

THE BILL HOWARD PARKWAY MASTERS LEAGUE
2019/2020 WINTER SEASON
LEAGUE RULES

The name of this league will be The Bill Howard Parkway Masters League.

The League will have 14 teams with no less than 3 nor more than 5 members; any mix male/female who must be sanctioned with USBC.

SCHEDULE:

- The League will bowl for 32 weeks starting August 19,2019 and Ending April 6,2020. Practice will be at 6:50 PM with league competition beginning at 7:00 PM.
- 4 Team Playoff will be on April 13th 2019. Practice at 6:50 p.m. Playoff starts at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be 2 weeks off for Holiday Labor Day September 2,2019 & December 30,2019 Christmas/New Year.

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: \$10.50

Sec/Treas: \$1.00

Prize Fund: \$9.50

300/800 Pot: \$2.00

At the end of the season, any money left in the 300/800 pot will be distributed equally between teams except league championship team. The bowling fees for the last 2 weeks of the schedule shall be paid by the 8th 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 2nd game. No individual will be allowed to be behind more than 1 week in payments. After the 8th week, the individual will not be allowed to bowl, and a vacancy score will be used until all money is made up. The individual in arrears will still be responsible for the fees when not allowed to bowl. If individual balance due is over \$23.00 on weekly summary furnished to the team each week after week 8, individual's name will be replaced in the lineup with a vacancy. If any fees are not paid by the end of league, any arrearages will be deducted from the team prize awards. Team captain 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). Sanction fees. This is for this league only. Member does not receive membership card and does not qualify for USBC National or Local awards. \$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 2019/2020 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. Cannot use a debit card to pay the bowling center for your sanction fees. Cash or check endorsed to "HUSBC" is the only method of payment for sanction.

PRIZES:

The President shall appoint 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 within 5 weeks after the start of the season. 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 monies have already been distributed.

ENTERING AVERAGES:

Bowlers who bowled in this league the previous season will use their average from either the previous winter(2018-/2019) or previous summer season (2019), whichever is highest. All other bowlers will use their highest book average from the 2018/2019 winter season for entering average. 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, and 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.

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 be made up. A bowler must be present at the start of the 2nd or 3rd 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. The following times are UNAVAILABLE for pre or posted bowl matches. Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL POINTS:

The league will bowl on a match play basis. There will be 2 points awarded for each individual game series won and 4 points for team series won for each team. Individual points will be 1 point for each game won and 2 points for each individual series won. There will be 25 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.
- If 1 team wins all 4 quarters there will be no roll off. Prize money will be awarded to teams based on total points overall at end of league schedule.
- In the event of a tie for 1st 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.

- Bowler 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 18, 2019 at which times a quorum was present.

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