

# **Wednesday Mixed League Constitution**

## **Madison Bowling Center**

### **2025-2026**

#### **LEAGUE MANAGEMENT**

The league Board of Directors, which consists of the league officers and team captains, shall manage the league. The full membership shall elect league officers and adopt the league rules. A majority shall constitute a quorum. This league is open to men and women who are 18 years of age or older and in good standing with USBC.

#### **LEAGUE INFORMATION AND LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

The league will be sanctioned by the Huntsville USBC Association and National USBC. The name of the league shall be The Wednesday Mixed League, which will consist of 24 teams with a playing strength of 4 bowlers per team. The teams shall consist of any mix (**USBC rule 100b. Mixed League: A mixed league is one in which both females and males participate. Teams may be composed of all females, all males or both females and males**). Team rosters will be limited to 6 members. No new teams will be allowed to join the league after the second week of bowling. Any team that joins during the second week has the option of making up the missed games. New members cannot be added to the team roster during the last two weeks of the league. No pacers will be allowed. The names of the players as well as any changes in the roster during the season are to be reported by the team captain to the league Secretary before a player competes. League practice will start at 6:20 PM and league play will begin at 6:30 PM. The league starts on **August 13, 2025** and ends on **April 22, 2026**.

We will bowl a total of **34** weeks with 2 position rounds on December 10, 2025 and April 22, 2026.

\*PotLuck will be held on **December 17th, 2025**.

The league will **NOT** bowl on the following dates: **November 26, 2025; December 24, 2025, and December 31, 2025**. We will start back **January 7, 2026**.

#### **League Fees, Salaries, and Fun**

League fees must be paid by each member each session. All checks shall be made out to Wednesday Mixed League. The fees shall be **\$25.00** of which **\$12.75** covers the cost of bowling, **\$1.25** is for the Secretary/Treasurer's fee, with a balance of **\$11.00** to go into the prize fund. Each new season the weekly dues will adjust as follows: amount going towards the prize fund will be adjusted to match lineage based on the increase in lineage and amount will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. All funds will be placed into the league's treasury.

An account is open at **Redstone Federal Credit Union** into which league funds will be deposited weekly. Funds must be verified monthly by the league President. **The Secretary shall not receive his/her salary until the prize fund is distributed and Final Averages have been turned into the Association Manager.** Bowling fees for the Last Two (2) weeks of league schedule must be paid by each member **BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE 5TH WEEK** of the schedule. It is the **TEAM CAPTAIN'S** responsibility to collect fees from his/her team members and to ensure the team pay envelope is **PROPERLY MARKED**. It is the team captain's responsibility to turn in the pay envelope to the league Secretary/Treasurer no later than the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> game. **NO TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE MORE THAN 2 WEEKS IN ARREARS.** ANYONE in arrears more than 2 weeks will be considered an ineligible bowler and will not be permitted to bowl until arrearage is made up. Any team bowling with an ineligible bowler will forfeit any games bowled with that bowler. Any returned check fees charged by the banking institution to the league account will be the responsibility of the person who presented the check, and a **\$35.00** fee will be added. Any person or persons dropping out of the league will be required to give a 2 week written notice to the Board of Directors. If the last 2 weeks of the league schedule have not already been paid, then the person(s) dropping out will also be required to pay 2 weeks of fees.

## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

The league President shall appoint a prize committee of at least 3 bowlers no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of bowling to compose a prize list(s) to be presented to the teams for voting no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> night of bowling.

Voting shall be by team with 1 vote per team. A majority shall determine the prize list approved. The standing sheet showing Weekly and Season standings will be changed to reflect the prize fund.

Individuals can only qualify for one individual award (handicap or scratch) and teams can only qualify for one team award (handicap or scratch.)

Series awards will have priority over game awards and handicap awards will have priority over scratch awards. Individuals must bowl at least **2/3 of games bowled or 68** games to qualify for individual awards.

Most Improved Bowler awards will be based on the individual's final average compared to their average at the end of their **21<sup>st</sup>** game. A bowler cannot win Most Improved and High Average. High Average will take precedence over most improved.

Team handicap awards will not be computed until after the completion of 12 games. Individual handicap awards will not be computed until after the completion of 12 games. Scratch awards will begin with the first game of the league schedule.

In case of a tie for **any** position except 1st Place in Team Standings (League Winner), the prize money for that position shall be combined and divided evenly between the participants. All USBC sanctioned bowlers will qualify for National USBC awards and the local Huntsville USBC awards.

## **ENTERING AVERAGES AND HANDICAP**

All bowlers will use a book average from the previous season for the first 9 games they bowl. If they bowled at least 21 games in THIS league in the 2024-25 season, their average from THIS league is to be used as their Book Average. If the bowler did not bowl at least 21 games in this league last year, then the highest **21+** game AVERAGE **from HUSBC** last year will be their book average. If none of these apply, then bowl.com average, if they have one, will be used. If a bowler does not have a book average from the previous season, they will establish an average in week 1.

Handicap shall be **90%** of the difference between a bowler's scratch average and **230** for all bowlers. There will not be a maximum handicap.

## **SUBS, LINEUP, TARDY, ABSENT, VACANT SCORES AND FORFEITS**

Substitutes will be permitted except on position rounds. A list of roving substitutes will be maintained by the League Secretary. A substitute may be male or female, **no subs for pre-bowl or post-bowl games.**

All substitutes must fill out a USBC sanction application card and Bowling Center information sheet.

The absent bowler is responsible for weekly fees. The minimum legal lineup of 1 bowler on a roster must be present at the beginning of each game. Regular members count toward a legal lineup, substitutes do not. Only TWO substitutes per team will be allowed and the 4th spot will be bowled as absent. The team using an Absent Bowler shall use whichever absent Team Member has the most games bowled that season as their Absent Bowler. Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. **The absentee score will be the absent members average minus 10 pins.** Handicap will be calculated on the average of the absent member(s). **Tardy players may enter the first game provided they are present at the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> frame.** The tardy bowler will complete all

frames they missed at the time of their next turn. When a team has a vacancy, a score of 120 shall be used with a handicap of 99 pins. In the event of a vacant team, the team bowling the vacant team must bowl within 40 pins of their current team average (scratch) to earn the point(s).

If a team doesn't show and has not scheduled a pre or post bowl, they forfeit and the team bowling them MUST bowl within 40 pins of their current team average (scratch) to secure a win.

## **POSTPONED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES**

League games must be bowled at scheduled times unless postponed. The League Officers shall determine what sufficient cause is to grant a postponement. Pre-bowled games shall be subject to the same conditions that apply to games postponed. A postponement shall be granted if a team is unable to field a legal lineup. A postponement must be requested at least 48 hours before the scheduled time except for emergencies. The league must grant a postponement when a team cannot appear for reasons beyond its control. Pre- and Post-Bowling may only happen within 7 days of the missed league night. No Pre-Bowls or Post-Bowls will be granted for the final week of the season. All Post-Bowls must be finished by the Sunday prior to the Position round.

When a postponement has been granted, the following procedures shall apply:

1. The league secretary or designated representative shall notify the bowling center of the change in schedule and arrange to have a pair of lanes available.
2. The captains of the teams involved shall agree to a date for bowling the postponed match. If the captains cannot agree on a date; the league secretary shall set a date and notify both team captains of the date and time. This notification is to be given at least 3 days before the date set, if possible.
3. Postponed games must be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing USBC league play.
4. **The house can only allow postponed games and pre-bowled games on Tuesday and Thursday after 6 PM or Sunday after 3 pm.**

The games can be bowled on any certified pair of lanes. In bowling postponed or pre-bowled games the handicap is figured as of the date the games are bowled. All games bowled prior to the pre-bowled or postponed match shall be included in determining handicap.

## **POSITION ROUNDS AND PLAYOFFS**

We will bowl a total of 34 weeks broken up into two different sessions .The winner of each section will participate in a roll off in week 35.

Team position standing shall be determined on a point basis, with 1 point awarded for each game won and 2 points for each series won.

Scores bowled in a playoff shall not count toward individual or team standings for special prizes awarded by the league, but will count for their final averages.

**Substitutes are not allowed during position rounds.**

Lineage for the No-Tap tournament will cost **\$8.00** The cost to enter will be **\$20.00**, the other **\$12.00** will go towards Payout, and substitutes may participate. Lanes will be assigned based on participation. Payout will be determined based on the type of No-Tap event used and number of participants, but all money will be distributed back the night of the no-tap event. A person can only win 1 payout during no-tap.

## **RULE DISCREPANCIES**

All rules not covered in these bylaws will follow the current USBC rule book. The League Board of Directors will resolve any conflict in accordance with current USBC rules.

**RULES ADOPTED BY LEAGUE VOTED August 21, 2024**

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