

# RULES IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF BOWLERS

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## 1. CLASSIFICATION OF BOWLERS:

### a. BY CLASS LEVEL:

Bowlers shall be classified as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Average Range</u>
O	190 and above
A	180 to 189
B	170 to 179
C	169 and below

### b. BY GROUP:

Bowlers are likewise classified as Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3. A bowler's group is determined by the current average and is generally used to fairly distribute the population of bowlers in each Group. It is commonly used in Tournaments such as Ruler of the Lanes, Classic Showdown, and Fun Games where bowlers compete against each other using handicaps based on their group's ceiling average. The Tournament Committee has the sole discretion to assign bowlers in their respective Group and make changes to the average range. Bowlers are allowed to self-upgrade to their next higher GROUP with NO additional handicap (with prior tournament committee approval).

### c. RECLASSIFICATION:

- a. There shall be 2 ways to be reclassified: by **AVERAGE** and by **PROMOTION**.
- b. Reclassification by average (upgrade or downgrade) shall be **every January 01 of each year**. When a bowler exceeds by 4 points the minimum average of the next higher class level, upgrading is mandatory. Inversely, when the average drops by at least 4 points, it is the bowler's option to downgrade to the next lower class level, or it may depend upon the evaluation and decision of the Tournament Committee.
- c. Promotion by mandatory reclassification to the next higher class level shall be made when any of the following condition is met at **anytime during the year**, regardless of average range:
  - c.1. From Class "C" to Class B"  
2 Champion wins in any of Monthly Finals, Ruler of the Lanes & Classic Showdown.
  - c.2. From Class "B" to Class "A" and from Class "A" to Class "O"  
3 Champion wins in any of Monthly Finals, Ruler of the Lanes & Classic Showdown.  
\*2x Runners-up = 1 Champion win (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up)  
\*Promotion under the above takes effect immediately whenever applicable.  
\* Counting of Champion wins or runners-up equivalents shall commence on the year they are earned up to December 31 of the succeeding year.
- d. Averages are computed every end of a Classic Showdown Finals. SLETBA's monthly finals, Annual Tournament, Classic/Ruler of the Lanes, Phantom Games and Pusoyan Games shall be the regular games to be used in computing bowlers' averages.
- e. The beginning handicap of Bowlers who are upgraded to the next higher level shall be the highest handicap in his/her new class level, and the beginning handicap of Bowlers who are downgraded to the next lower level shall be the lowest handicap in his/her new class level. In both instances, the actual bowler/s average is disregarded to conform to this rule.

**The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes, amendments or corrections to any of the above whenever it deems necessary.**