

April 2020

Dear Northern Delaware USBC Bowlers,

As you are more than likely aware by now, all of our Bowling Centers are closed, our leagues are in "limbo" and our 2019-2020 season has been interrupted in response to the coronavirus outbreak across the country.

We want to personally thank our entire Northern Delaware Bowling Community for your patience during this very challenging time. As you know, there are daily updates on this pandemic so our Bowling Centers and League Officers are following the lead of our State and Local Government Officials through this very unique time. We have never experienced anything like this before, and each league and bowling center is finding a way to work through this crisis in the best possible way for their league members and customers. USBC and all of the State and Local Associations are trying to talk to everyone who has questions and offer any support. As you all know, the Purpose of USBC, the State and Local Associations are in place to govern the rules of bowling. We have not had to think about or work into place anything regarding a pandemic. Please follow the advice sent from USBC to leagues regarding questions. This document is posted on our Facebook and on our website. It offers guidance and answers to so many of your questions!

Over the last few days and weeks, we have all realized that we not only want bowling in our lives but we NEED bowling in our lives. This time of year we should be watching little league, The Blue Rocks, MLB and looking forward to the Flower Market, St. Anthony's Festival and so many more fun things! But instead, we are homeschooling our children, drive-by birthday celebrations are happening, and we are waiting for the next update on the virus. Most important, we are wondering when life will return to normal.....

Just like you, we do not know the answer to that but we do know one thing. We know that our board and USBC has been working and will continue to work tirelessly this offseason to plan for an exciting 2020-2021 season filled with fun, tournaments, and exciting opportunities. Whenever Re-Opening Day is, we will be ready to see you on the lanes, welcome you back along with our Bowling Centers to show support for our centers and that bowling, WILL BE BACK.

Speaking of our centers, your support and loyalty means a great deal to all of our Bowling Center staff and their families. When the centers re-open and are ready to resume business, please stop in, bowl, and join a summer league if they are offering them. They will need our Support more than ever. If your center offers gift cards, please purchase one now to use later in the fall.

We have also moved our **OPEN ASSOCIATION MEETING** from May 3, 2020 to June 7, 2020. Formal announcement will be posted on our Facebook and Website as well.

If you have any specific questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us. Our board plans to be available during this time to provide service to you as best we can.

Bowling WILL return and we will all return to the Bowling Centers to experience the joys and memories that bowling brings to us every day.

Stay safe,



Steff DiMartine NDUSBC President Along with the Entire NDUSBC Board

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