

LEAGUE BYLAWS

Paul Jordan Classic Mixed Team League

2026 - 2027

RULE 1. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

The league Board of Directors, which consist 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 of the age of 18 as of August 1 and older in good standings with USBC.

RULE 2. 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 Paul Jordan Classic Mixed Team League and will consist of 24 teams with a playing strength of 4 bowlers per team, **of which 1 member must be a male and 1 member must be a female**. All members must be age 18 and above. Team rosters will be limited to 6 members. The names of the players as well as any changes to the roster during the season are to be reported by the team captain to the League Secretary before a player competes.

The league will bowl on Friday for 34 weeks starting August 15, 2024 beginning at 6:10 PM. The league will not bowl November 27, 2026 (Thanksgiving), and December 25, 2026 (Christmas).

The league will bowl a split season with 11 weeks in each split with 3 position rounds. The position rounds will be on week 11, October 23, 2026; week 22, January 22, 2027; and week 33, April 9, 2025. On April 16, 2026 will be the semi final round of the playoffs consisting of the winners of the 3 splits and a Wild Card winner, while the remaining 20 teams are sorted by year to date points for the position round. The Wild Card team is determined to be the team who has the highest number of wins without winning a split. If there is a tie then total pins with handicap will determine the Wild Card team.

April 23, 2026 will be the finals of the playoffs and there will be a no-tap tournament and prize money will be distributed. The scores for the playoff teams will count toward final averages.

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 wild card 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 3rd and 2nd vs 4th. 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.

RULE 3. LEAGUE FEES, SALARIES, AND FUNDS

League fees, which must be paid by each member each week (34 weeks total), shall be \$25.00, of which \$13.25 covers the lineage (cost of bowling), \$1.25 for Secretary/Treasurer salary, and the balance of \$10.50 prize fund.

Our Prize Fund Account will be held In Listerhill Credit Union. Funds must be verified monthly by the league President. The Secretary/Treasurer duties will be combined. The Secretary shall not receive her salary until the prize fund is distributed and the final average sheet is turned in to the local Association Manager.

Bowling fees for the last two weeks of the league schedule MUST be paid by each member BEFORE the completion of the 10th week of the schedule (October 16, 2026).

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 Treasurer no later than the end of the 1st game.

NO team league 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 may forfeit any games bowled with that bowler.

Any returned check fees charged by the banking institution (currently \$32.00) where the league account is will be the responsibility of the person who presented the check. Any arrearage at the end of the season will be deducted from the individual's team prize money if necessary.

Any person or persons dropping out of the league will be REQUIRED to give a 2-week written notice to the Board of Directors and pay 2 weeks fees if the last 2 weeks of the league schedule have not already been paid.

RULE 4. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The league President shall appoint a prize committee of at least 4 league bowlers no later than the 3rd session of bowling to compose a prize list(s) to be presented to the teams for approval no later than the 6th session of bowling. Voting shall be by team with each casting 1 vote. A majority shall determine the prize list approval. Once approved there will be no changes unless there is a change of the weeks bowled.

Individuals can only qualify for one individual award (see exception below) and teams can only qualify for one team award. Series awards will have priority over game awards and handicap awards will have priority over scratch awards. Awards must be split evenly for male and female members. Individuals must have bowled as a TEAM MEMBER for at least 2/3 (two thirds) of the season to qualify for individual awards GAMES BOWLED AS A SUB DO NOT COUNT. Most improved bowler awards will be based on the individual's final average compared to their average at the end of their 21st league game. Individuals who achieve High Average are not eligible for the Most Improved award. An individual can qualify for high average and most improved bowler awards in addition to any game or series awards.

Team handicap awards will not be computed until after the completion of 21 games. Individual handicap awards will not be computed until after the completion of 21 games, scratch awards will begin with the first game of the league schedule. In case of a tie for any position, the place money shall be combined and divided evenly.

All USBC sanctioned bowlers will qualify for National USBC awards and all the local Huntsville USBC awards.

RULE 5. ENTERING AVERAGES AND HANDICAP

This is a handicap league. All bowlers who bowled in this league last year will use their final average from last year for 9 games and then their current average thereafter. If you did not bowl in this league last year, you will use your highest book average from the Huntsville USBC association for 9 games. If you don't have either of these you will establish your average from your 1st 3 game set. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between a bowler's average and scratch score of 230 for all bowlers. There will not be a maximum handicap.

RULE 6. SUBS, LINEUP, TARDY, ABSENT AND VACANT SCORES

Substitutes will be permitted. A list of roving substitutes will be maintained by the League Secretary. All substitutes must fill out a USBC sanction application card and Bowling Center League Information sheet. The absent bowler is responsible for weekly fees.

Teams cannot use the same sub for more than 2 consecutive weeks. For Example: Substitutes can bowl with a team for 2 weeks and then cannot bowl with the same team the next week.

The minimum legal lineup of 1 player must be present at the beginning of the first game. Regular members count toward a legal lineup but substitutes do not.

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 member's average minus 10 pins. Handicap will be figured on the average of absent members.

Tardy players may enter the first game provided they are present to bowl no later than the last ball of the 3rd frame. Tardy players may enter any other games provided they are present at the start of the game.

When a team has a vacancy, a score of 120 shall be used and such score shall be used for the basis of determining handicap.

In the event of a vacant team or a known forfeit, the team bowling must bowl within 40 pins of their current team average (scratch) to earn the point(s). The forfeiting or vacant team is not to receive any points. All points must be earned. There are no automatic wins.

RULE 7. POSTBOWLED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES

League games must be bowled at scheduled times unless prebowled or postbowled.

Pre-bowled games shall be subject to the same conditions that apply to post bowl games. No substitutes allowed for post bowled or pre-bowled games!

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. The League Officers shall determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement in all other situations.

Postponed games must be bowled prior to the next scheduled week of bowling. No pre-bowls or postponements will be granted for the last week (position round) of each half of the split season except for the reason stated under Rule 111b of the current USBC playing rules manual.

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.
3. Post bowled games must be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing USBC league play. The games can be bowled on any certified pair of lanes. In bowling post bowled 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.

RULE 8. POSITION ROUNDS AND PLAYOFF

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

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

In the case of a tie for first place at the end of each split, a playoff between the teams that are tied will be conducted. The winner will be determined on a point basis, with ONE point awarded for each game won and TWO points for the high team series.

At the end of each split, a first-place winner will be named and wins and losses will start over, however, the averages of all bowlers will be continued.

The 1st place winners in each split will bowl in a playoff to decide the league champions with the winner to be league champions and the loser to be 2nd place team for the season. The league champions will be determined on a point basis with ONE point awarded for each game won and TWO points for the high team series.

Scores bowled in a playoff will count toward individual and team averages. Scores bowled in a playoff will not count toward special prizes awarded by the league.

Individual scores bowled in a playoff shall count toward the bowler's final average.

No subs are allowed in position rounds or playoffs. No addition to the roster of a team less than 3 weeks prior to a position round. If a team only has 4 members and one member drops out, he/she may be replaced at any time including the 3-week window. Members that participate in a position round with more than 4 members on a roster must have 9 games to bowl a position round.

RULE 9. RULE DISCREPANCIES

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

RULES ADOPTED BY LEAGUE VOTE AUGUST 7, 2026

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