

## **Monday Night Peterson Point League Constitution 2018-2019**

The name of the league shall be Monday Night Peterson Point League.

**OBJECTIVE:** To conduct tenpin activities and determine a team champion and individual champions of the league. The league shall be sanctioned through the Huntsville USBC Association and National USBC.

**MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is open to all USBC sanctioned bowlers. The league will be divided into 12 teams consisting of 3 members who must qualify under this constitution and the rules of USBC. Teams shall be 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.

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.

**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 majority shall constitute a quorum. 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.

**PRESIDENT:** The duties of the President shall be outlined in USBC rules.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER:** 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 servicing banking facility each week and paid to the incumbent at the end of the current season after all averages and scores have been compiled and the final averages submitted to the Huntsville USBC Association. The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for furnishing appropriate data to President concerning team captains that fail to pay appropriate team bowling fees when due.

**TEAM CAPTAINS:** 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 the President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer, punitive action against any team member who fails to pay proper bowling fees, fails to appear for bowling when scheduled, or conducts their self in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- 4) Insuring that a legal lineup is present and ready to bowl each scheduled night of bowling.

- 5) Keeping accurate, up-to-date records of fee payments for each member of their team.

**INDIVIDUAL BOWLERS:**

- 1) Keeping payment of bowling fees current with no arrearages.
- 2) Conducting their self 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 bonafide emergencies.
- 4) Promptly submitting a letter to their captain for personal withdrawal from the league.

**SANCTION:** The league will bowl under the individual sanction system in accordance with USBC rules. Each individual bowler must complete a sanction application and submit, with applicable fees, to the league Secretary/Treasurer on or before the start of the season.

**ANY NEW BOWLER WHO FAILS TO SUBMIT A SANCTION APPLICATION CARD WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF ANY TEAM AND THEIR SCORE WILL NOT BE COUNTED. THE TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A VACANCY SCORE FOR THAT BOWLER. SANCTION FEES FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON ARE \$23.00.**

**FEES:** The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be \$21.00, of which \$10.25 will cover the cost of bowling, \$1.00 will cover the cost of the Secretary/Treasurer fees, and \$9.75 will cover the weekly deposit for the prize fund. Balance of funds will be placed in the league treasury.

**Each team member is responsible for fees each week, even if absent. Substitutes do not pay and are not eligible for any league awards.**

Each league member shall pay the final two weeks of the league schedule no later than the 6<sup>th</sup> week of the league schedule which will be September 24, 2018.

**ALL LEAGUE FEES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE EACH NIGHT OF BOWLING. NO ARREARAGES ARE ALLOWED!!**

A two-week notice must be given to the Secretary/Treasurer when an individual wishes to withdraw from the league. Failure to furnish proper notice shall be cause for forfeiture of all fees paid and prizes earned in this league. 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.

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

**SCHEDULE:** The league will bowl on Monday evening for 33 weeks beginning August 13, 2018 and ending May 6, 2019. The league will not bowl on September 3, 2018, December 24, 2018, December 31, 2018 and January 7, 2019. April 29, 2018 has been designated as a roll-off date. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 6:40 pm with practice beginning at 6:30 pm. The league will have 3 position rounds, weeks 11(Oct 29, 2018), 22(Feb 4, 2019), and 33(Apr. 22, 2019). The league will bowl a split season with the first split ending after week 11 week 11(Oct. 29th) has been bowled, the second split ending after week 22(Feb. 4th) has been bowled, and the third split ending after week 33(Apr.22rd) has been bowled.

**PLAYOFFS:** The winners of each split plus the wild card team (the team with the most points won for

the entire season without winning a split) will participate in a roll off. The winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> split will bowl the wild card team and the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> split will bowl the winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> split. The winners of these two 3 game series will bowl a 3 game series for the league championship. In the event that the same team wins 2 splits, they will get a bye. In the event that the same team wins all three splits, they will bowl the wild card team and if the wild card team wins then a second 3-game set would be bowled to determine league champion. All these winners will be determined using the same Peterson Point Scoring System that has been used throughout the season (most points won shall determine the winner).

**HANDICAP:** The league will bowl on a handicap basis. The handicap allowance shall be 90% and shall be based on the difference between each individual's average and 230 scratch with no maximum number of pins.

The team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individual handicaps for 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 pitfall and total games bowled.

**ENTERING AVERAGES:** Entering averages will be last year's final average from this league. If you did not bowl in this league last year you will use your highest book average in Huntsville USBC last year. These averages will be used for the first 3 games only and afterward your current average will be used. If you do not have either of these averages you will establish average your 1<sup>st</sup> night of bowling.

**TEAM ROSTERS:** Team captains will turn in a roster of team members to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the start of the league schedule. Team rosters will be limited to 4 members. Any roster changes must be reported to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to 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:** New members may be added to a team roster as long as the team does not exceed 4 members. No new members will be allowed 2 weeks prior to any position round or during the last 2 weeks of the league schedule unless new members are filling a vacancy.

**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. When there are additional members on the team's roster, the absentee score of the absent member with the most games shall be used. Vacancy scores will be used at beginning of year until each team member bowls for their 1<sup>st</sup> time. When two absent members have the same number of games the score of the bowler with the highest average will be used. An absentee score shall be permitted only for 2 consecutive weeks. Thereafter, a vacancy score must be used. Vacancy score shall be allowed when a team does not have a full lineup. Vacancy scores will be used at beginning of year until each team member bowls for their 1<sup>st</sup> 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 match.. Bowler 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.

**POSITION STANDINGS:** Team position standings will be determined on a 25 point match play basis, with one point awarded for each individual game won with handicap and two points for the individual series won with handicap in each match. Two points will be awarded for each team game won with handicap and four points will be awarded for high team series with handicap. A replacement team shall assume the position standings of the original team.

**INDIVIDUAL POINTS:** Individual points shall be determined with one point awarded for each individual game won with handicap and two points for each individual series won with handicap. A replacement bowler shall assume the position standings of the original bowler. If a team is in a forfeit situation then present bowlers may bowl for individual points. Team points will not increase from the individual points won. In the case of a Blind (Absent) bowler bowling a Vacancy player, the individual will win the point if the team wins the current game. In the case of a vacancy bowler bowling a vacancy bowler, the team that wins the current game will win the point for the vacancy player on their team. A bowler bowling an absent bowler must beat the absent bowler's score minus 10 pins plus handicap to win the points.

**LEGAL LINEUP:** A legal lineup is 1 member of the team from their current roster.

**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/or the Secretary/Treasurer or President of the league at the earliest opportunity.

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 Madison Bowling Center by a league officer.

Teams may pre-bowl a scheduled match only with the approval of the league officers and the opposing team captain.

**BOWLING UNOPPOSED:** Teams will be allowed to bowl unopposed only within the guidelines of the rule governing postponements. No individual(s) permitted to bowl league games before or after league matches.

**BOWLING UNOPPOSED AND UNEVEN NUMBER OF TEAMS:** 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 handicap 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 (4<sup>th</sup>) night of bowling. **GUARANTEED \$3000.00 MINIMUM FIRST PLACE!** These will be voted on the 5<sup>th</sup> week of bowling by the league membership and the list preferred by the majority of league members will become the official prize list. If no majority, there will be a run off between the top 2 lists.

To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled at least 51 games, (51%) of the scheduled games.

The bowler's average after 21 games will determine qualification for handicap prizes.

Team handicap scores will also start after 21 games of the season to determine qualification for handicap prizes.

No team or individual will be eligible for more than one league award. The only exceptions to this are that the high average award, and most individual points won award will be awarded in addition to any other individual award. When a team or individual qualifies for more than one award, the prize of the greater value will be awarded. Series will take precedence over game and scratch will take precedence over handicap.

**ANY RULES NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THIS CONSTITUTION WILL BE IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH USBC RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

This constitution approved by the league general membership at an organizational meeting held on August 6, 2018 at which time a quorum was present.

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