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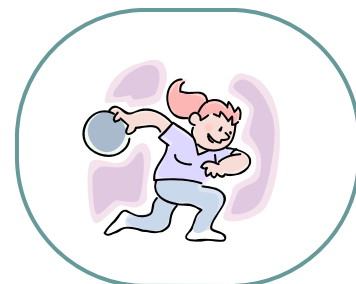
2012 SENIOR TOURNAMENT—MAIL-O-GRAPHIC

There will not be a senior tournament held in 2011 due to the decline in entries and bids from local associations. In an effort to increase entries, it will now be a mail-o-graphic tournament held in conjunction with the 2012 LA State USBC WBA Championship Tournament.

To enter the senior tournament, you must enter the doubles & singles events in the 2012 Championship Tournament. The scores that you bowl in your first set of doubles & singles event for the championship tournament will count as your scores for the senior tournament. All Events is optional. You may enter the senior tournament only once.

You may enter in advance or you may enter when you come to bowl the championship tournament. The fee to enter the senior tournament is as follows:

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| Doubles & Singles | \$21.00 (must enter both) |
| Handicap All Events | <u>\$ 4.00</u> (Optional) |
| Total | \$25.00* Per Bowler (\$50.00 per entry) |

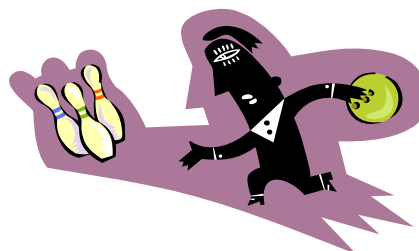


*This fee is in addition to the fees you must pay to bowl in the championship tournament. Essentially, you will be bowling two tournaments at one time.

Deadline to enter the 2012 Senior Tournament is February 25, 2012 at 2:00 pm, however, you **must** be entered in the 2012 Championship Tournament in order to bowl the 2012 Senior Tournament. **Deadline to enter the 2012 Championship Tournament is December 15, 2011.**

There are six divisions. They are as follows:

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| CLASS "A" (Division 1) Super Seniors ... 75 and Over |
| CLASS "B" (Division 2) 70-74 |
| CLASS "C" (Division 3) 65-69 |
| CLASS "D" (Division 4) 60-64 |
| CLASS "E" (Division 5) 55-59 |
| CLASS "F" (Division 6) 50-54 |



Note: Division 6—Class "F" does not qualify for the National Senior Tournament.

Entry forms are available on our website at: www.Louisianausbcwba.com.

Don't miss out on the fun! Enter today!

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2012 LA STATE USBC WBA ANNUAL MEETING

The Louisiana State USBC WBA Annual Meeting will be held on April 14, 2012 in Baton Rouge at the Holiday Inn South.

The annual meeting is open to all LA State USBC WBA members, however, you must be registered delegate to have voice and vote at the meeting. Each local association is allowed to have an appropriate number of delegates based on their membership. Information on delegates will be mailed/emailed to all local association managers in October.

Elections for the Louisiana State USBC WBA Board of Directors will take place at this meeting. Those that are up for re-election are as follows:

OFFICERS:

President
3rd Vice President
Sergeant-At-Arms

INCUMBENT:

Diana Thibodeaux, Alexandria
Cindy Pate, Lafayette
Jeanette Hess, Lafayette

DIRECTORS:

Susie Brown, Baton Rouge
Shirley Barras, Morgan City
Patsy Hall, Shreveport-Bossier
Kay Turner, Shreveport-Bossier



Eligibility requirements to run for the board are as follows:

A candidate for the board must be:

1. Must be a member in good standing of the USBC and the Louisiana State USBC WBA member at the time of election and throughout their term. She must remain a member of the Louisiana State USBC WBA throughout her term of office. The candidate must be actively involved in bowling (league or administrative responsibilities).
2. Elected or appointed without regard to race, color, religion, gender, disability, national origin, or age, other than the minimum age of 14 years, unless state laws mandate a specific age and be reasonably representative of the membership. "Gender" does not apply to WBA.
 - a. Any member of the board authorized to sign contracts or acting as a signatory on association accounts must be a minimum age of 18.
 - b. A maximum of three bowling center proprietors may serve on the board at one time. A proprietor is an individual who is the owner, partner, or corporate officer of a bowling center or group of bowling centers. Excluded from the definition of proprietor is an individual who owns 25% or less of the equity shares, or who is inactive in the management of the bowling center and remains so during a term as an officer or director. (BA or WBA only)
3. If bowling, you must be bowling in at least one sanctioned American tenpin league. An officer or director may accept nomination and run for election for another office on the state board of directors without resigning her present office. If defeated she completes her term.
4. A candidate must have participated in at least one Louisiana State USBC WBA Championship Tournament prior to nomination. Participation in the current year tournament shall fulfill this requirement.
5. A brief, concise statement of the experience and qualifications of each candidate must be included with the report of the nominating committee, and this statement must be presented by the committee at the time it makes its nominations. Running from the floor: **If someone is being nominated from the floor, their qualifications must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair with a copy to the LA STATE USBC WBA Office 24 hours prior to the start of the annual meeting.**

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2012 LA STATE USBC WBA ANNUAL MEETING—CONTINUED

Eligibility requirements to run for the board: (continued)

6. A candidate must have attended as a delegate, or as an officer or director of the LA STATE USBC WBA board of directors, two out of three meetings in the year's immediately preceding nomination. The year of nomination may be included in these attendance requirements.
7. To be eligible for nomination as an officer of the LA STATE USBC WBA, a candidate must have served at least one complete term (three years) as an officer or director of the LA STATE USBC WBA as of August 1 following election. If a candidate is elected, she must attend the annual meeting, two board meetings (June & October) and she must be available to work the championship tournament at least 2-3 weekends.

Please be advised that if someone plans to run for the board from the floor at the Annual Meeting, the deadline to submit these qualifications will be 1:00 pm, Friday April 13, 2012.

LA USBC WBA President Diana Thibodeaux has appointed the following 2011-2012 LA STATE USBC WBA Nominating Committee:

Chair: Faye Mathe', 34566 W. Dubuisson Road, Slidell, LA 70460
Direanda Lormand, P.O. Box 90253, Lafayette, LA 70509
Connie Pascale, 2797 Princess Street, Lake Charles, LA 70607
Beverly Salassi, 322 Country Club Blvd., Thibodaux, LA 70301-3708
Lynn Stuckey, 3656 Roy Road, Shreveport, LA 71107

2012 LA STATE USBC WBA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

This is a reminder that the 2012 Championship Tournament will be held at Petro Bowl in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Tournament dates are: January 21-22; 28-29, 2012; February 4-5; 11-12 & 25-26, 2012. We will not bowl the weekend of February 18-19, 2012 due to Mardi Gras.

There will only be one team division offered, due to the significant decrease in the 5-member team entries. You may bowl the team event three times, however, your first team will count for all events. Not more than 2 members on a four member team can bowl together on a second team and place in the prize list. A member may enter the doubles & singles events twice, but with a different doubles partner. Your first team, doubles & singles will count for all events. All events may be entered once.



The tournament will have two doubles & singles squads on Saturday—10:00 am and 2:00 pm. There will be two team squads on Sunday—9:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Doubles & Singles will be held on Saturday Only. Team will be held on Sunday Only.

The 10-pin rule is not in effect. Also, you do not have to get your Association Manager to verify your averages. If you do not have access to your averages, just send in the entry and we will have them verified for you.

Entry forms are available on our website at: www.Louisianausbcwba.com

Please be sure to enter the tournament early if you need a specific date. If you wait until the deadline, you may not get the dates and times you need.



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USBC INFORMATION

Officials anticipate big impact from 2012 bowling championship

When the U.S. Bowling Congress last held its open championship in Baton Rouge in 2005, the event created a \$70 million economic impact and drew record attendance figures of any host city outside the lone recurring host of Reno, Nevada. "Our goal is to beat that next year ... and I think we have a great shot at breaking that record," USBC Executive Director Stu Upson said this afternoon at a one-year out kickoff event for the 2012 open championship. Over the 151 days the event will take place in Baton Rouge, officials predict a \$100 million economic impact and 100,000 hotel stays created by the bowlers and visitors the event is expected to draw.



To gear up for the championship, a local organizing committee known as "Team Baton Rouge" has been created, composed of representatives of city-parish government, the Metro Council, the convention and visitors bureau, Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation, the River Center and the Downtown Development District. Free posters, lapel pins and other promotional gear will begin to be distributed to area businesses in January, while town meetings and hospitality training seminars will begin this fall. A website is also in the works.

Created in 1901, the open championship is the world's largest sporting event, drawing in 12,000 to 16,000 five-member teams each year. It is held in Reno every three years, and has been held in 48 other cities. No other city has brought the event back as quickly as Baton Rouge. "We come to Baton Rouge for one simple reason: Our bowlers love it here," says Upson. The open championship will be held at the River Center, and the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino has signed on as the first major sponsor. —**Steve Sanoski**

USBC MYTH BUSTERS

MYTH: USBC rules require bowling shoes to be worn during USBC competition.

BUSTED: USBC's only rule relating to shoes is Rule 12, "Approaches Must Not Be Defaced." Rule 12 prohibits soft rubber soles and heels that rub off the approach. Today, many bowlers are wearing a tennis shoe on the push-away foot to give more momentum and keep from sliding. Tennis shoes that do not leave a residue on the approach may be worn. Bowling centers, leagues and tournaments may have their own rules regarding the use of bowling shoes.

MYTH: Youth can compete in tournaments using bowling balls with beer logos.

BUSTED: Beer logo bowling balls are USBC approved; however, legislation was recently passed to eliminate the use of bowling balls depicting alcohol in any USBC Youth tournaments. Other restrictions in USBC Youth tournament play are no equipment or apparel depicting tobacco, illegal substances, or inappropriate language or gestures.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Do you have any information you want to include in the newsletter? Hall of fame inductees, first 300, first 800, upcoming tournaments, etc. If so, please email it to: LWBASusie@cox.net. Or you can mail information to the Louisiana USBC WBA office at: 10643 Ranchwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

