Article I: Name

The official name of this organization is the Marist College Bowling Club.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Marist College Bowling Club is to provide an environment for competitive and recreational bowling for Marist College students.

Article III: Membership

Section A
Membership - There are three types of membership available: regular league bowler, alternate league bowler, and recreational bowler. A regular league bowler competes on a league team on a regular basis throughout the duration of the bowling league. An alternate league bowler competes only in the event that one of the regular league bowlers from his/her team cannot attend. The alternate acts as a substitute. A recreational bowler comes bowling with the club at will and bowls purely for fun. Numbers of membership will depend on the amount of lanes permitted by the bowling alley.

Section B
Qualifications of Membership - Membership is open to all Marist College Students. Regular and alternate memberships will be open at the beginning of each semester, as long as cap as not been reached. If an entire team misses more than five weeks, that team will be dropped from the roster. Recreational bowling membership is open at any time during the academic year.

Section C
Fees and Dues - There is a weekly membership for all members. The fee covers the cost of bowling as well as funding the year-end party night. The amount of the fee is determined at the beginning of each season and is subject to change by the bowling alley. All members of the bowling club must pay the bowling clubs standard rate for league matches, tournaments, and recreational bowling.

Article IV: Officers

Section A
The four positions are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section B
The President: The president’s responsibilities include: presiding over all Bowling Club meetings, setting meeting agendas, communication information with club officers and members, and heads the Board. The president has the right to establish appropriate committees and positions. The President will represent at all meetings dealing with SGA and such.
Section C
Vice President - The vice president serves in the absence of the president with all the rights and privileges. This extends to meetings and bowling club activities/affairs. The vice president’s responsibilities are to assist the president with the administration of club activities, league play, and meetings. The vice president also deals with all disciplinary actions, in conjunction with the club faculty advisor.

Section D
Secretary - The secretary is responsible for advertisement (flyers, posters, newspaper ads, Marist TV, etc), communicating important club information to its members via email and/or phone mail services, and taking accurate attendance at all bowling club meetings and activities. The secretary is in charge of keeping an accurate log of weekly score entries. The secretary will also be in charge of typing and distributing the minutes and agendas for each meeting.

Section E
Treasurer - The treasurer is responsible for financial transactions and budgeting. The treasurer must adhere to all SGA financial board regulations. The treasurer is responsible for preparing a yearly budget, as requested by the entire board. All financial records are to be maintained by the treasurer, and be made readily accessible to the other members of the bowling cabinet. The collections of bowling fee’s, fundraiser profits, or grants are to be handled by the treasurer and deposited into the club’s account within 24 hours of the collection. All receipts should be placed in the clubs mailbox.

Section E
Elections - Elections for all positions are held at the end of each academic year for the following year. Eligible candidates are Marist students who have been a member of the club for at least one year, including the year in which the election takes place. Special circumstances including Study Aborad Program, personal academic withdrawal, etc. will be taken into consideration when determining candidacy is under consideration. Elections consist of the completion of a ballot by all members in attendance during the election. No preference is given to current underclass officers. Ballots are to be counted by a third-party.

Article V: Meetings

Section A
The bowling club is to have at least one meeting a month. In the event of an emergency meeting the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will contact club members and precede to explain time, date and place. There will be at least a one week’s notice to all meetings unless of an emergency. In order for business to occur a quorum of 50% of the bowling body and two officers must be in attendance. There will be a board meeting at least once a week. The last week of every month, the board meeting will be open to all members on a voluntary basis. There will also be mandatory team captain’s meetings as needed with a one-week notice given.

Article VI: Rules and Policies

Section A
The Marist College Bowling Club and its associates shall abide by all procedures and rules of the Student Government Association.

Section B
The bowling club's official rules and policies are strictly enforced and are binding.

Section C
**General** - League competition consists of one team bowling another, with a maximum of 5 bowlers from each team representing them. Teams must consist of 4 regular bowlers with no more than 2 registered alternates. No more than five bowlers to a lane during league competition. Teams will bowl against each other in a best of three series. Proper bowling mannerism is expected of every bowler, as described in the handout given on our first meeting. The use of foul lines will be implemented in this league.

**League Point System** - Each game won is worth 2 points to the team's score, and 1 point is awarded for total pins. Total pins is defined as the team who's aggregate total of the three games bowled is highest. Draws are worth 1 point per team, and losses or forfeits are equivalent to 0 points. The maximum number of points a team may earn at any league night is 7.

**Handicap System** - Handicap is defined as a set number of pins that are given to a lower averaged team's score before the three games begin. The following formula will be used to calculate handicaps for this league: Handicap = [210 - (Your Average)] x 80%

**Alternates** - There are two kinds of alternates in this league, regular alternates and floating alternates. Regular alternates are defined as an alternate who is registered with a set team, and can only be used to replace a member of that team. Floating alternates are defined as an alternate who is not registered with any set team, and can be used to fill in for any missing member of any team at any league match. An alternate of any kind must be used BEFORE the games begin. There is no "mid game" substitution allowed.

**Lateness/Incomplete Teams** - Every team is expected to show up on time, ready to compete at 9:30pm. Teams that show up late may compete against their opponents provided that the opposing team has NOT completed the fifth frame of the current game. Otherwise, the team that is late forfeits game one to their opponents. They may still compete in games two and three without penalty. A team with fewer than four bowlers representing them will have the missing bowlers average - 15 pins used in place of their score. If a team has two or fewer members representing them, they forfeit all three games. They are still permitted to bowl for average reasons, but will not be able to earn any points for their team due to forfeit.

**Attendance, Meetings, and Priority Points** - Attendance is measured at league, bowling events, and meetings. In league, a bowler is allowed to miss up to two league nights a semester without seriously impacting the number of priority points he or she will receive. This is provided that the bowler has attended all other mandatory meetings and most of the misc. meetings. Participation in other bowling events such as fundraisers, community service projects, etc. are also taken into consideration. Mandatory meetings will occur at least once every couple of months with notice given a week ahead of time. The maximum number of priority points that a bowling officer can receive is 5 for the year, or 2.5 a semester. The maximum number of priority points that a regular league bowling member can receive is 4, or 2 per semester. A team or floating alternate up to 3 a year or 1.5 a semester (depending on attendance), and a recreational bowler up to 2 a year or 1 a semester. While all factors are considered by the Board of Directors when assigning priority points, the President has final approval in this matter, and reserves the right to increase or decrease allocations accordingly.
Termination - A team that completely misses scheduled competition, that is, nobody from the team shows, are put on a warning status. This means that if the team completely misses again, the bowling club reserves the right to formally terminate the entire team from the league. This is done at a formal hearing with the board of directors and the team captain. The "two absense" rule applies throughout the length of the bowling league, which is typically October - April. Frequent showings of incomplete teams may also constitute a hearing. At a formal hearing, the Board of Directors meet to discuss a course of action. The final decision comes from the President and is considered binding. When a team is terminated, all four regular bowlers loose any eligibility for priority points, team stats are removed, and the alternates of that team are given the option of becoming floating alternates, or seceed from the club itself.

Captain Rights and Responsibilities - Each team captain has the right to make appropriate substitutions with alternates as he or she deems necessary. The captain must keep his or her team informed of league matches, changes, or new information regarding the bowling club. The captain is responsible for having the standard number of bowlers (4) present for competition. Additionally, the captain has a responsibility to submit a complete team roster with team name and member list for registration purposes.

Changes to Regisgration Information - Changes to a teams registration information should be submitted by the team captain. This extends only to a change in team name, corrections in bowler data, or updated information on the existing bowlers. Major changes, such as a restructure in roster, MUST be approved by the clubs Board of Directors.

Absense of Manditory "Obtain An Average" Night - Bowlers who miss the manditory "get a average" league night will be penalized in the following manner. A 165 average (495 series) average will be used for that bowler, hurting his or her teams handicap configuration. In addition, for the first three games that bowler bowls, his or her scores will be penalized 15 pins each game. This is provided that the bowler has not made up this requirement beforehand.

Non-Paying Bowler Policy - The bowler(s) who are unable to pay must first try to get covered by one of their teammates for the week. If they are still unable to pay, the entire team forfeits all three games. The money already taken in will not be returned. Repeat offenses are subject to a hearing with the Board of Directors and possible termination.

Bowling Code of Ethics - It is expected that every bowler will act morally and ethically during competition. This extends not only to personal behavior, but to competition aspects as well. This includes reporting scores on the scoresheets honestly and accurately, correcting erroneous scores given by computer malfunctions, and does not perform any act that would cause the competition to be unfair for either team. In other words, play by the rules! No cheating! Violators will be disciplined by the Board of Directors and a final decision is made by the president.