, then a complete copy of the revised constitution must be submitted to the Student Activities Office for approval.
- ii. By-laws to the Men's Bowling Club at IU constitution will be reviewed yearly by the executive board, coach, and advisor.

ARTICLE XII: PHYSICAL SAFETY AND LIABILITY

- i. Although there is limited physical risk in bowling all members of the bowling club will be required to sign a liability waiver absolving the club and university of responsibility in the case of an injury.
- ii. To help further minimize the chance of injury for club members they will receive proper instruction on how to bowl safely along with proper stretching exercises to further help prevent injuries. These instructions and stretching exercises will be in accordance with USBC standards.

ARTICLE XIII: TRANSPORTATION

- i. All club members, coaches, and advisors will follow all university rules and regulations regarding transportation to and from all tournaments and practices. The Men's Bowling Club at IU will adhere to the policy set forth by the Office of Public Safety & Institutional Assurance.
- ii. All drivers will be required to have a driving record on check with the University no matter if they are driving a personal vehicle, a rented vehicle, or a vehicle used from the university motor pool.

ARTICLE XIV: CHILD WELFARE

- i. If any club members will be working with children under the age of 18 they will be required to follow all university policies regarding working with minor children.
- ii. If the club will be having an event where minor children may be present or club members will be working with minor children one member present must have a background check on file with the university and that member must have completed forms and checked all members present through the Indiana Sexual and Violent Offender Database to make sure no members are registered offenders.
- iii. Whenever any club member is working with or present where a minor child may be or is present they must take all due care to make sure no harm comes to any minor children that may be at that location. Also if a club member is present and they see anything inappropriate or feel that anything inappropriate occurred, involving a minor child they are required to report it to local law enforcement authorities, any leadership present at said event or location, and club leadership including the club advisor.