



Gold Country Match Club

By-Laws

Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1.01 This Organization shall be known as the "Gold Country Match Club". It shall be composed of individuals who enjoy sportsman-like competition. Each member is obligated to carry his/her fair share of the Club, maintain a positive attitude and increased interest in the sport of bowling.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.01 The Club shall consist of a maximum of fifty (50) members, keeping an even number of men and women as possible.

Section 2.02 Membership is subject to approval of the Board and Club members. All members must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Is willing to travel at their own expense and a distance of 60 miles or more.
- (b) Members must attempt to bowl at least 50% of the matches away.
- (c) Is willing to exemplify the true spirit of bowling by bowling with any and all combinations of fellow members and conduct themselves in a positive and sportsmanlike manner during all Club activities.
- (d) Must be 18 years or older
- (e) Players must maintain good hygiene standards at all match club events.

Section 2.03 Averages for each member will be maintained by the Club, based on games bowled in match play. Averages will be computed and figured at the conclusion of each match. For matches bowled back-to-back, I.e. Saturday and Sunday, averages will be computed at the conclusion of the last match. Averages of the members will consist of the last rolling 21 games bowled with the club. There is no 'season' reset, as we bowl year-round. New members coming in will use high book average with USBC, and if no average is available will start with a 150 average and establish after 3 games (1 match).

- (a) If it is necessary to use a missing bowler's average to fill a lineup, the full average will be used. Unless agreed upon with the opposing team, A ten (10) pin drop will not be applied.

- (b) The Directors of the Gold Country Match Club shall be empowered to review and modify the rules pertaining to averages/handicapping as they deem necessary to maintain an equitable and fair forum of competition.

Section 2.04 Teams shall bowl scratch if there is a difference of ten (10) pins or less. If there is a difference of more than ten (10) pins, there shall be a handicap of 100% less ten (10) pins of the total difference.

Section 2.05 The Board of Directors will review all new member applications, on initial acceptance of the board, the applicant will be contacted by a board member and given instruction on how to set their availability for their first match as a guest. After which the membership will then vote on the new member's acceptance by written or email ballot. The votes will be counted within 15 days, and prospective new members will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance. If accepted, new members shall be given a welcome packet and copy of the by-laws. One of the Board of Directors will explain all rules and the purpose of the Match Club.

Section 2.06 New members shall purchase their shirts as soon as they are notified of acceptance, the purchase price of the shirt (\$38.50) will be due in full before ordering. PRICE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, check the website for current pricing.

Section 2.07 Shirts shall be a style and color approved by the majority of the Club membership. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Section 2.08 All members shall wear a clean and presentable official Match Club shirt to all matches. Members may wear natural solid colored (black, white, tan, grey, denim or beige) pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or blue jeans in good repair (No Neon-Colors). (Modification to by laws voted December 2003 and January 2008, Dec 2015)

Section 2.09 Filing a complaint or grievance with a member or club who is not demonstrating sportsmanship or following the by-laws of the club, can be submitted to board@goldcountrymatchclub.com . Please provide details of the issue and all parties involved. Upon review by the Board of Directors, the Board will decide on the course of action, which can be unfounded or include warnings, suspension, or removal from the club.

Article III. Management

Section 3.01 The Gold Country Match Club shall have the power to adopt, rescind or amend the Rules and Regulations which do not conflict with the by-laws, rules and regulations of USBC. The Board of Directors of the Club shall be responsible for the complete management of the affairs of the Club and shall carry out and enforce all of the purposes for which it is organized according to the provisions of the by-laws and the vote of the members.

Section 3.02 The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Match Club Officers: President, Vice-President/Matchmaker, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Matchmaker and Hospitality. The immediate past President may also serve on this Board for not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year.

Section 3.03 The Board of Directors shall be elected from the Match Club membership and shall be elected by written ballot at the annual meeting of the Club, which will be the first meeting in August. A vote may be taken regardless of the number of members present. They shall hold their respective offices for a term of two (2) years, with the President, Treasurer and Assistant Matchmaker being elected on alternate years of the Vice-President & Matchmaker, Secretary, Hospitality and Sergeant-at-Arms. Outgoing officers will remain and help new officers for a period of one (1) month.

Section 3.04 Any proposed change in the by-laws will require a thirty (30) day notice posted for membership review, before an amendment is voted on at the next Match Club general meeting. No proposed change that has been brought before the Club for a vote can be resubmitted for consideration in less than twelve (12) months.

Section 3.05 The current home for the Gold Country Match Club is Prosperity Lanes in Grass Valley CA. If, in the future the Board determines (by a 2/3's vote) it is in the clubs best interest to relocate it will assign members to a committee to research new options. Once the options have been determined the board will present the options to the club for a 30 day review period. Once the review period is over the club will meet and take a vote on the options presented. A TWO THIRDS vote is required to move the club.

Article IV. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 4.01 The President shall preside at all meetings of the general membership. The President shall be empowered to co-sign checks drawn upon the Club bank account.

Section 4.02 The Vice-President shall act as Matchmaker and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. Vice-President shall be empowered to co-sign checks drawn on the Club bank account. The Matchmaker shall be responsible for the scheduling of all matches and setting up teams. The Matchmaker will also assign bowlers participating in the match duties to perform during such match. If the Matchmaker deems it necessary to remove a member from the club due to regular unavailability to meet match assignments they can present their recommendation to the board for consideration or removal. A two thirds vote of the board is required.

Section 4.03 The Assistant Matchmaker shall assist the Matchmaker whenever needed including maintaining and updating the website schedule and information.

Section 4.04 The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the Board of Directors and general meetings and be prepared to read minutes of prior meetings as requested. The Secretary will reply to all correspondence, either written or verbal, accordingly.

Section 4.05 The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the Club. Treasurer shall deposit all money into the Match Club bank account and pay all obligations of the Club. The Treasurer shall be empowered to co-sign on the Club account. Treasurer will keep and maintain a ledger of the Club's financial business and be prepared to give an accounting, either written or verbal as requested. Treasurer shall report all delinquent dues at the general meetings.

Section 4.06 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the good conduct of the members at all meetings and match games. Sergeant-at-Arms shall take the count of votes whenever a vote is taken, standing or written ballot, and shall report his/her count to the President. The Sergeant-at-Arms will also enforce any fines by members during a match. If The Sergeant-at-Arms is not present at a match, the Matchmaker will assign another Officer or Member to this duty.

Section 4.07 The Hospitality Coordinator shall be responsible for organizing all home match food, which generally includes snacks, coffee, and water. The Coordinator is also responsible for maintaining club supplies (such as napkins, cups, plates, and coffee) in the bowling alley closets. Purchases made by the Coordinator will be reimbursed upon submitting receipts, and they have the discretion to purchase outside food, such as pizza, if needed.

Maintain stock of all club items in bowling alley closets (ie: coffee creamer, sugar, cups, napkins, boxed/package snacks, card game items, batteries, etc.

Section 4.08 The Gold Country Match Club year will begin on the 1st of January of each year; the new Officers will take their offices at that time.

Article V. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FINES

Section 5.01 Membership fees shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) monthly. Dues shall be paid by each member by the tenth (10th) of each month. Members may pay at a scheduled match, drop box at the bowling alley, or via Venmo (coming soon). All Checks shall be addressed as "Gold Country Match Club". Any member in arrears for more than two (2) months may be dropped from the membership list and subject to re-apply for membership.

Board Member dues shall not be required while in office.

(Modification to by-laws, voted December 1998-Matchmaker will receive \$30.00 mo).

Section 5.02 Fines shall be assessed to each member for the following:

- (a) \$5.00 for not wearing club shirt or proper color pants to matches.
- (b) \$7.50 for failure to keep a match commitment without a board approved reason within 48hrs.
- (c) \$5.00 for a special assessment shall be paid by each member if the Club treasury falls below \$400.00.
- (d) \$5.00 from all Officers who is not wearing their badge at any match.
- (e) \$5.00 for not attending one (1) out of two (2) meetings.
- (f) \$2.00 for each game bowled under average in match play.
- (g) \$5.00 for failing to arrive and check-in thirty (30) minutes prior to a match.
- (h) \$5.00 for not paying dues by the tenth (10th) of the month.
- (i) \$1.00 for not marking in designated frame of each game, designated frame not to be set in first frame of the first (1st) game.
- (j) \$5.00 fine to board members not attending a scheduled meeting without a valid reason.
- (k) The most you'll ever owe if you miss every pay frame and average is \$6.00.

Section 5.03 All fines are to be paid in the envelope provided by the matchmaker or to the Sergeant-at-Arms. Team Captains or the delegated member is responsible for collecting all fees for their team after the match. This includes Pay Frames, Late Fees, Shirt Fees.

Section 5.04 Any fines (excluding designated pay frames and game averages) contested may be brought before the Board of Directors for review.

Section 5.05 50/50 Pot is collected on home matches (1/2 is going to the general fund and 1/2 is given out as a raffle during bowling). Strike pot and card games are 100% returned to the bowlers.

(Modification to by-laws, voted August 2003, Dec 2015)

Article VI. MEETINGS

Section 6.01 The general meeting of the club will be scheduled twice a year and may be held at Prosperity Lanes at least once each season as posted.

Section 6.02 Members who miss two (2) meetings in a row can be dropped from the Club.

Section 6.03 The Board of Directors shall meet at the discretion of the President. There is a \$5.00 fine for not attending. If a board member misses 2 consecutive meetings, they shall be dropped from the board and a new member will be elected at a special meeting to fill the vacancy.

Article VII. COMPOSITION OF THE MATCH CLUB

Section 7.01 The Matchmaker shall attempt to schedule 3-4 matches per month. Members shall be rotated in the matches. However, anyone bowling in two consecutive home matches shall be required to bowl in an out of town match before being eligible to bowl at home again.

Section 7.02 Match dates will generally be posted on the website at least 30 days in advance of the match. It is the responsibility of each member to check the website for up and coming bowling dates and submit their availability for each of the matches listed. (If you're unsure of your status, mark it as 'Standby') Most match assignments will be completed within 1-2 weeks of the scheduled date when possible. Members will be notified via e-mail if assigned to a match. The website will also show the assigned bowlers when published.

Section 7.03 There are no "Leave of Absences". If a member cannot bowl for medical reasons for an extended period of time, their membership will be frozen until the board is notified. Any pre-paid dues will be frozen until membership is reinstated.

Section 7.04 Any member decides to quit the Club, must notify a Club Board Member of their intention by the tenth (10th) of the month or shall be charged dues for that month. All back dues and fines must be paid. If a member wishes to rejoin the club after quitting they must meet all new member requirements.

Section 7.05 Members must demonstrate respect and consideration toward the bowling establishment, its staff, teammates, and opposing competitors.

Section 7.06 Gold Country Match Club is not USBC sanctioned. But we follow their guidelines.

Section 7.07 Failure to adhere to the by-laws, rules and regulations, or maintaining proper conduct—including the resolution of formal complaints and grievances—shall be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including forfeiture of Club membership.

Section 7.08 Members shall give forty-eight (48) hours notice to the Matchmaker if they are unable to participate in a scheduled match due to an emergency.

Section 7.09 200 pins shall be provided by the Club.

Article VIII. PAYMENT OF LINEAGE

Section 8.01 The Host Club shall pay for the entire match to the bowling center. The Host Club shall collect from the visiting club for all matches lost by the visitor. The rate charged is to be the highest lineage rate at either club's home bowling center.

Article IX. Website

Section 9.01 Located at: <http://www.goldcountrymatchclub.com> , The general login for all members is username "match" with the password of "club".

Section 9.02 Sign-ups for away matches should be done on the website by going to the away match in the schedule and clicking the sign-up button. You can also specify if you cannot attend in the same manner. The Matchmaker has final say on who attends.

Section 9.03 Members can request to bowl home matches as well on the website, but it's up to the Matchmaker to set the match roster.

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