

# Monday Peterson Point League Constitution & Rules

## 2022-2023

**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 22 teams with a playing strength of 3 members and a maximum of 4 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.

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.

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 servicing banking facility each week and paid to the incumbent 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 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 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 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 emergencies.
4. Promptly submitting a letter to their captain for personal withdrawal from the league.

**Sanction:** 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 A VACANCY SCORE FOR THAT BOWLER. SANCTION FEES FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON ARE \$25.00.**

**Fees:** The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be \$22.00, of which \$11.50 will cover the cost of bowling, \$1.00 will cover the cost of the Secretary/Treasurer fees, and \$9.50 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 awards.**

Each league member shall pay the final two weeks of the league no later than the 6<sup>th</sup> week of the league schedule which will be September 20, 2021.

**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 Peterson Point League or MPPL.

**Schedule:** The league will bowl on Monday evenings with practice starting at 6:30pm at Madison Bowling Center with a 33 week schedule beginning on August 15, 2022 and ending its regular season on April 17, 2023. The league will not bowl on September 5, December 26 and January 9. April 24 has been designated as a roll-off date.

New teams may only be added during the first 3 weeks of any period.

The 33 week schedule will be divided into three periods with a position round every 11<sup>th</sup> week. Week 11(Oct 31, 2022) - Week 22 (Jan 30, 2023) - Week 33 (Apr 17, 2023) will be position rounds on each period ending date. Should the NCAA Football Championship game be

canceled the league will bowl January 9 and all dates after that will be one week earlier.

### **League Competition Format**

The league will use a 25 point system. Individual games with handicap will be worth 1 point and individual series with handicap will be worth 2 points. Team game with handicap will be worth 2 points 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 pair 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. Playoff teams will be seeded based on year-to-date points won - 1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winners of the two semi-final matches will bowl against each other to determine the league champion. In the event that a team wins two periods they will get a bye and the remaining period winner will bowl the wild card team in a semi-final match. In the event that a single team wins all three periods, that team will bowl the wild card team in a semi-final match and if the wild card team wins then both teams will bowl a second match 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 1<sup>st</sup> night they bowl. Entering averages will be used for the first 3 games only 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 4 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:** 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 during the last 2 weeks of any period unless new members are filling a vacancy. No new members during the final 2 weeks of the league schedule.

**Legal Lineup** shall consist of 1 member of the team from their current roster.

**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. 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 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 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.

**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:** 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 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 there is no majority, there will be a run off between the top 2 lists. **First place must be a minimum of \$3000.**

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 2, 2021.

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