

CHAPTER V

ABC/WIBC/YABA SPORT BOWLING

Sport Bowling is a program developed by the ABC, WIBC and YABA consisting of leagues and tournaments where lane conditions and equipment are controlled to place the emphasis on the bowler's skills. To be officially recognized by ABC/WIBC/YABA as a Sport Bowling league or tournament, a Sport Bowling application must be submitted and approved prior to the beginning of competition,

The following rules were approved by the ABC, WIBC and YABA Boards of Directors in accordance with the authority granted them in Article 6, Item g of the ABC Constitution, Article V, Section B of the WIBC Bylaws, and Article IV, Section M of the YABA Bylaws. The rules included in this chapter are unique to Sport Bowling. In the absence of a rule or specification, the ABC, WIBC and YABA rules and specifications governing standard leagues and tournaments shall be followed for Sport Bowling competition.

Definition - Sport Bowling League

Rule 200. A Sport Bowling league is defined as a league meeting the following requirements:

- a. The league application is approved by ABC/WIBC/YABA prior to the start of competition.
- b. The league's entire schedule takes place in a center complying with Rule 210.
- c. All rules and specifications for Sport Bowling are adhered to.
- d. Local association(s) with jurisdiction must be utilizing WinLABS (ABC/WIBC only).

Definition - Sport Bowling Tournament

Rule 201. A Sport Bowling tournament is defined as a tournament meeting the following requirements:

- a. The tournament application is approved by ABC/WIBC/YABA prior to the start of competition.
- b. All competition takes place in a center complying with Rule 210.
- c. All rules and specifications for Sport Bowling are adhered to.

Membership

Rule 202. All bowlers participating in ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling leagues must pay or provide proof of payment of the \$9.00 Sport Bowling membership dues in addition to all required standard ABC/WIBC membership dues. Unless required by tournament rule, participants in Sport Bowling tournaments are not required to be Sport Bowling members.

YABA members may participate in YABA Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments with standard YABA membership.

Substitutes in ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling leagues are permitted to participate in one league session per season without the requirement to purchase Sport Bowling membership if they have already purchased ABC or WIBC standard membership for the current season. Only ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling members are eligible for ABC/WIBC Sport Bowling awards.

Basic membership dues for ABC Lifetime and WIBC Permanent members will be paid by the organization, but the bowler is responsible for paying the additional Sport Bowling dues.

Average Adjustment Scale

Rule 203. The scale found on page 49 would be used to adjust Sport Bowling averages upward, as required, for use in standard competition.

Average Adjustment - League

Rule 204. A bowler must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Scale (see Rule 203) and identify themselves as a Sport Bowler if the:

- a. Bowler is entering a standard league; and
- b. The league's entering average rule requires the bowler to use the average; and
- c. Bowler does not have a standard league average from the same season(s) specified in the league's entering average rule as the Sport Bowling average.

A bowler is required to submit their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Scale (see Rule 203) in leagues that use composite averages for entering and/or handicap purposes.

Nothing in this rule supersedes the league's authority to adjust a bowler's adjusted average higher prior to entering, A bowler's failure to comply with these provisions could result in forfeiture of games bowled.

Average Adjustment - Tournament

Rule 205. A bowler must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Scale (see Rule 203) and identify themselves as a Sport Bowler if the:

- a. Bowler is participating in a standard tournament; and
- b. Tournament's entering average rule requires the bowler to use the average; and
- c. Bowler does not have a standard league average from the same season(s) specified in the tournament's entering average rule as the Sport Bowling average.

A bowler is required to submit their adjusted Sport Bowling league average utilizing the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Scale (see Rule 203) in tournaments that use composite averages for entering and/or handicap purposes.

Compliance with ABC/WIBC Rule 319a, Item 2 and Rule 319e will be determined based on the bowler's adjusted Sport Bowling league average using the ABC/WIBC/YABA Average Adjustment Scale (see Rule 203) or their standard league average, whichever applies.

Nothing in this rule supersedes tournament management's authority to adjust the bowler's adjusted average higher prior to bowling, A bowler's failure to comply with these provisions could result in disqualification.

Lane Dressing/Lane Dressing Inspections

Rule 206. Each league or tournament is responsible for arranging lane dressing inspections as required by ABC/WIBC/YABA for Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments. Games bowled on conditions not properly inspected or not complying with Sport Bowling lane dressing requirements, are not eligible for Sport Bowling awards and shall be issued standard ABC/WIBC/YABA awards.

Awards

ABC Rule 207. Special enhanced awards will be issued to Sport Bowling members who participate in Sport Bowling competition when the provisions of Rules 206 and 209 have been met, for the following accomplishments:

- Single game score of 300, 299, 298
- Three game series totaling 800 to 899
- Three game series totaling 900
- 11 strikes in a row, in a game of 297 or less
- Single game score of 100 pins over average
- Three game series totaling 700 to 799
- League high awards
- 210+ average award
- National high average award

A Sport Bowling member is eligible for one of each of the above awards per season. Standard ABC awards will be issued for all accomplishments not covered above. Scores bowled on noncomplying Sport Bowling conditions will be issued standard ABC awards.

WIBC Rule 207. Special enhanced awards will be issued to Sport Bowling members who participate in Sport Bowling competition when the provisions of Rules 206 and 209 have been met, for the following accomplishments:

- Single game score of 300, 299, 298
- Three game series totaling 800 to 899
- Three game series totaling 900
- 11 strikes in a row, in a game of 297 or less
- Single game score of 100 pins over average
- Three game series totaling 700 to 799
- 225 game/160 average
- 250 game/180 average
- League high awards
- 190+ average award
- National high average award

A Sport Bowling member is eligible for one of each of the above awards per season. Standard WIBC awards will be issued for all accomplishments not covered above. Scores bowled on noncomplying Sport Bowling conditions will be issued standard WIBC awards.

YABA Rule 207. Special enhanced awards will be issued to YABA members who participate in Sport Bowling competition when the provision of Rules 206 and 209 have been met, for the following accomplishments:

- Single game score of 300, 299, 298
- Three game series totaling 700 to 899
- 11 strikes in a row

A YABA member is eligible for one of each of the above awards per season. Standard YABA awards will be issued for all accomplishments not covered above. Scores bowled on noncomplying Sport Bowling conditions will be issued standard YABA awards.

Special Awards/Average Determination

Rule 208. In the application of ABC Rule 55c, WIBC Rules 55a and 55b and YABA Rule 501, Item 1, Sport Bowling averages can only be used when bowling in Sport Bowling competition.

Equipment Restrictions

Rule 209. Equipment designated by ABC/WIBC/YABA as not approved for use in Sport Bowling leagues and tournaments, cannot be used, Games bowled with unapproved Sport Bowling equipment are not eligible for ABC/WIBC/YABA Sport Bowling awards and shall be subject to forfeiture/disqualification.

Sport Center Certificate

Rule 210. Once a bowling center has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Rule 211, a certificate will be issued. The certificate is required for the center to host Sport Bowling competition, ABC/WIBC retains the authority to withdraw the certificate at its discretion and/or if the center fails to continue to meet the requirements of Rule 211. When ABC/WIBC find noncompliance with any of the requirements, the following will apply:

- a. The center will be notified by ABC/WIBC of the noncompliance and asked to correct the matter.
- b. If the noncompliance is not corrected before the next competition, ABC/WIBC will issue a warning to the center,
- c. Any center accumulating two warnings within a 12-month period will have its certificate withdrawn,
- d. If an appeal to the certificate withdrawal is not received by ABC/WIBC within 10 days of notification, the ABC/WIBC decision will be final.
- e. If there is an appeal, it will be heard by a committee comprised of ABC and/or WIBC Board Members.

Sport Center Requirements

Rule 211. In order to obtain and retain a Sport center certificate to host Sport Bowling competition, the center must:

- a. Be ABC/WIBC certified.
- b. Have a tape take up device and computerized optical reader.
- c. Have an approved Sport Bowling lane dressing inspection on file with ABC/WIBC.
- d. Have a Letter of Intent on file with ABC/WIBC stating the center will comply with all requirements.
- e. Be in compliance with all ABC/WIBC certification requirements in addition to all Sport Bowling lane dressing requirements.

Submission of Scores/Prize Winnings

Rule 212. The following are requirements for the submission of scores and prize winnings for Sport Bowling competition:

- a. For Sport Bowling leagues, the league secretary shall be responsible for submission of all scores to ABC/WIBC/YABA within 30 days after each league session.
- b. For Sport Bowling tournaments, the tournament manager shall be responsible for submitting all scores and a prize list to ABC/WIBC/YABA within 30 days of the tournament's conclusion.

**Sport League Average Adjustment to Standard Average
for the 2003-04 season. (August 1, 2003-July 31, 2004)**

Sport League Average	Adjusted Average	Sport League Average	Adjusted Average	Sport League Average	Adjusted Average
0-130	Same	160	172	190	208
131	135	161	173	191	209
132	137	162	174	192	210
133	139	163	176	193	211
134	140	164	178	194	212
135	142	165	179	195	213
136	144	166	180	196	214
137	145	167	181	197	214
138	147	168	183	198	215
139	148	169	184	199	216
140	149	170	185	200	217
141	150	171	187	201	218
142	150	172	188	202	219
143	151	173	189	203	220
144	152	174	190	204	221
145	153	175	192	205	222
146	154	176	193	206	223
147	155	177	194	207	224
148	157	178	195	208	225
149	158	179	196	209	226
150	160	180	198	210	228
151	161	181	199	211	229
152	162	182	200	212	230
153	163	183	201	213	231
154	165	184	202	214	231
155	166	185	203	215	232
156	167	186	204	216	233
157	168	187	205	217	234
158	170	188	206	218	235
159	171	189	207	219 and up	SL Ave +17

*Chart is subject to change each bowling season.