

**THE BILL HOWARD PARKWAY MASTERS LEAGUE  
2020/2021 WINTER SEASON  
LEAGUE RULES**

The name of this league will be The Bill Howard Parkway Masters League. The League will have 16 teams with no less than 3 and no more than 5 members; any mix male/female who must be sanctioned with USBC.

**SCHEDULE:**

- The League will bowl for 32 weeks starting August 10, 2020 and Ending March 22, 2020. Practice will be at 6:50 PM with league competition beginning at 7:00 PM.
  - 4 Team Playoff will be on March 29, 2021. Practice at 6:50 p.m. Playoff starts at 7:00 p.m.
  - There will be 1 week off for Holiday - Labor Day September 7, 2020
- There will be 4 position rounds taking place weeks 8, 16, 24, & 32.

**MANAGEMENT:**

Management of this league shall be vested in Board of Directors, which shall consist of league officers and team captains.

PRESIDENT: MICHAEL PRICE - PHONE: 256-603-8385  
VICE PRESIDENT: TYLER BRENNAN - PHONE: 256-970-5780  
SECRETARY/TREASURER: RANDALL REED - PHONE: 256-520-7087

**FEES:**

The amount to be paid by each member each night shall be \$23.00 broken down as follows:

- Lineage: \$10.75
- Sec/Treas: \$1.00
- Prize Fund: \$9.25
- 300/800 Pot: \$2.00 (Any remaining money will be divided up evenly among all teams and added to their final team position's prize money.)

The bowling fees for the last 2 weeks of the schedule MUST be paid by the 8<sup>th</sup> week of the schedule by each member. When week 8 arrives, bowlers will need to pay \$69 into their envelope pending they have put \$23 in each night the prior 7 weeks. Bowlers are allowed to pay as many weeks in advance as they wish. Each team will turn in team envelope to the Secretary/Treasure by no later than the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. No individual will be allowed to be behind more than 1 week in payments. After the 8<sup>th</sup> week, the individual will not be allowed to bowl, and a vacancy score will be used until all money is paid up. The individual in arrears will still be responsible for the fees when not allowed to bowl. If any fees are not paid by the end of league, any arrearages will be deducted from the team prize awards. Team captains are responsible to see that all fees are paid each week.

**LEAGUE FUNDS:**

An account shall be opened in the name of this league at BB&T in which league funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the signatures of the President and the Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall audit the league account at least once a month. Secretary/Treasurer shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule.

**SANCTION:**

The league will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Cost is \$23.00 for Standard Membership. Good in any league. Must be renewed in fall season. Member qualifies for all USBC and Local awards. Bowlers sanctioned in another association in Alabama must pay \$8.00 for local fees. Bowlers sanctioned in another state must pay \$9.00 for state and local fees. Bowlers are already sanctioned if they have a 2020/2021 sanction card or a receipt for fees paid in another league. Sanction fees must be paid at the start of the league. The league will also be sanctioned with The National Bowling Association (TNBA). TNBA sanction is optional and the sanction fee is \$21.00. Cash or check endorsed to "HUSBC" is the only method of payment for sanction.

**PRIZE FUND:**

The President shall request 3 members to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to each team captain to vote upon by week 4. This league pays team position prizes only. The league will pay \$50.00 for a 300 game bowled, and \$100.00 for an 800 series bowled each night. These prizes are NOT available on the last night of bowling or for roll-off as all prize money has been distributed.

**ENTERING AVERAGES:**

Bowlers who bowled in THIS league the previous season will use their average from either the previous winter(2019-2020) or previous summer season (2019), whichever is highest based on 21+ games. All other bowlers will use their highest book average from the 2019-2020 winter season for entering average based on 21+ games. Bowlers with no current book average will establish an average on the first 3 game session of bowling. Entering averages will be used for 3 weeks or 9 games of bowling; thereafter, established average will be used.

**HANDICAP:**

This will be a handicap league. Individual handicaps will be based on 90% of the difference in bowler's average and 220 with a 40 pin maximum handicap.

**TEAM ROSTERS:**

Team Captains will turn in rosters of the team members to the Secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to 5 players. New bowlers cannot be added to the team roster in the final 2 weeks of the schedule or during position rounds without the approval of the Board of Directors. A bowler withdrawing from the league must give a 2-week notice to the Team Captain and Secretary and is responsible for the bowling fees for those weeks.

**SUBSTITUTES:**

No substitutes are allowed in this league. All bowlers become a member of the team they bowl for. Moving a bowler from one team to another is NOT allowed.

**LEGAL LINEUP:**

1 bowler from the team's roster will constitute a legal lineup for this league.

**TARDY PLAYERS:**

A bowler who arrives late may enter the 1st game provided 3 frames have not been completed. Frames missed may then be made up. A bowler must be present at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> games.

**FORFEITURES AND/OR BOWLING UNOPPOSED:**

When a game is declared forfeited, or a team is bowling unopposed because of uneven number of teams, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested. In order to win points the team must bowl within 30 pins of the team average and individuals must bowl within 10 pins of their average.

**ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORE:**

A blind score shall be based on the average of the regular team member absent and will be the absent bowler's average less 10 pins. A vacancy score shall be 160 plus handicap. (40 pins)

**POSTPONEMENTS OR PREBOWLED GAMES:**

Requests to pre-bowl or post-bowl (team only) must be approved by the President except for bona-fide emergencies. Individual pre-bowling or post-bowling is not allowed. Pre-bowling or post-bowling for position matches will only be allowed in exceptional cases and both teams must pre-bowl or post-bowl together against each other.

**TEAM & INDIVIDUAL POINTS:**

The league will bowl on a match play basis. There will be 2 points awarded for each team game and 4 points for team series won. Individual points will be 1 point for each game and 2 points for each individual series won. There will be 25 possible total points per match.

**ABSENT BOWLER RULE:**

If a bowler is absent the opponent must beat the absent bowler's blind score to win the point for each game. If both opposing bowlers are absent, the point goes to the team that wins the game.

### **PLAYOFFS:**

- There will be a 4 team play off to determine the winner of the league. The 4 teams are decided by the teams that win each of the 4 quarters of the league schedule. League roll off is tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
- If 1 team wins all 4 quarters there will be no roll off as that team will be declared undisputed league champion. Prize money will be awarded to teams based on total points overall at end of league schedule in this scenario.
- In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place at the end of each quarter, the tie will be broken by a 1 game roll off, to be contested on a different pair of lanes on the same night.
- If 1 team wins more than 1 quarter, there will be a wild card team based on total points won for the entire season that did NOT win a quarter.
- Seed 1 will bowl Seed 4 and Seed 2 will bowl Seed 3. Total points won in each match will determine the winner of each match. The two remaining teams will advance to the league championship and bowl on the same night on a different pair of lanes.
- Bowlers will use their highest average at the end of quarter won or average at the end of the season for the roll off, whichever is highest of the two.
- If the top 2 teams decide to split the prize money rather than rolling off then they must bowl 1 game against each other with most points determining the league champion.

Any situation not covered by this constitution will be governed by USBC rules. This constitution approve by league general membership at an organizational meeting held on August 10, 2020 at which times a quorum was present.

**PRIZE FUND COMMITTEE – KYLE HARRIS, ANDY LINDBERG, AUSTIN IRWIN**