

Wednesday Mixed League Constitution Madison Bowling Center 2022-2023

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 of the age of 18 and 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 Wednesday Mixed League, which will consist of 19 teams with a playing strength of 4 bowlers per team. The teams shall consist of any mix. 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 joining the second week has the option of making up the missed games. New members cannot be added to the team roster 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 10, 2022** and the end of first half will be on **November 30, 2022**.

PotLuck and gift exchange will be held on **December 21, 2022**. The second half will end on **April 5, 2023**.

We will bowl a total of 33 weeks with week 16 ending the first half and week 32 ending the second half, with the roll off of the 1st and 2nd half winners on week 33 **April 5, 2023**. A no-tap will be held for the rest of the league on week 33 also.

The league will not bowl on **November 23, 2022 and December 28, 2022**

League Fees, Salaries, and Fun

League fees must be paid by each member each session. All checks shall be made out to Wednesday Mixed. The fees shall be **\$17.00** of which **\$11.50** covers the cost of bowling, **\$1.00** is for the Secretary/Treasurer's fee, with a balance of **\$4.50** to the prize fund. All funds will be placed into the league's treasury.

An account will be opened 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 1st 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 may 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 and pay 2 weeks of fees if the last 2 of the league schedule have not already been paid.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

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

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

Individuals can only qualify for one individual award 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. Individuals must bowl at least **2/3 of games bowled or 64** 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 **21st** game. A bowler cannot win most improved and high average. 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, the place money shall be combined and divided evenly.

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

ENTERING AVERAGES AND HANDICAP

All bowlers will use book averages for the first three weeks of bowling; If no book average, bowlers will establish and use the first week average for three weeks.

Handicap shall be **90%** of the difference between a bowler's scratch score of **230** for all bowlers. There will not be a maximum handicap. If you have a book average, and are absent the night of establishing, you are responsible for league fees.

SUBS, LINEUP, TARDY, ABSENT AND VACANT SCORES

Substitutes will be permitted. 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 the first game. Regular members count toward a legal lineup, 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 members 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 at the start of the 4th frame of the first game**. When a team has a vacancy, a score of 130 shall be used with a handicap of 90 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). A team bowling against a forfeiting team must bowl within 40 pins of their current team average (scratch) to earn the point(s).

POSTPONED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES

League games must be bowled at scheduled times unless postponed. The Board of Directors 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. Postponed games must be bowled prior to the next league session. No Pre-Bowls or Post-Bowls will be granted for the final week of the season. All Post-Bowls must be 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 7 PM or Sunday after 5 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 33 weeks with week 16 ending the first half and week 32 ending the second half, with the roll off of the 1st and 2nd half winners on week 33. Scores bowled in the roll-off will not count towards awards but will be counted towards the final average. A no-tap will be held for the rest of the league on week 33 also.

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 each series won.

In the case of a tie for first place at the end of the season, a playoff between the teams that are tied will be conducted prior to the night of the No-Tap Tournament. The winner will be determined on a point basis, with **1** point awarded for each game won and **2** points for the high team series.

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

Substitutes are not allowed during position rounds.

NO-TAP TOURNAMENT

Lineage for the No-Tap tournaments will cost \$5. The cost to enter will be **\$20.00** and substitutes with at least 21 games may participate. Payout will be based on Men's Division and Women's Division. A person can only win 1 spot.

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 3, 2022

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