1. **Purpose**: The purpose of the club national bowling championships is to provide a post-season championship
event for non-NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA bowling programs that do not use financial incentives (a scholarship, grant or discount) to recruit or entice athletes to attend their institution to participate in the bowling program.

2) **Definition**: A "club bowling program" eligible to participate in this event must be 1) non-
 affiliated with the NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA, and 2) have no athletes in their program who receive
 financial incentives (a scholarship, grant or discount) used to recruit or entice them to attend the
 institution to participate in the bowling program.

3) **Club Bowling Program Lists**: Each season, no later than October 1, complete lists of all eligible
 men's club bowling programs and women's club bowling programs will be posted on the official
 tournament website at [http://clubbowlingnationals.weebly.com/] and in the general discussion
 forum at CollegeBowling.com. Mixed club programs will be included on the men's list. Subject to
 the appeal process below, those lists will become final on January 15 of the current season and
 will be posted as final lists on the official tournament website and in the general discussion forum
 at CollegeBowling.com. These final club bowling program lists will be used when the final team
 rankings are later released to include only club bowling programs when issuing invitations to the
 club bowling national championships.

4) **Appeal Process**

 a) **Omitted Programs**: An existing bowling program omitted from the club bowling program lists
 can appeal that omission and request inclusion, provided 1) the program meets the above
 definition of a "club bowling program" and 2) if applicable, meets the non-club to club transition
 rule set forth below. To appeal, the bowling program shall submit a written request no later
 than January 1 to tournament committee, setting forth facts that support the request including
 a statement that the bowling program is not affiliated with the NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA, and has
 no athletes in the program who receive financial incentives (a scholarship, grant or discount)
 that were used to recruit or entice them to attend the institution to participate in the bowling
 program. The tournament committee may request additional information from the bowling
 program before considering the request. A decision on the request shall be made by
 tournament committee no later than January 15 of the current season, and shall be final for that
 season. A request granted under this provision cannot be challenged during the same season
 under provision 4) c) below.

 b) **New Programs**: A new bowling program not included on the club bowling program lists can
 petition to be added to the lists, provided the program meets the above definition of a "club
 bowling program". A new bowling program is one that has not competed in any USBC certified
 collegiate team competition during the past four seasons for that division (men or women).
 Alternatively, the tournament committee can initiate an email request to a new bowling
 program for information about their club status. In either case, no later than January 1, a new
 bowling program shall either submit a written request the tournament committee to be added
 or respond in writing to a request for information by the tournament committee. A decision on
 the request shall be made by the tournament committee no later than January 15 of the current
 season, and shall be final for that season. A request granted under this provision cannot be
 challenged during the same season under provision 4) c) below.

 c) **Challenges**: A bowling program included on an initial club bowling program list can challenge the club status of
 another bowling program on the same list. To challenge, the challenger shall submit a written statement no later
 than December 1 to the tournament committee, setting forth facts that establish the challenged program is
 either affiliated with the NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA, or has athletes in their program who receive financial incentives
 (a scholarship, grant or discount) that were used to recruit or entice them to attend the institution to participate
 in the bowling program. The tournament committee shall promptly provide notice of the challenge and a copy
 of the challenger's written statement to the challenged program. No later than January 1, a challenged program
 may submit a written response to the challenge to the tournament committee contesting any statements made
 therein. A decision on the challenge shall be made by the tournament committee no later than January 15 of the
 current season, and shall be final for that season.

5) **Non-Club to Club Transition**

 a) **Affiliations**: A non-club bowling team that drops all affiliations with the NCAA, NAIA and/or NJCAA and that has
 never used financial incentives (a scholarship, grant or discount) to recruit or entice athletes to attend their
 institution to participate in the bowling program may be recognized as a club bowling team the first full season
 after dropping all such affiliations.

 b) **Financial Incentives**: A non-club bowling team that stops using financial incentives (a scholarship, grant or
 discount) to recruit or entice athletes to attend their institution to participate in the bowling program may be
 recognized as a club bowling program under the earlier of 1) the next season after no athletes who received a
 financial incentive to attend the institution to participate in the bowling program bowled in any USBC certified
 collegiate events for that program, or 2) four full seasons after the team stopped using the financial incentives.

In either case, the bowling program must be currently in full compliance with the definition of a club bowling program to be recognized as a club bowling program.

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