

Michiana Bowlers Association

2026 – 2027 Membership Application

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Required for tax reporting purposes)

USBC Membership No.: _____ Year: _____ Assoc: _____

A composite of certified averages for the current season and previous 2 seasons must be based on a minimum of twenty-one (21) games from an USBC certified league. Summer League and Sport League averages will be accepted per USBC rules. Averages will be verified on bowl.com. Any member who does not have a twenty-one (21) game average shall be placed in a class no lower than E. All averages will be converted to a USBC "Challenge Average" using the conversion chart listed on bowl.com.

Class	Zero Point	House Average	Challenge Average
A	200	225 & over	211 & over
B	195	218 – 224	204 – 210
C	190	211 – 217	197 – 203
D	185	204 – 210	190 – 196
E	180	197 – 203	183 – 189
F	175	190 – 196	176 – 182
G	170	183 – 189	170 – 175
H	165	182 & under	169 & under

Members must be minimum of 18 years of age or at least a HS freshman (9th grade) bowling in a USBC youth program. All youth bowlers will be paid SMART funds and must have consent form on file before their first tournament. No parental consent forms without the SMART fund election will be accepted.

Are you or have you ever been a member of the PBA or PWBA? Yes or No (Circle one)

Are you currently a collegiate bowler? Yes or No (Circle one)

Please check one of the following:

_____ **New Member:** \$35 membership fee. New members may bowl their 1st event without paying this fee. If they cash, the fee will be deducted from their check. If they do not cash, they must pay the membership fee before bowling a 2nd tournament. **Memberships paid after February will not expire until the end of the following season.**

List two (2) current members in the MBA that you know personally:

1. _____ 2. _____

_____ **Renewal:** If you have **ever** been a member of the MBA, a membership fee of **\$25 must accompany this application** before it is considered. **Memberships paid after February will not expire until the end of the following season.**

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

E-mail application to bowl@mba300.com or print and mail to:

**Michiana Bowlers Association
1505 Marigold Way #311
South Bend, IN 46617**

Tournament Entry Fee: \$75

The following is an excerpt from the MBA's By-Laws:

A plus/minus scoring system will be used to determine a bowler's position based on their average class. Zero-point for Class A is 200, Class B – 195 etc.

The prize ratio is one (1) out of three (3) entrants.

Bowlers will qualify with one 6-game block (8 games for the championship tournament).

At the completion of the qualifying round, the top **one third** of the field will cash and the top 12 bowlers will advance to the single elimination match play bracket finals. In case of a tie for 1st, 2nd, 4th, or 12th place at the end of qualifying, a 1 game roll-off will be held to break the tie. Class zero-point will be used to determine the winner. Should the field consist of less than 35 bowlers, then only the top one-third (rounded) of the entire field will advance to the match play bracket finals.

For the single elimination match-play bracket finals, bowlers will be seeded according to how they finished the qualifying round. The 3rd & 4th seeded bowlers will receive a bye for the 1st round match, and the 2nd seeded bowler will receive an additional bye for the 2nd round match. The top seeded bowler will enter the bracket finals in the championship match. Handicap will be calculated based on the qualifying round average for the tournament. Please refer to the MBA By-Laws for a detailed explanation.

Each member must check in **at least forty-five (45) minutes** prior to the start of each shift if paying the day of the tournament. Members that have prepaid their entry may still check-in 30 minutes prior to the start of their shift. Failure to comply may result in a \$5 fine. Failure to show for a tournament without cancelling your reservation will result in a \$20 fine. Please refer to the MBA By-Laws for a detailed explanation.

Masters Invitational is only open to bowlers who have won or finished 2nd in a previous MBA event.

Dress Code

All members must be neat, appropriate and clean in appearance. Bowling Jersey or a shirt with a butterfly collar must be worn during competition. Bowling Jerseys must have a "sport" logo and must be tucked in. **Members may not wear jeans (denim) of any type, cargo pants, stretch pants, athletic apparel or headwear.**

Only dress sports slacks, skirts or skorts (shorts with a skirt front) are permitted. Shorts are permitted only during September, October, April and May. The same rules for slacks will apply to shorts, no denim, cargo, cut-offs, stretch/bicycle style, only "golf" or dress style shorts and must have a length to just barely above the knee. If shorts are worn the shirt MUST have a collar, collarless Bowling Jerseys may not be worn with shorts (looks like a T-Shirt). Shorts will not be permitted from October through March.

No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed during the time you are bowling. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament and forfeiture of entry fee.

MBA By-Laws and schedule available online at <http://www.mba300.com/>