

Huntsville All Star League 2020-2021

Constitution & Rules

Schedule & League Formation

The league shall be called The Huntsville All Star League, and will be sanctioned through the Huntsville United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Association. Membership is open to all USBC sanctioned bowlers age 18 and above. League membership must have either a lifetime All Star League average of 180 or a minimum book average of 180 for one of the previous two seasons. The league shall consist of 14 teams with a playing strength of 3 members and a maximum of 5 bowlers per roster. The league will bowl on Wednesday evenings with practice starting at 8:20pm at AMF Pin Palace Lanes with a 36 week schedule beginning on August 19, 2020 and ending its regular season on April 28, 2021. The league will not bowl on December 30, 2020. No new teams will be added after the second week unless to replace a vacant team.

The 36 week schedule will be divided into three periods with a position round every 12th week. Week 12-November 4 - Week 24-February 3 - Week 36-April 28 will be period ending dates, with each winner being paid a minimum \$300.00 per team or more as voted through the prize fund.

League Competition Format

The league will use a 25 point system. Individual games will be worth 1 point and individual series will be worth 2 points. Team game will be worth 2 points and team series will be worth 4 points.

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.

Playoff Format

Following the 36th week a Roll Off will take place on May 5, 2021 with the championship roll-off that shall consist of each winner of the periods. A "Wild Card Team" will advance to the championship roll-off. The wild card team will be the team with the most season points that did not win one of the periods. In the event that one team wins more than one period, an additional wild card team will advance to the roll-off. This team will be the team with the second most season points that did not win one of the periods. If one team wins all the periods, the three non-winning teams with the most season points will advance to the championship roll-off. In the semi-finals, the teams with the most total points will bowl the team with the least points and the other two teams will match against each other. The roll-off will be held on May 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The team(s) with the most total points for the year will draw to determine which lanes will be used. Total points for the season will determine seed position: seed one vs. seed four and seed two vs. seed three. Winners advance to the championship match. The team(s) with the highest number of Peterson points won will advance to the next round or be declared the league champion.

Averages for the roll-off: If a bowler has any pin difference in average from a period won by the team and the final average for the league, the bowler will use the higher average of the two.

League Fees-Salaries-Funds.

The amount to be paid by each member each week shall be \$30.00 of which \$8.75 will be paid for lineage, \$1.00 will be paid for secretary/treasurer salary, and the remaining will be deposited in the AMF League Banking Account weekly. AMF Pin Palace will donate lineage fees for the 35th and 36th weeks to the prize fund. No team that is in arrears will be allowed to bowl in the roll-off. Funds will be verified monthly by the President.

It is the team captain's responsibility to collect all fees and turn into the League Secretary by the end of the third frame of the first game. NO TEAM MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOWL THAT IS IN ARREARS. The last two weeks of the season must be paid by September 24, 2020. There will be no charging of fees. All checks must be made payable to **AMF Pin Palace**. Any returned check will be charged back to the league account including a \$30.00 service fee. It will be the bowler's responsibility to make the bank charges and the check amount up to the league within one week after returned check is submitted back to AMF Pin Palace.

The League Secretary will be paid \$1.00 per bowler per night. The League Secretary will not be paid a salary until the end of the schedule and final averages have been turned in to the local association.

Prizes

No individual awards will be paid in this league. There will be only team prizes. The prize list will be presented by the 5th week of bowling. The prize list will not be altered unless teams resign from the league. All teams will cash. Pay-off will begin at 8:00 pm on May 5, 2021.

Entering Averages and Handicaps

Bowlers will use their entering average for the first 9 games based on the following:

1. All-Star League average for the 2019-2020 season with a minimum of 21 games.
2. Highest USBC book average for the previous season with a minimum of 21 games.

If neither of the above apply, the bowler will establish an average on the first week of bowling.

Handicap percentage shall be 80% of 230 with a maximum handicap of 40.

Subs, League Lineup, Tardy Players, Absentee and Vacancy Scores

Roving substitutes will be allowed.

A legal lineup consists of at least 1 member of the current team's roster. A legal lineup must be present at the start of each game in order to compete. Team's may set their lineup in any order - the team on the left lane will set their lineup first. No new team members may be added to roster on period ending weeks or roll-off night. Bowlers must have a minimum of 9 games to bowl position rounds.

Absentee score will be the absent bowlers average less 10 pins plus handicap.

Vacancy score will be 180 plus 40 pins handicap. A team with a vacancy must have a full roster by the 3rd week of bowling. The vacancy fees are to be paid by the new member by the 4th week of the league. Vacancy fees are \$21.25 for each week missed. Any member wishing to withdraw from the league must give two weeks' notice with all weekly fees due plus the last two weeks to be paid. Failure to do so will result in possible suspension from USBC.

Postponements

Each team is allowed one pre-bowl without approval. Any other pre-bowling or post-bowling must be approved by the board of directors. Bowling unopposed is authorized by teams only in an extreme emergency. Postponements will be granted only in emergency cases. Postponement will be granted only by the league officers. All postponed matches must be made up within 1 week of scheduled date. Pre-bowling is preferred over post bowling.

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 12, 2020.

President: Tony Churchey
Vice President: Larry Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Webber