The Bill Howard Parkway Masters League
2026-2027 Fall 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 or 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 17, 2026 and end April 5, 2027. A 4 Team Play-Off will be April 12, 2026.

There will be 4 position rounds taking place on weeks 8, 16, 24 and 32.

Practice starts at 6:50 PM, Bowling starts at 7:00 PM.

MANAGEMENT:
Management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the League Officers and Team Captains.

PRESIDENT:	CARL FREE	PHONE: 256-509-8691
VICE PRESIDENT:	DON HOLT	PHONE: 256-604-8842
SECRETARY/TREASURE:	RANDALL REED	PHONE: 256-520-7087

FEES:
The amount to be paid by each member each night shall be $30.00 broken down as follows:

Lineage:	$13.00
Sec/Treas:	$ 1.00
Prize Fund:	$14.00
300/800 Pot:	$ 2.00

At the end of the season, any money left in the 300/800 pot will be divided equally to all members of the league**. The Strike Post if not all won will carry over for the next Fall Season.** The bowling fees for the last 2 weeks of the schedule shall be paid by the 8th week of the bowling by all members. The total fees due on the 8th week of bowling will be $90 pending they are current in their league fees for the prior weeks. Bowlers are allowed to pay as many weeks in advance as they wish. The Team Captain is responsible for turning in the pay envelope to the Secretary/Treasure no later than the beginning of the 2nd game.

No individual will be allowed to be behind in fees more than 1 week. After the 8th week, the individual will not be allowed to bowl, and a vacancy score will be used until the fees are made in full.

The individual in arrears will still be responsible for the fees when not allowed to bowl. If balance due is over $30 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 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 a **TRUIST BANK** and the 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 once final averages are turned into the Huntsville USBC Association Manager.

SANCTION FEES:
This league will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Huntsville USBC (HUSBC). Sanction fee of $28 is due the 1st night of bowling, if you are not already sanctioned in a HUSBC League as of August 1. If a bowler is sanctioned in another Association other than HUSBC they will have to pay a local fee of $9.00, another state the cost will be $13 for local and state fees. Members will qualify for local and national awards.

The league will also be sanctioned with The National Bowling Association (TNBA) at a cost of $25 it also is due the 1st night of bowling.

PRIZES:
The President shall ask for 3 volunteers to draw up a prize list due by the 3rd week of bowling. The prize list must be approved by the league with each team getting 1 vote. The prize list will consist of Team Positions only. The league will pay $50.00 for a 300-game bowled, and $100 for an 800 series bowled each night. These are **NOT** available on the last night of bowling or for roll-off as all monies have already been distributed.

ENTERING AVERAGES;
ALL AVERAGES WILL BE BASED ON 21 GAMES OR MORE AS FOLLOWS:
This League Winter 2025-2026
This League Summer 2026
Highest Book Average from the Previous Winter Season
If **NONE** of the above the Bowler will establish their average.

Team Lineups will be Based on Low Average to High Average.

HANDICAP:
This League will use an individual handicap of 90% of 220 with a 35-pin maximum

TEAM ROSTERS:
Team Captains will turn in a roster of the team members to the Secretary prior to the start of the league 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 any position rounds without approval of the Board of Directors. A bowler withdrawing from the league must give a 2-week notice to the

Team Captain and the League Secretary. They are also responsible for the bowling fees of those 2 weeks.

SUBSTITUTES:
No substitutes are allowed in this league. All bowlers become a member of the team they bowl for.

LEGAL LINEUP:
1 bowler form 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 and 3rd games to bowl.

FORFEITURES AND/OR BOWLING UNOPPOSED:
When a game is declared a forfeit, 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 point the team must bowl within 30 pins of the team average and individuals must bowl within 10 pins of their average to win the points.

ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORE:
A blind score shall be based on the average of the regular team member absent less 10 pins. A vacancy score shall be 165 plus handicap (35 pins).

POSTPONEMENTS/PRE-BOWLS:
Requests to pre-bowl or post-bowl (team only) must be approved and scheduled by the President of the league, except for bonafide emergencies. No Individual pre- or post-bowling allowed. Pre-bowling or post-bowling for position matches will only be allowed in exceptional cases and both teams **must bowl** together against each other, no unopposed bowling.

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL POINTS:
The league will bowl on a match play basis. There will be 2 points awarded for each team game won and 4 points for total team pins won for each team. Individual points will be 1 point for each game won and 2 points for each series won. There will be a total of 25 points per match.

ABSENT BOWLER RULE:
If a bowler is absent the opponent must beat the absent bowlers 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.

PLAY OFF:
There will be a 4 Team roll off to determine the winner of league. **BOWLERS will use their highest average at end of quarter won or average at the end of the season for the roll off, whichever is the highest of the two. Also in the Roll-Off if the Bowler's average is higher then the average of the quarter they won the higher average will be used.**

League roll-off is tentatively scheduled for April 5, 2027 at 7:00 p.m.

IF 1 team wins all 4 quarters there will not be a roll off as that team will be declared undisputed Champion. Prize money will be awarded to the teams based on Total Points overall at end of league schedule in this scenario

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 DIDN'T 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 league championship and bowl the same night on a different pair of lanes

IF the top 2 teams decide to split the prize money rather than roll off then they must bowl 1 game against each other with most points determined the league, Champion.

Any situation not covered by the constitution will be governed by USBC rules.

This constitution approved by league general membership at an organize meeting held September 9, 2025.

PRIZE COMMITTEE:
Micheal Price
Ray Williams
Austin Irwin