

Tuesday Morning Ladies 2026-2027 Constitution

Rule 1: League Information and League Schedule

The name of the league shall be **Tuesday Morning Ladies** and will consist of eight teams with a playing strength of four ladies each. The team roster will be limited to four members. Team captains will turn in a roster of team members the first day of bowling. The league will begin on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 9:20 am for practice with bowling beginning at 9:30 am. The league will allow new members or new teams to join at any time within reason. Any additional teams will be allowed to make up for the games missed. In the event of an odd number of teams in the league, the team bowling the vacant team must bowl within forty pins of their current team average plus handicap to win the game(s). All points must be earned; there are no automatic forfeits.

The league will bowl for 33 weeks, with **April 6, 2027**, being the final week of bowling and **April 13, 2027**, being the No-Tap and awards week.

We will not bowl on:

November 24, 2026 – Thanksgiving
December 22, 2026 - Christmas
December 29, 2026 – New Year's Day

Rule 2: Point system for standings

Standings will be based on a 4-point system with one point for each game won and one point for

series. **Rule 3: Management**

Management of the league will be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of the League Officers and team Captains. The entire league shall elect officers and adopt league rules. The majority shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 4: League Fees, Salaries, and Funds

The amount to be paid each week by each member shall be **\$16.00** of which **\$10.25** will be paid to the bowling establishment for lineage. The remainder is **\$4.75** for the prize fund and **\$1.00** for the secretary fee. The funds will be deposited in the league account held at Truist weekly. Funds will be verified by the League President each month. Checks to be signed by Secretary and President of the league.

If a team member is not present on the first day (or first weeks) of bowling, her place will be scored vacant, and no fees will be collected for the number of weeks the bowler is absent. Once the bowler begins to bowl for the season, fee and dues will commence as usual.

It is the Team Captains responsibility to collect fees from her team members and to ensure the team pay envelope is properly marked. It is the Team Captains responsibility to turn the pay envelope into the League Secretary/Treasurer no later than the end of the first game. No team members will be allowed to be more than 1 week in arrears. Anyone in arrears more than 2 weeks will be considered ineligible and will not be permitted to bowl until arrearage is made up. Any team bowling with an ineligible bowler may

forfeit any games bowled.

Teams must pay for the final 2 weeks of bowling in advance, no later than the fifth week of the season.

The Secretary/Treasurer duties will be combined. The Secretary shall not receive her salary until the prize fund is distributed, and the final averages have been turned into the Association Manager within 15 days of league completion.

Rule 5: Prize and Awards

A bowler or team may qualify for only one award in the game or series categories. Series awards will have priority over game awards, with handicap awards priority over scratch.

As follows:

Handicap Series

Handicap Game

Scratch Series

Scratch Game

VACANCIES and the PRIZE FUND

The league will work to fill any vacancies in our league. If after three weeks there are still vacant positions on teams, the prize fund will be figured without the money from those vacant positions, and the team(s) may complete the season with a vacancy.

On the first day of bowling, the President will appoint at least three members to make a version of a prize fund that is due by the fourth week of bowling. These prize fund distribution options will be presented and voted on by the league in week five. Team awards on the adopted prize fund will be adjusted based on the number of bowlers on a team.

If someone wants to join mid-season or gives proper notice and leaves the league, the total amount of the prize fund will be adjusted. The adopted prize fund will be amended by that amount and distributed to the league for review prior to the final two weeks.

Any player leaving the league will only be refunded the prepaid last two weeks of bowling if they are current in bowling fees, have given a two-week notice, and there is a bowler to take their place. If those requirements are not met, that money will stay in our general fund account.

Individuals must bowl at least 2/3 (66 games) of the season to qualify for individual awards. Most improved bowler awards will begin after 21 games bowled. Bowlers who achieve individual high average are not eligible for the most improved bowler.

Team and individual handicap awards will not be computed until after 12 games. Scratch awards will begin on the first day of bowling.

In the case of a tie for any position other than first place (see Rule 113a) money shall be combined and divided equally.

Rule 6: Entering Averages and Handicap

Bowlers will use book average for 1 week. New bowlers will establish after three games. Handicap will be based on 100% of 200.

Rule 7: Subs, Lineup, Tardy, Absentee and Vacant Scores

Substitutes will be permitted. All substitutes must fill out a USBC card and pay their sanction fees if they are not already sanctioned on another league. The absent bowler is responsible for the fees. **In case of two players out, the captain will determine who the substitute replaces.**

One member from the current team roster will make a legal lineup. She must be present to bowl at the start of the first game, or that game may be declared a forfeit. Tardy players may enter the first game provided they are present and ready to bowl no later than the last ball of the third frame of the first game. A legal lineup must be present at the start of any subsequent game, or they will be declared a forfeit. A league Officer may only declare a game forfeit. **If a game is declared a forfeit, the team bowling against the forfeit team must bowl within forty pins of their own average, plus handicap to win the game.** In the case of a loss by the team bowling against the forfeit team, no points will be awarded as a win.

Absentee (blind) scores will be the absent bowler's current average minus 10 pins. The absent bowlers normal handicap will be used.

In the case of a vacancy for a bowler, the vacant score shall be 120 with a handicap of eighty.

Rule 8: Pre-Bowling and Postponements

Only League Officers will grant Pre-Bowls and Postponements. This will be granted if a team cannot appear due to reasons beyond its control. If a legal lineup is able to bowl, a Pre-Bowl or Postponement will not be granted. Individuals will not be able to Pre-Bowl or Post Bowl only Teams. Post Bowls must be made up by the next week of bowling. **Pre or Post Bowls can only be bowled on a Tuesday or Thursday evening after 7:00 or on a Sunday.**

Rule 9: Position Rounds and Playoff

The league will bowl two position rounds: week sixteen and the final week of league.

In the event that teams are tied for position, the team with the highest handicap pin total assumes the higher position for the purpose of lane assignments.

Substitutes are authorized during position rounds. Subs must be within twenty pins of the absent players average in order to compete and she must have bowled at least nine games as of the date of the position round.

In the case of a tie for 1st Place at the end of the season, a roll off consisting of three games will determine the league champion by points won.

Should a tie still exist after the 3-game match, total pins **CANNOT** determine the league champion. (See rule 113b and d for tie in roll off)

Rule 10: Rule Discrepancies

All rules not covered in these laws will be in compliance with the current USBC rulebook. The League Board of Directors will resolve any conflict.

Rule 11: Concerning Gender classification and bowling for USBC and this league.

This league is open to women of the age of eighteen and older and in good standing with USBC. The gender classification for USBC competition will be determined by birth certificate (gender assigned at birth).

Rules adopted by league vote on August 4, 2026

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