Monday Peterson Point League Constitution & Rules
2026-2027

Formation: The league shall be called The Monday Peterson Point League, and will be sanctioned through the Huntsville United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Association.

Membership and Eligibility: Membership is open to all USBC sanctioned bowlers age 18 and above. The league shall consist of 24 teams with a playing strength of 4 members and a maximum of 5 bowlers per roster. Teams may be a mix of any gender. Any regular member desiring to change to another team within the league must have approval of his team captain and no less than 2/3 of the Board of Directors. New teams may only be added during the first 3 weeks of any period.

Any bowler who wishes to withdraw from the league must notify the League Secretary in writing of his intent to withdraw, stating their reason for withdrawal and give two (2) weeks notice. A bowler who withdraws from the league will be responsible for all league fees for the two (2) weeks notice period. Any individual who withdraws from the league will be ineligible for league prizes and cannot bowl with any other team in the league for the remainder of the current season. In addition, bowlers who do not provide sufficient notice shall be liable for suspension from membership in the USBC. Any team that withdraws from the league shall forfeit all fees and prizes earned by that team.

Management
Management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of the elected officers and team captains. The league at large shall elect officers and adopt league rules. A team captain who is also an elected officer shall cast one vote only. A team captain may designate another member of his team to replace them during their absence. For prolonged absences, the team captain must designate his representative and advise the league secretary of such designation. The Board of Directors shall decide all protests.

The duties of the **President** shall be outlined in the USBC rules. The **Vice-President** shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.

The office of the **Secretary/Treasurer** shall be combined. The pay will be $1.00 per bowler per night of bowling. This money shall be deposited in the league banking account each week and paid to the officer at the end of the current season after the final averages have been submitted to the Huntsville USBC Association. The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for furnishing appropriate data to the President concerning team captains that fail to pay appropriate team bowling fees when due.

Team Captains shall be responsible for:

1. The eligibility, conduct and attendance of team members in all league play.
2. Collection of proper current bowling fees from team members and presenting it to the Secretary/Treasurer BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST GAME OF EACH NIGHT.
3. Captain must present IN WRITING to an officer punitive action against any member who fails to pay proper bowling fees, fails to appear for bowling when scheduled or conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner.
4. Ensuring that a legal lineup is present and ready to bowl each scheduled night of bowling.
5. Keeping accurate, up-to-date records of fee payment for each member of their team.

Individual bowlers shall be responsible for:

1. Keeping payment of bowling fees current with no arrearages.
2. Conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times while bowling.
3. Advising the team captain sufficiently in advance when they cannot bowl on a scheduled night so that a replacement can be named. The only exception to this provision will be for emergencies.
4. Promptly submitting a letter to their captain for personal withdrawal from the league.

Sanction: Sanction fees for the 2026-2027 season are $28.00. Each individual bowler must complete a sanction application and submit, with appropriate fees, to the league Secretary/Treasurer on or before the start of league.

Any new bowler who fails to submit a sanction application card will not be considered a member of any team and their scores will not be counted. The team will be given an absentee score or vacancy score for that bowler.

Fees: The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be $29.00, of which $13.25 will cover the cost of bowling, $1.00 will cover the cost of the Secretary/Treasurer fees, and $14.75 will cover the weekly deposit for the prize fund. Balance of funds will be placed in the league treasury. Each season the fees will be adjusted such that the prize fund shall equal the lineage plus secretary plus an amount to round the weekly fees up to the nearest dollar.

Each team member is responsible for fees each week, even if absent. Substitutes do not pay and are not eligible for any awards. Each league member shall pay the final two weeks of the league no later than the 6th week of the league schedule which will be September 21, 2026.

Any team more than $232 (two weeks) in arrears will not be allowed to bowl and will forfeit all points until team dues are caught up.

All checks should be payable to Monday Peterson Point League or MPPL.

Schedule: The league will bowl on Monday evenings with practice starting at 6:20pm at Bowl Madison with a 34 week schedule beginning on August 10, 2026 and ending its regular season on April 12, 2027. The league will not bowl on September 7 and December 28. April 19 has been designated as a playoff date.

The 34 week schedule will be divided into three 11-week periods with a position round every 11th week and a final season position round on week 34. Week 11(Oct 26, 2026) - Week 22 (Jan 18, 2027) - Week 33 (Apr 5, 2027) will be position rounds on each period ending date. Week 34 (April 12, 2027) will be the semi-final round of the playoffs while the remaining 20 teams are sorted by year-to-date points for the position round. April 19, 2026 will be the finals of the playoffs and league payout.

League Competition Format

The league will use a 30 point system. Individual games with handicap will be worth 1 point and individual series with handicap will be worth 2 points. Team games with handicap will be worth 2 points each and team series with handicap will be worth 4 points.

Team standings will be based on points won for the period. In the case of a tie for each period champion (based on points) the teams with the most total points for the third will bowl a one game roll-off the night of the schedule period ending to determine the champion. The team with the most

roll-off points will be declared the champion. If a tie still exists then handicap pins for the roll-off will decide the champion. A drawing will be held of available pairs of lanes to decide starting lanes for the roll-off. Pairs that either team has used that night will not be considered in the drawing.

Playoffs: The winners of each period plus the wild card team (the team with the most points won for the entire season without winning a period) will participate in a roll off. In the event that a team wins more than one period, additional wildcard teams will be added to bring the playoff team count to 4. Playoff teams will be seeded based on year-to-date points won - 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd. The winners of the two semi-final matches will bowl against each other to determine the league champion. All playoff match winners will be determined by the same point system used throughout the league season.

Handicap: The league will bowl on a handicap basis. The handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230 with no maximum number of pins. Team handicap shall be the sum of the individual handicaps of the bowlers in the team's lineup. Individual handicaps will be determined at the completion of the first three (3) consecutive games bowled in the current season. These games must be bowled in the same set on the same night. Thereafter, individual handicaps will be determined from an individual's aggregate pin fall and total games bowled.

Entering Averages: Entering averages will be last year's final average of 21 games or more from this league. If a bowler does not have enough games from this league last year they will use the highest book average of 21 games or more in Huntsville USBC for last year. If a bowler does not have either of these averages with enough games they will establish an average on the 1st night they bowl. Entering averages will be used for the first 9 games and afterward the current average will be used.

Team Rosters: Team captains will turn in a roster of team members to the Secretary prior to the start of the league schedule. Team rosters will be limited to 5 members. Any roster changes must be reported to the Secretary prior to the start of bowling for any new members. The league will use floating substitutes. No substitutes will be allowed to bowl in position rounds or playoffs. New members may be added to a team roster as long as the team does not exceed 5 members. No roster changes may be made in the final 2 weeks of any period.

Legal Lineup shall consist of 1 member of the team from their current roster. To bowl in a position round or playoff, bowlers must have 9 games before week 11, 15 games before week 22 and 21 games before week 33.

Absentee and Vacancy Score: Absentee scores shall 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 scores shall be the absent member's average less 10 pins plus handicap. Vacancy score shall be allowed when a team does not have a full lineup. Vacancy scores will be used at the beginning of year until each team member bowls for their 1st time. The vacancy score allowed will be 120 pins plus 99 pins handicap. Should a vacancy bowler occur for a team. It is the team's responsibility to cover the cost of prize fund and secretary/treasurer's fees. If a vacancy is filled it will be up to the team to work out all fees due.

Tardy Players: A bowler must be present by the beginning of the fourth frame of the first game to compete in the game. Bowlers must be present by the first frame of subsequent games in order to compete in those games. Tardy players will be permitted to make up any frames missed in accordance with this rule.

Postponements: The league officers shall determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement. In emergencies, the team captain unable to attend shall notify the opposing team captain and the Secretary/Treasurer or President of the league at the earliest opportunity. There will be no postponements for position rounds or playoffs.

At the time the postponement is declared, the team captain of the team that would be the opponent of the postponing team will have an option to bowl at the regularly scheduled match time, with scores to count against the postponing team's score upon makeup, or to postpone the match and bowl in direct competition with the postponing team. Any post bowled or per-bowled scores will not be seen by the opposing team until after the completion of the 3-game match unless they are present to witness the match.

All postponed games must be bowled within seven days from the date of the regularly scheduled match. An appointment must be made with Bowl Madison by a league officer.

Bowling Unopposed: In the event the league has an uneven number of teams or a team is bowling unopposed, the team scheduled against the nonexistent team will not automatically win all the points. To earn team points the team must bowl their team's average less 30 pins each game. To earn individual points the individual must bowl his average less 10 pins each game plus handicap.

Order of Bowling: A team's lineup must be arranged with the lowest average bowling first and the highest average bowling last. The first bowler of a team shall bowl in direct competition with the first bowler of the opposing team and the last bowler on each team shall bowl in direct competition with each other.

In the event that a team has a new bowler establishing an average, that bowler may bowl in either position in the team's lineup as deemed by the team captain. At the conclusion of the match, that bowler's average is then computed. This bowler is then moved to the position in the lineup they would normally occupy (based on their newly established average). Then the individual points may be calculated for the match in which the average is established.

Prizes: Prior to the start of the league schedule, the President shall appoint a committee of at least three members to submit to the league membership at least 3 suggested prize lists by the fourth night of bowling. These will be voted on during the 5th week of bowling by the league captains and the list preferred by the majority will become the official prize list. If there is no majority, there will be a run off between the top 2 lists. If no prize fund earns at least 51% of the votes the committee will resubmit new prize list options. **First place must be a minimum of $4000.**

To qualify for awards a bowler must have bowled at least 51 games (51%) of the scheduled games. Scores will qualify for handicap awards once a bowler has a 21 game average.

All rules not covered above will be in compliance with the current USBC rule book.

Above rules approved and adopted by the league voted on August 3, 2026.

President: James Lavigne
Vice President: John Sipes Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Webber