

AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
National/Sanctioned Tournament Rules

Tournament Operation: USBC rules, regulations, and USBC accepted AWBA National/Sanctioned Tournament rules will govern this tournament. All entrants must be current members of the USBC and the AWBA and will be entitled all awards earned under sanctioning for this tournament.

Tournament Committee: The management and operation of this tournament shall be vested in the tournament director. He/she shall form a committee consisting of the current Chairman and Secretary of the AWBA and two (2) AWBA members living in or near the tournament site, who shall serve as assistant tournament directors, plus any other individuals of his/her choosing. The tournament director and his/her committee shall be responsible for all records keeping, official scoring and certification of the final position standings. One of the AWBA assistant tournament directors shall be responsible for the auditing of the tournament monies received and paid during the tournament.

Eligibility: Only bona-fide members of the AWBA, in good standing, shall be eligible to compete in an AWBA National Tournament. All disabled bowlers applying for membership in the AWBA must also belong to the USBC. Individuals who have been suspended by the AWBA or USBC are ineligible to compete in this tournament. All bowlers must bowl from a wheelchair and enter under his/her own name. Bowlers unattached to a USBC certified league, and not possessing a certified average, must bowl scratch. The AWBA does not allow multiple entries.

Closing Date: All entries must be postmarked no later than the first Post Office business day following the closing date set by the tournament director. Entries postmarked after that date may be deemed ineligible and returned. All entries must be completely filled out, and all applicable fees included with the entry, as well as documentation required to verify the stipulated average information. Incomplete entries may be deemed ineligible and returned. If an entrant is unable to compete, regardless of reason, all fees **except** that portion designated as prize fund, will be returned at the conclusion of the tournament.

Registration: All bowlers shall register at the Official tournament office at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the time his/her first squad of the day the tournament is scheduled. At that time his/her membership status will be confirmed and he/she will be presented with lane assignments and scheduling information. If the bowler cannot produce proof of membership, he/she must purchase the necessary membership card(s).

Entering Averages: Entrants will use his/her highest average of his/her current league, last year's book average or his/her AWBA adjusted tournament average, whichever is higher, regardless of pin difference. Tournament directors that fail to comply with this rule will have the sanction voided by action of the AWBA board members present and no awards will be recognized for said tournament.

If a bowler does not possess an average as specified above, he/she may substitute a certified summer league average for the previous year of a minimum of 21 games. If none of the abover applies, he/she must bowl scratch.

Penalties: If a bowler does not submit his/her highest average to the tournament director, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action. That action will cause him/her to forfeit all money and prizes won and face possible suspension from all AWBA tournaments for up to one (1) year.

Division Placement: Entrants must designate on his/her entry form whether he/she will enter the scratch division or the handicap division. Those opting to bowl in the handicap division will be placed in either the "A" or the "B" division according to the tournament rules and will be eligible for awards in the corresponding division.

Scratch Division: By total pin fall, the top eight (8) qualifying scratch scores bowled through the qualifying rounds will advance into match play competition. If a tie exists for 8th place, a full game will be bowled to determine the match play field. All other scratch bowlers will be placed accordingly as to pin fall for final position standings.

The bowler entered in the scratch division achieving the highest pin total after qualifying and match play will be declared the High Qualifier in the scratch division. If a tie exists for the high qualifier, a 9th and 10th frame tie-breaker will be bowled to determine the high qualifier.

All qualifying pins will be carried forward into match play for the head-to-head competition. Each game won in match play will be awarded thirty (30) bonus pins and in case of ties each bowler will receive fifteen (15) pins. The actual pin fall plus all bonus pins will be added to the qualifying total to determine position standings.

The top five (5) qualifiers after match play will compete in a stepladder roll off to determine the winner of the scratch division who will be declared the AWBA National Scratch Champion and shall receive the Richard Carlson Memorial Trophy, along with all other awards as appropriate.

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“A” Division: After the closing date, the tournament director shall place all entries, not entered in the scratch division in descending order by entering average. The “A” division shall comprise one-half of the entries entering the handicap division.

If in the process of making up the roster for the “A” division, he/she finds the split to have more than one individual with the same average, all like averages will be placed into the same division. Once the roster has been set, the tournament director shall not be required to further balance the divisions regardless of one or more bowlers drop out regardless of circumstances.

The top five (5) qualifiers of the “A” after qualifying, will compete in a stepladder roll off to determine the winner of the “A” division who will be declared the AWBA National “A” Division Handicap Champion and shall receive all other awards as appropriate.

“B” Division: The “B” division shall be those bowlers not placed into the “A” division as instructed above.

The top five (5) qualifiers of the “B” after qualifying, will compete in a stepladder roll off to determine the winner of the “B” division who will be declared the AWBA National “B” Division Handicap Champion and shall receive all other awards as appropriate.

Handicap percentage: The percentage of handicap used for sanctioned AWBA tournaments shall be the difference as calculated from 90% of 210 scratch pins. No calculations should be “hand figured” and no calculated value may not be rounded up.

Individual Awards: Awards will be based on the first twelve (12) games of qualifying in the scratch division and the fifteen (15) qualifying games in the “A” and “B” divisions. Bowlers will only be allowed to receive awards eligible in his/her respective division and the prize money will be split accordingly.

Adjusted Tournament Average: Whereas the AWBA has adopted an adjusted tournament average rule for singles competitions only, within the following parameters, to compel competitors to enter tournaments with the highest average of either his/her certified league average or adjusted tournament average regardless of pin difference. This rule applies to all sanctioned and non-sanctioned tournaments.

A: USBC rule 319 will not apply; money won has no bearing on potential tournament average adjustments of any individual competitor.

B: Qualifying tournaments will be those wheelchair events consisting of a minimum of twelve (12) games, sanctioned or non-sanctioned, to include those bowling in the previous 12 months prior to the closing date of the current event.

C: All bowlers having an adjusted tournament average will be subject to this rule:

1. if said adjusted tournament average is based on a minimum of two events, of a minimum of 12 games in the past 12 month period.
2. if the adjusted tournament average is higher than the highest certified league book average or current season certified league average of a minimum of 21 games.
3. if the adjusted tournament average is higher than the certified summer league average of a minimum of 21 games.
4. if the adjusted tournament average is based on not less than two (2) or more than three (3) most recent tournaments he/she has bowled in the preceding 12 month period. (One tournament cannot establish an adjusted tournament average).

[In cases where a bowler has only one qualifying tournament in the previous 12 month period, that tournament will be added together with the submitted entering average and divided by two (2) to compute his/her adjusted tournament average. If the resulting calculation is higher than the submitted entering average it will be assigned as the entering average for that individual. Calculations resulting in a lower average will be rejected.]

D: The AWBA designee shall be responsible for tracking adjusted tournament averages and will provide tournament directors with updates prior to closing dates of current tournament applications whenever possible.

E: All individuals affected by the adjusted tournament average will be mailed a confirmation with the adjusted average listed of that event. It remains the individuals bowlers responsibility to maintain his/her own record, including scores if a challenge is offered to the accuracy of the designee’s calculations.

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Adjusted Tournament Average continued: Exception: Bowlers that have been inactive for more than two (2) years may be allowed to enter the tournament by being assigned an average equal to the highest average of the division they most regularly competed within (scratch, "A" or "B") to reestablish his/her average using the adjusted tournament average for up to two tournaments. **(Adopted 2008 BOD Meeting)**

Special Equipment: No aid, device, or mechanism may be used in the delivery of the ball unless it has been previously submitted and approved by the AWBA New Equipment Committee. Each bowler must impart his/her own force or impetus to deliver the ball. Stick bowlers may use a helper to position the bowler at the foul line and/or assist in placing the ball prior to delivery. The use of a helper must be reported on the entry form.

Order of Bowling: The tournament director shall so schedule the order of bowling so that each bowler shall make a minimum of one change of "foursome" during the tournament. Lane assignments shall change with each scheduled shift. Each bowler shall successively and in regular order bowl on the lanes as assigned. Bowlers in the same division shall not be scheduled to bowl with only members in their own division... i.e., assignments shall include a mix of divisional bowlers. When it is required to bowl split shifts due to lack of sufficient lanes, the tournament director may schedule such shifts to be bowled consecutively.

Stick Helpers: Once the ball has been positioned, the helper must move him/herself away from the bowler before the ball is delivered. The helper may not hold or touch the bowler after the ball has been put in place. Helpers will be required to adhere to the AWBA dress code

Delay of Game: A bowler that has to leave the lanes (personal emergencies) after the commencement of bowling, shall have thirty (30) minutes make-up time in order to finish the frames/games missed. In cases of wheelchair breakdowns, the tournament director shall be advised of the delay. If, in his/her judgment the repairs shall be lengthy, he/she shall instruct the remaining bowlers to bowl 'out of turn'. After completion of the repairs, the bowler shall start bowling at the beginning of the next full game. He/she will be allowed to make up the missed frames or games after the completion of the scheduled shift. (A pacer may be used but is not mandatory when making up games.)

Steadying A Wheelchair: No aid, device, mechanism or person shall be allowed to steady the wheelchair unless it has been previously submitted and approved by the AWBA New Equipment Committee. In an emergency (wheelchair breakdown: a helper may steady or hold a wheelchair in position if approved by the Board of Director members attending the tournament. No part of the wheelchair (except the wheels) may touch the approach. No feet, hands, brace supports, counterweights or additional wheels can make contact with the floor.

Each bowler must impart his/her own force or impetus to deliver the ball. Electric chair users cannot use the force or impetus of the motor to aid in the delivery of the ball.

Blind Scores: "Blind scores" shall not be permitted in a National Sanctioned Tournament.

Fouls: Foul lights will be used for the entire competition. A slow rolling ball shall not constitute a foul. No part of the body shall make contact with the floor beyond the foul line during the delivery of the ball. No objects shall be placed on the approach, or near the foul line, except the wheels of the wheelchair. The wheelchair may not come in contact with any foreign object... i.e., the foul light housings, during the delivery of the ball.

Tardy Bowlers: Tardy bowlers arriving after the beginning of the scheduled shift in progress shall receive 'zero' for each frame missed, and shall be allowed to commence bowling in the next frame after the one in progress.

Scorekeepers: The 'telescore' shall be the official scorer of the National Tournament and is shall be the responsibility of each bowler to verify the accuracy of his/her score before signing his/her score sheet.

Tie Scores: In the event of a tie for 6th place or higher, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be bowled to break the tie. If the tie remains, additional 9th and 10th frames will be bowled until the tie is broken. Any other ties below 6th place will remain and the prize money split accordingly. Ties in the handicap divisions will be allowed the appropriate handicap for each frame (10% per frame.)

Misconduct/Unfair Tactics: Any bowler who, in the judgment of the tournament director, conduct themselves in an un-sportsmanlike manner, uses profanity, profane gestures, throws, bangs, hits fixtures, or who engages in improper tactics or conduct, including, but not limited to physical, verbal or taunting abuse toward other individuals, or becomes drunk, disorderly will be removed from the competition and disqualified. He/she shall forfeit his/her entry fee and rights to all tournament awards and prizes. There will be no drinking of alcoholic beverages during any portion of the tournament, unless otherwise stipulated by the tournament director.

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Resetting Pins: Bowlers shall be allowed one re-rack per game during the tournament play. All other re-racks must be approved by a member of the tournament committee. All re-racks during roll off competitions may be requested from the tournament director or his/her designee.

Dress Code: The AWBA dress code shall be neat, clean and in good taste. The following standards shall be enforced in all AWBA tournaments.

1. No headgear, hats, caps, headbands, bandannas, scarves, visors, sunglasses, or earphones.
2. No shorts, tee shirts or tank tops.
3. All shirts must have a butterfly or ribbed collar and be of plain design or may display bowling company logos or approved AWBA logos.
4. Women's blouses must be sleeved. Halter-tops, and blouses exposing the back are prohibited as are spaghetti straps.
5. Shirts shall not display inappropriate pictures or phrasing.

Appeals or Protests: All appeals or any protest must be made in writing and signed by the individual making such protests or appeal. After review of the appeal or protest the tournament director shall make a decision and rule accordingly. If the tournament director cannot resolve the dispute, the tournament committee shall meet and render their decision, which shall be final. (The appeal may be presented to the USBC under rule 329 for USBC certified tournaments.

Distribution of Prizes: the prize money and that portion of the entry fee designated for the prize fund shall be returned 100% to the bowlers in accordance with the best interest of the bowlers as determined by the AWBA National Tournament Rules Committee and the AWBA Board of Directors.

Merchandise Contributions: Merchandise contributions or other monetary contributions to the tournament will be disbursed with the best interest as determined by the tournament committee.

Ratio of Prize Money: The tournament director is required to pay the top five (5) places in all divisions equal amounts. The remainder of each division will be paid using a ratio of one (1) in four (4) entries (25%) per division as a minimum payout for singles competitions.

Other associated events (Welker Doubles, Ramus Triples Team, or future events yet to be named) will be paid out as determined by the tournament director and by the total number of entries, paying a minimum of 25% of the total entries.

AWBA national/sanctioned tournament rules apply to all AWBA sanctioned tournaments.

The AWBA Executive Committee shall decide any questions as to the operation of the National Tournament that cannot be resolved by the tournament committee.

Revised June 25, 2008

David Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer

AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
Addendum to National/Sanctioned Tournament Rules
Special Events / Awards

The AWBA holds several special events and offers certain awards in conjunction with the National Championship Tournament. The following guidelines pertain to each of these events. Specifically, all of these events will conform to previously stated AWBA national/sanctioned tournament rules.

Special Events:

Tournament Operation: USBC rules and regulations and USBC accepted AWBA National/Sanctioned Tournament Rules will govern this tournament. All entrants must be current members of the USBC and the AWBA and will be entitled all awards earned under sanctioning for this tournament.

Nelson Welker Scratch Doubles: In addition to the rules governing AWBA tournaments, the following rules will be in effect for the scratch doubles. All teams will bowl three (3) qualifying games using pins-over-average format. The field will be cut to the top sixteen (16) teams for single head-to-head elimination rounds to determine the championship. Bowlers entering the competition without a partner will be paired to the best ability of the tournament director. The prize fund will be set accordingly as outlined previously.

Gene Ramus Handicap Triples: In addition to the rules governing AWBA tournaments, the following rules will be in effect for the handicap triples. Teams may be composed of any three (3) individuals with no limit with regards to total team average. Total pins for three (3) games, plus the appropriate handicap (90% of 210) will determine the championship. Bowlers entering the competition without one or more partners will be paired to the best ability of the tournament director. The prize fund will be set accordingly as outlined previously.

Tournament of Champions: The Tournament of Champions shall be open to any past singles divisional champion. The tournament director shall set the field from those qualified entries received for this tournament, who will participate in a three (3) game exhibition round. A bowler having won titles in more than one division may select which division he/she will compete within. The champions will be awarded plaques to the scratch and handicap winners of such competitions.

Special Awards:

Seniors Classic: All "A" and "B" bowlers of a minimum age of sixty (60) before the commencement of the tournament shall be eligible to compete for the Seniors Classic Champion honors. The total pin fall after fifteen qualifying games shall determine the winner, who will be awarded an appropriate plaque.

All Events: Scratch competitors achieving the highest pin fall resulting from the three (3) games of scratch doubles, three (3) game scratch scores of the handicap triples and the first twelve (12) games of singles qualifying shall be declared the Scratch All Events Champion and receive an appropriate plaque.

Buddy Cole Most Improved: Only bowlers having bowled in the previous year shall be eligible for the Most Improve Award. The award will be based on improvement in the scratch score from the first twelve (12) qualifying games as compared to his/her scores bowled in the previous year's event. The Cole family provides an award presented to that individual as appropriate.

Alma Ladwig Memorial Award: The Alma Ladwig Memorial Award is presented to the woman achieving the highest total pin fall through fifteen (15) qualifying games, including handicap entered in the National Tournament; given each year by the Wisconsin Wheelchair Sports Association in memory of Ms. Ladwig.

Bill Hart "Sportsmanship" Award: The Bill Hart Memorial Award is presented to that individual who best exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship. It is sustained by Mrs. Rita Hart with a monetary donation to provide the plaque awarded to the honoree each year selected by the tournament committee.

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Revised August 1, 2008

David Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer

48th AWBA National Championship Tournament
 Paulding Lanes – Dallas, GA
 June 15th – 20th, 2009

Schedule of Events/Entries Under 60 Bowlers

<u>Monday - June 15th</u>	Board of Directors Meeting – Country Inn & Suites	9 AM - 5 PM
	Team Registration – Paulding Lanes	6 PM
	Up and Down Tournament – Paulding Lanes	7 PM
<u>Tuesday - June 16th</u>	Team Registration – Paulding Lanes	11 AM
	Nelson Welker Scratch Doubles – Paulding Lanes	12 Noon
<u>Wednesday - June 17th</u>	General Membership Meeting – Paulding Lanes	9 AM
	Auxiliary Membership Mtg. – TBD	10 AM
	Team Registration – Paulding Lanes	11 AM
	National Handicap Team Event – Paulding Lanes	12 Noon
	Auxiliary Check In – Paulding Lanes	2:30 PM
	Auxiliary Membership Tournament – Paulding Lanes	3 PM
	Tournament of Champions – Paulding Lanes	3 PM
<u>Thursday - June 18th</u>	Singles Registration – Paulding Lanes	9 AM
	Opening Ceremonies - Paulding Lanes	10 AM
	First Qualifying Squad – 3 games	11 AM
	Second Qualifying Squad - 3 games	2 PM
	Hall of Fame Banquet - TBD	7 PM
<u>Friday - June 19th</u>	Registration – Paulding Lanes	10 AM
	Third Qualifying Squad - 3 games	11 AM
	Fourth Qualifying Squad - 3 games	2 PM
	Scratch Match Play - first 4 games	6 PM
<u>Saturday - June 20th</u>	Registration – Paulding Lanes	9 AM
	Fifth Qualifying Squad - 3 games	10 AM
	Scratch Match Play - 3 games & Position round	10:30 AM
	Roll Off Matches - Scratch, “A,” & “B” divisions	1:30 PM
	Reception - (Cash Bar)	5:30 PM
	Buffet and Awards Ceremony	6 PM

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	Auxiliary Check In – Paulding Lanes	2:30 PM
	Auxiliary Membership Tournament – Paulding Lanes	3 PM
	Tournament of Champions – Paulding Lanes	3 PM
<u>Thursday - June 18th</u>	Singles Registration – Paulding Lanes	8 AM
	First Qualifying Squad – 3 games (Group A)	9 AM
	Second Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group A)	11 AM
	Opening Ceremonies - Paulding Lanes	1 PM
	First Qualifying Squad – 3 games (Group B)	1:30 PM
	Second Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group B)	3:30 PM
	Hall of Fame Banquet - TBD	7 PM
<u>Friday - June 19th</u>	Registration – Paulding Lanes	8 AM
	Third Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group B)	9 AM
	Fourth Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group B)	11 AM
	Third Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group A)	1 PM
	Fourth Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group A)	3 PM
	Scratch Match Play - first 4 games	6 PM
<u>Saturday - June 20th</u>	Registration – Paulding Lanes	8 AM
	Fifth Qualifying Squad - 3 games (Group A)	9 AM
	Fifth Qualifying Squad – 3 games (Group B)	11 AM
	Scratch Match Play - 3 games & Position round	11 AM
	Roll Off Matches - Scratch, “A,” & “B” divisions	1:30 PM
	Reception - (Cash Bar)	5:30 PM
	Buffet and Awards Ceremony	6 PM

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Singles Event Guaranteed Minimum Prize Fund

	<u>Scratch Division</u>	<u>“A” Division</u>	<u>“B” Division</u>
First Place	\$ 1400, Trophy Back Swatch	\$ 1400, Trophy Back Swatch	\$ 1400, Trophy Back Swatch
Second	1000, Plaque	1000, Plaque	1000, Plaque
Third	700 “	700 “	700 “
Fourth	600 “	600 “	600 “
Fifth	500 “	500 “	500 “
Sixth	400	400	400
Seventh	300	300	300
Eighth	200	200	200
Ninth		150	150
Tenth		120	120
11 th - 15 th		100	100
Sub Totals	\$ 5100	\$ 5870	\$ 5870

Individual Awards

	<u>Scratch Div</u>	<u>“A” Div</u>	<u>“B” Div</u>
High Qualifier	\$ 100 & Plaque	\$ 100 & Plaque	\$ 100 & Plaque
High Scr Series	\$ 50 & Plaque	\$ 50 & Plaque	\$ 50 & Plaque
High Scr Game	\$ 50 & “	\$ 50 & “	\$ 50 & “
High Hcp Series		\$ 50 & “	\$ 50 & “
High Hcp Game		\$ 50 & “	\$ 50 & “
Grand Totals	\$ 5300	\$ 6170	\$ 6170

Total Prize Fund for Singles Event: \$ 17,640

Additional Awards

Most Improved (must have bowled National in 2008)	\$ 100 & Plaque
All Events Handicap Champion (Doubles, Team & Singles scores combined)	\$ 100 & “
All Events Scratch Champion (Doubles, Team & Singles scratch scores)	\$ 100 & “

AWBA National Tournament Rules (Revised August 2008)

Tournament Rules: In addition to the rules specified, all AWBA sanctioned tournament rules will govern this tournament. United States Bowling Congress (USBC) rules and regulations will apply to situations that are not addressed herein.

Tournament Committee: The management and operation of this tournament shall be vested in the Tournament Director. In turn, he/she will appoint a minimum of two additional AWBA members to act as the Tournament Committee. It will be the committee's mutual responsibility to audit tournament financial matters and resolve any disputes as they relate to the operation and management of the tournament. Further, the committee members shall be responsible for all record keeping, official scoring, and certification of final standings.

Eligibility: Only members of the AWBA who are in good standing shall be eligible to compete and must bowl from a wheelchair. Further, members must belong to the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Those without current membership must purchase an unattached card at registration prior to bowling any event.

Closing Date: All entries must be postmarked not later than the first Post Office business day following the entry closing date set by the tournament director. Entry forms must be filled out completely and average verification must be submitted with the entry.

Entering Averages: Entrants will use the higher of either current certified (USBC 319a) league average of at least 21 games as of April 30, 2008 or his/her AWBA adjusted tournament average as computed by AWBA designee. In cases where the bowler does not have a certified current season average, the previous season certified league book average of at least 21 games can be accepted.

Exception: Bowlers not having an average as specified above may substitute a summer league average from the previous season (2007-08), provided it was bowled in a certified league and consisted of at least 21 games. If none of the above apply, he/she must bowl scratch.

It is the bowler's responsibility to report his/her highest sanctioned league average when entering the tournament. League average sheets must be included with his/her entry and be verified by the league secretary. Reporting of incorrect averages may result in the forfeiture of entry fees and any prizes or awards received. Additionally, such action may result in suspension from any AWBA event for up to one year. (USBC rule 319a-3 also applies.)

Adjusted Tournament Averages: Currently, the adjusted average is based on the combined adjusted averages from the 3 most recent AWBA tournaments bowled in the last 12 months. Bowlers who have bowled in at least 2 events in the past 12 months will possess an adjusted average. **Adjusted averages for bowlers having bowled in only 1 event in the last 12 months will have an adjusted average computed by averaging the submitted qualifying league average with the 1 tournament bowled.** If the resulting adjusted average is higher than the submitted average, the adjusted average will be used as his/her entering average. If the resulting adjusted average is lower than the submitted average, the submitted average will be used as the entering average. Tournament directors will be supplied the most current adjusted tournament averages by the AWBA designee prior to commencement of the tournament.

Handicap: The ratio of handicap will be 90% of the difference between his/her average and 210. If he/she enters the scratch division, no handicap pins will be assigned.

Registration: All bowlers shall register at the tournament office at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of bowling for each event. This will insure that everyone is present, and allow the committee to make any changes that might be necessary.

Special Equipment: No aid or device or mechanism may be used in the delivery of the ball unless it has been previously submitted and approved by the AWBA Equipment Committee. Helpers may be used for "stick" and "handle ball" competitors to place the ball for him/her; however, the bowler must impart his/her own force or impetus to deliver the ball.

Division Lineup: Tournaments that have a dedicated Scratch Division will place those individuals who enter scratch in said division. Those entering the Handicap division will be divided equally by average with half assigned to the "A" division and half to the "B" division. If in the process of compiling the roster, it is determined that the split has like averages in each division, the tournament director must place all like averages in the same division whether it be "A" or "B". Once the divisions have been set, the tournament director shall not be required to balance the roster further due to withdrawal from the tournament by any entrant.

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Tardy Bowlers: A bowler arriving after the beginning of the scheduled event shall receive 'zero' for each frame missed. He/she shall be allowed to bowl in the frame following the one in progress.

Delay of Game: Any bowler that has to leave the lanes after the start of bowling for 'personal reasons' will be allowed 30 minutes to make up frames or games missed. In case of a wheelchair 'breakdown' the tournament director shall be advised of the delay. If, in the judgment of the tournament director, the repairs shall be lengthy, the other bowlers shall be instructed to bowl "out of turn." After the repairs are made, the bowler shall start bowling at the beginning of the next full game and will be allowed to make up frames or games missed at the conclusion of the scheduled shift.

Scorekeeping: The computerized scores shall be the official score, and it is the responsibility of each bowler to verify his/her scratch score before signing his/her recap sheet. Any error should be brought to the attention of the tournament director whenever position standings are posted. If in fact an error has been made, the scores will be verified, corrected, and revised accordingly.

Fouls: Foul lights will be used for the entire competition. A slow rolling ball does not constitute a foul. Fouls will result with a score of 'zero' for that ball. No part of the wheelchair or the bowler may come in contact with the floor beyond the foul line after the ball has been delivered.

Dress Code: All shirts must have a collar, and women's blouses should be sleeved. No tee shirts or tank tops will be allowed. Further, hats or headbands will not be permitted, nor will the wearing of shorts. No one will be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages while competing in any portion of the competition.

Misconduct: Any bowler who, in the judgment of the tournament committee, conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner or becomes drunk or disorderly will be removed from the competition and disqualified. He/she shall forfeit his/her entry fees and all rights to any tournament award or prize he/she might have qualified to receive.

Distribution of Prizes: That portion of the entry fee designated as prize fund and any additional revenue so designated as prize money shall be returned to the bowlers 100% in accordance with the best interests of the AWBA. Merchandise contributions and other prizes will be distributed without favoritism or prejudice to any bowler as directed by the tournament committee.

Ratio of Prize Money: The tournament director must pay a minimum of 1 in 4 (25%) entries in the tournament. Each corresponding place in each division must be paid commensurately.

Appeals or Protests: All appeals or protests made by any individual bowler to the tournament director must be submitted in writing before the tournament committee takes action. The tournament committee shall review the protest and make its decision. The decision of the tournament committee shall be final.

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David Roberts, Secretary
AWBA

American Wheelchair Bowling Assoc., Inc.
48th National Championship Tournament
Paulding Lanes, Dallas, GA
June 15-20, 2009

AWBA Members and Friends,

On behalf of *our Paulding County Southern Open sponsors, the National Paralyzed Veterans of America, and other sponsorships*, I extend this invitation to attend our annual National Championship Tournament. The tournament committee has worked extremely hard to make this week enjoyable for each of you. I am honored to host the 48th National, being held for the first time in Dallas, GA. Hopefully, you will have time to do some sightseeing, renew past acquaintances, and create new friendships during the week of bowling and social activities.

Paulding Lanes will host all bowling events. It is a Brunswick facility with 24 synthetic lanes, and we have had tremendous support from the staff. We hope the entries exceed 60 competitors. In that event, we will bowl shifts for the singles competition, which has been done successfully in previous Nationals several times.

If shifts are required, you should state your preference as to which group you would like to be assigned, regardless of divisional placement. Further, if you are traveling with someone, you should both opt for the same group. Group A will bowl early on Thursday and late on Friday, Group B will bowl late on Thursday and early on Friday. An appropriate schedule will be sent with confirmation information once your entry is processed.

We are using the **Country Inn & Suites** as our host hotel [(770-222-0456) - when calling mention our block for **AWBA Wheelchair Tournament**]. There are a number of handicap rooms in other motels near the bowling center at very affordable rates, listed on the back of this sheet. We fully expect that these hotels/motels will treat each of you with great service and southern hospitality

I recommend that you make your reservations at your earliest convenience, using the motel information that is included on the reverse side of this page. Most chains offered accommodations in the vicinity of Dallas, and we recommend you check those out using the specific website offered by them on the internet. We have a number of fine restaurants near the bowling center for your convenience as well.

The tournament committee is not handling transportation to the hotel or bowling center. If you plan on traveling by air to this area, you may fly into Atlanta. Also, it will be helpful if those of you who are driving would consider providing buddy rides back and forth from the lanes for some of your transportation-challenged friends.

As tournament director, I hope that each of you consider joining us this year. Even better, bring a bowling friend along with you. It would be great to have a large turnout and make this one of our most memorable celebrations for our 48th Annual National Championship Tournament.

Yours in fellowship,

Harold Bowman, Tournament Director

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PHONE CONTACTS:

Harold Bowman, TD
890 Macland Rd. #2704
Dallas, GA 30132
Ph# 770-443-1096
Cell# 404-374-0331

Paulding Lanes
1132 Old Harris Rd
Dallas, GA 30157
Ph# 770-445-5477

Country Inn & Suites
70 Enterprise Path
Hiram, GA
Phone 770-222-0456

Motel Information

Most of these motels are located within 5 miles of the bowling center and have been used when we hosted the Southern Open tournaments over the past few years. I recommend that you secure your reservation at your earliest convenience. Please specify that you are booking rooms for the AWBA national. The rooms will only be held under the block until May 28, 2009.

COUNTRY INN & SUITES – 70 Enterprise Path, Hiram, GA Phone 770-222-0456
4 handicap rooms, continental breakfast, included, *quoted \$89 + tax/night* countryinns.com

DAYS INN – 1007 Old Harris Rd., Dallas, GA Phone 770-505-4567
4 handicap rooms, continental breakfast, included, *quoted \$89 + tax/night* daysinn.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 1340 Pace Road, Hiram, GA Phone 770-222-9494
4 handicap rooms, continental breakfast, included, *quoted \$89 + tax/night* holidayinnexpress.com

These motels are located within 15 miles of the center

BAYMONT INN – 7377 Six Flags Drive, Austell, GA Phone 877-477-8004
QUALITY INN & SUITES – 1100 Blairs Bridge Road, Austell, GA Phone 877-477-8004
LA QUINTA INN DOUGLASVILLE – 1000 Linnehkohl Drive, Douglasville, GA Phone 877-477-8004
RAMADA LIMITED – 8315 Cherokee Blvd, Douglasville, GA Phone 877-477-8004
SUPER 8 – 5481 Westmoreland Plaza, Douglasville, GA Phone 877-477-8004

Tentative Schedule of Events*

<u>Monday - June 15th</u>	Board of Directors Meeting – Country Inn & Suites	9 AM - 5 PM
	Team Registration – Paulding Lanes	6 PM
	Up and Down Tournament – Paulding Lanes	7 PM
<u>Tuesday - June 16th</u>	Team Registration – Paulding Lanes	11 AM
	Nelson Welker Scratch Doubles – Paulding Lanes	12 Noon
<u>Wednesday - June 17th</u>	General Membership Meeting – Paulding Lanes	9 AM
	Auxiliary Membership Mtg. – TBD	10 AM
	Team Registration – Paulding Lanes	11 AM
	National Handicap Team Event – Paulding Lanes	12 Noon
	Auxiliary Check In – Paulding Lanes	2:30 PM
	Auxiliary Membership Tournament – Paulding Lanes	3 PM
	Tournament of Champions – Paulding Lanes	3 PM
<u>Thursday - June 18th</u>	Singles Registration – Paulding Lanes	9 AM
	Opening Ceremonies - Paulding Lanes	10 AM
	First Qualifying Squad – 3 games	11 AM
	Second Qualifying Squad - 3 games	2 PM
	Hall of Fame Banquet - TBD	7 PM
<u>Friday - June 19th</u>	Registration – Paulding Lanes	10 AM
	Third Qualifying Squad - 3 games	11 AM
	Fourth Qualifying Squad - 3 games	2 PM
	Scratch Match Play - first 5 games	6 PM
<u>Saturday - June 20th</u>	Registration – Paulding Lanes	9 AM
	Fifth Qualifying Squad - 3 games	10 AM
	Scratch Match Play - 4 games & Position round	10:30 AM
	Roll Off Matches - Scratch, “A,” & “B” divisions	1:30 PM
	Reception - (Cash Bar) Paulding Community Center	4:30 PM
	Buffet and Awards Ceremony	5 PM

* Should shifts be necessary, we will provide an amended Schedule of Events prior to the tournament. Entrants will be afforded an opportunity to opt for early shift or late shift at that time.

American Wheelchair Bowling Assoc., Inc.
48th National Championship Tournament
Paulding Lanes, Dallas, GA
June 15-20, 2009

Singles Entry - Closing Date - May 30, 2009

All Games Bowled At:

Paulding Lanes
 1132 Old Harris Road
 Dallas, GA 30157
 770-445-5477

USBC # _____

AWBA # _____

Mail Entry To:

Harold Bowman, TD
 890 Macland Rd. #2704
 Dallas, GA 30132
 (H) 770-443-1096 (Cell) 404-374-0331

Entry Fee:

Prize Fund	\$ 90.00
Lineage (paid by PVA)	
Expenses (paid by PVA)	
Total	\$ 90.00

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

CIRCLE DIVISION ENTERING:

SCRATCH

HANDICAP

CIRCLE PREFERENCE IF SHIFTS ARE REQUIRED:

GROUP A

GROUP B

Average Verification: Failure to provide required verification will result in any prize money and/or other awards being withheld until such verification is submitted. A summer league average may be accepted if the entrant has no winter league average of record. Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch.

The AWBA adjusted tournament average designee will provide adjusted tournament average information for those entrants having same. In all cases where the adjusted tournament average is higher than either submitted league average, the adjusted tournament average will be the entrant's entering average as dictated by the current AWBA entering average rule (Amended June 2005).

AVERAGE VERIFICATION

Highest 2008-09 USBC Sanctioned League Average _____ # Games _____

Highest 2007-08 USBC Sanctioned League Average _____ # Games _____

Summer League USBC Sanctioned average _____ # Games _____

League Secretary Verification _____ Ph# _____

Entrant's Signature _____ **Senior (65+)** _____
(BIRTHDAY OR N/A)

Please check all that apply: (X) _____ Power Chair or _____ Manual Chair
 _____ Para or _____ Quad
 _____ Stick User or _____ Other

(NELSON WELKER SCRATCH DOUBLES AND GENE RAMUS HANDICAP TEAM ENTRIES ON BACK)

Nelson Welker Scratch Doubles Entry

12 Noon - Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Entry Fee - \$ 25 per person

All teams bowl 3 games scratch. Highest 16 teams (pins over average) advance to head-to-head elimination rounds until the champions are determined. The top 8 teams cash. Entire entry fee goes toward the prize fund for this event.

Check all that apply: (X)

I am entering the Doubles. _____ I decline to enter Doubles. _____

I will partner with (provide name) _____.

I will need to be paired with another bowler. _____

The tournament committee will try to find partners for all requests. The doubles is the first event to count toward the All Events Championships in both handicap and scratch divisions.

Ramus/Pfister National Handicap Team Entry

12 Noon - Wednesday - June 17, 2009

Entry Fee - \$ 25 per person

All teams bowl 3 games handicap using 90% of 630 pins. The top 8 scores cash. Entire entry fee goes toward the prize fund for this event.

Check all that apply: (X)

I am entering the Handicap Team event. _____ I decline to enter Team. _____

I will partner with _____ & _____.

I will need to be paired with partners. _____

The tournament committee will try to find partners for all requests. The handicap team event is the second event to count toward the All Events Championship in both handicap and scratch divisions.

Buffet Reservation

5 PM - Saturday - June 20, 2009 – Paulding County Community Center

\$ 15 per person

Check all that apply: (X)

I will attend the buffet. _____ I will not attend. _____

I will need (# of reservations) _____ buffet tickets.

Please pay all fees with one check made payable to: **48th AWBA National Tournament Fund.**

48th AWBA National Tournament
Up & Down Team Event
7 PM - Monday, June 15, 2009
Paulding Lanes, Dallas, GA
Entry Fee \$20 per person

Teams will be 4 person teams, two of which must be wheelchair bowlers. Team handicap will be 90% of 630 pins. The format will consist of 3 games, all 9 pin No Tap plus the appropriate handicap. The top 6 scores cash; total handicap pin fall determines the final standings. The payout will be 1 position paid for every 6 teams entered. The entire entry fee goes toward the prize fund. Entrants without a league average must bowl scratch.

Check all that apply: (X)

I am entering the Up & Down Event. _____ I decline to bowl this event. _____

W/C Bowler Name _____ Highest average _____

Please pair me with teammate. _____

W/C Bowler Name _____ Highest average _____

Up Bowler # 1 - Name _____ 07-08 Book Average _____

Please pair me with teammate. _____

Up Bowler # 2 - Name _____ 07-08 Book Average _____

Please pair me with teammate. _____

Note: If you need another wheelchair bowler or Up bowlers, the tournament committee will do its best to find partners for you. Your fees must accompany the entry form.

Projected Prize Fund

(Based on 24 teams - \$1980)

First Place	\$ 600 ~ \$ 150 p/person & Champion Plaques
Second	\$ 480 ~ \$ 120 p/person
Third	\$ 320 ~ \$ 80 p/person
Fourth	\$ 280 ~ \$ 70 p/person
Fifth	\$ 200 ~ \$ 50 p/person
Sixth	\$ 100 ~ \$ 25 p/person

We will be giving away some great door prizes at this event to acknowledge the support given to the American Wheelchair Bowling Association from various local and national sponsors.

AWBA Auxiliary Tournament Entry
3 PM - Wednesday - June 17, 2009
Paulding Lanes - Dallas, GA

Entry Fee: \$15 per person

This event is open to all auxiliary members. Sign ups will be done at Paulding Lanes just prior to the competition, the format to be decided by the participants. Entry fees will be collected at that time.

LOCAL BOWLERS – FUN TOURNAMENT WITH AWBA WHEELCHAIR GROUP

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**Support the 48th American Wheelchair Bowling Association
National Championship Tournament**

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Check all that apply: (X)

I am entering the Up & Down Event. _____ I decline to bowl this event. _____

W/C Bowler Name _____ Highest average _____

Please pair me with teammate. _____

W/C Bowler Name _____ Highest average _____

Up Bowler # 1 - Name _____ 07-08 Book Average _____

Please pair me with teammate. _____

Up Bowler # 2 - Name _____ 07-08 Book Average _____

Please pair me with teammate. _____

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