

# 2024 IBMA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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## ORGANIZATIONAL TENETS

**MISSION STATEMENT** – to be bowling’s source of excellence in the gathering and distribution of news and information through multiple media platforms, as well as to encourage the pursuit of bowling media as a full or part-time career.

**VISION STATEMENT** – The IBMA is an organization that is beneficial to the industry as it disseminates information to a world-wide bowling media, encourages bowling media as a career choice for younger bowlers, and provides updates on technology.

**HISTORY** – The Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA) was founded in 1934 by 16 charter members in Peoria, Illinois. BWAA merged with the National Women Bowling Writers in 2006 and became the International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) in 2011. IBMA merged with the World Bowling Writers in 2012. We subscribe to the highest ideals in communicating the word of bowling throughout the world; are dedicated to enhancing writing, broadcasting and photographic skills; and actively promote the free exchange of ideas and information. IBMA represents hundreds of professional and amateur bowling writers, authors, photographers, graphic artists, cartoonists, illustrators and internet writers. As a media member or industry partner, we invite you to become a member of the world’s most preeminent bowling media organization.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**STUDENT** - Membership is open to any college student, 25 years or younger, with a major in journalism/communications or related field. Applicants must provide a copy of their student identification card and proof of age (if not listed on their I.D.). **Annual dues FREE.**

**INDIVIDUAL MEDIA** - Membership is for individuals who are engaged in bowling media as either a paid professional or volunteer. **Annual dues \$30.**

**CORPORATE** – See CORPORATE Membership link on our website [www.bowlingmedia.org](http://www.bowlingmedia.org)

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

**ISSUING AWARDS and VOTING RIGHTS** - IBMA administers awards to recognize extraordinary levels of achievement in service to the sport as well as superior performance on the lanes. Awards include: Luby Hall of Fame Award; Alberta Crowe Meritorious Service Award; Hennessy Award of Merit; Rip Van Winkle Award; Male and Female Bowler of the Year; Male and Female Senior Bowler of the Year, Visual Media Awards and Chuck Pezzano Media Scholarship. As a member you are encouraged to nominate candidates and provide input to the awards committees. To be eligible for the Visual Media and other writing awards one must be an IBMA member.

**MEMBER ONLY DISCOUNTS** - Discounted or complimentary registration for International Bowl Expo (to be in Denver Summer 2024).

**NETWORKING** - The exchange of information and ideas with like-minded journalists and communication professionals.

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(allow 10 days to process application)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State/Prov: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web: \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on:

Facebook yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ | Twitter yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

## WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST APPLIES TO YOU:

- I make the majority of my living as a communications professional in the bowling industry (Full-time)
- I am compensated for my freelance work in bowling communications (Part-time)
- I do volunteer work in bowling industry communications

## PLEASE CHECK ALL WHICH APPLY TO YOU:

- Contributes bowling related information to a magazine, newspaper or website.
- Owner/Publisher of bowling periodical.
- Owner, designer, editor or writer of an active website or electronic newsletter.
- Photographer/cartoonist/illustrator who regularly contributes bowling artwork.
- Radio or television announcer on a local, regional, national or live stream bowling show.
- Public Relations professional actively involved in the bowling industry.
- Member of USBC local and/or state association charged with disseminating information.
- Freelance writer not covered by any of the above who writes bowling articles or books.
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY APPLIES TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIA

\_\_\_\_\_ PAYMENT BY PayPal on the IBMA Website Transaction # \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD: NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CSV \_\_\_\_\_

*If paying by credit card, you may fax your completed application to 817-633-2940, or email to [ibma@bowlingmedia.org](mailto:ibma@bowlingmedia.org). If paying by check or money order, mail your application and payment to **International Bowling Media Association, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011***