SUE KOSTER SENIOR LEAGUE
2026/2027 SEASON
LEAGUE RULES

The name of this league will be Sue Koster Senior League.
The league will consist of 20 teams. The teams will consist of Men or Women or Any Mix.
The league will be sanction by USBC.

SCHEDULE:
The League will bowl 32 weeks starting August 24, 2026 and ending April 12, 2027. Practice starts at 12:50 PM with bowling to start at 1:00 PM.

The dates off are:
Labor Day September 7, 2026
Christmas December 28, 2026

There will be 1 Position Rounds which are week 32. **NO SUBS WILL BE ALLOWED ON POSITION ROUNDS AND THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF LEAGUE.**

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

PRESIDENT:	CAROL COSTELLO	PHONE: 256-725-3045
VICE PRESIDENT:	CHARLES FREEMAN	PHONE: 650-270-7238
SECRETARY/TREASURE:	RANDALL REED	PHONE: 256-520-7087

FEES:
The amount to be paid by each member weekly shall be $15.00 broken down as follows:

Lineage:	$11.00
Sec/Tres:	$ 1.00
Prize Fund:	$ 4.00

Bowling Fees for the last 2 weeks shall be paid by week 5 by each team member. Each team shall have money envelopes turned into the secretary by the beginning of the 2nd game. NO individual will be allowed to be no more than 2 weeks behind in payment. The individual will not be allowed to bowl and a Vacancy score will be used until all the monies are paid in full.

LEAGUE FUNDS:
An account shall be opened in the name of the league at TRUIST BANK. Funds will be deposited weekly. The Withdrawal from this account shall be made ONLY with the SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY/TREASURER. The President shall Audit the League Account at least once a month.

SANCTION FEES:
The League will be sanctioned with USBC and TNBA. Sanction fees must be paid at the start of league.
$28.00 for USBC
$25.00 for TNBA

PRIZES:
The President shall appoint a committee of 3 members to draw up a prize fund. The prize list must be approved by the league with each team getting 1 vote by week 5. To qualify for individual awards a bowler must have bowled at least 20 games in the schedule.

PRIZE FUND COMMITTEE:
Sue Rogers
Deloris Battle
Barry Bowerman

AVERAGES:
A bowler will use their highest Huntsville USBC Book average from the previous season on the 1st week of bowling for handicap purposes. If a bowler does not have a Huntsville USBC Book average for the previous season they will establish an average after their 1st three games.

HANDICAPS:
Handicap will be Based on 90% of 230.

TEAM ROSTERS:
Team Captains will turn in rosters of team members to 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 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 President or Secretary. The bowler is responsible for all league fees for the 2-week notice.

SUBSTITUTES:
Subs will be allowed in this league. Subs WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF LEAGUE OR DURING A POSITION ROUND OR PLAY OFF.

LEGAL LINE-UP:
The minimum legal line-up is 1 player from the Team Roster.

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. Bowler must be present at the start of the 2nd and 3rd game to bowl.

FORFEITURES:
When a game is declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game actually is contested. When a team fails to have a minimum line-up, the opposing team must bowl within 40 pins of their current average in order to win points.

ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES:
A vacancy score shall be 120 with a handicap of 99. Once someone has bowled, an absentee score shall be 10 pins less the average plus their handicap.

POSTPONED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES:
All pre-bowl and postponements must be approved by President and the League Secretary, except in the case of an emergency. The League President must schedule a post-bowl and a pre-bowl with the center. Teams cannot schedule these.

POINTS PER GAME AND SERIES:
1 point for each game won
1 point for series won
4 points total

PLAY-OFF:
To determine the winner of roll-off for 1st Place or any Trophy position a 3-game series shall be bowled under the same conditions governing league play during the regular season. An extra game shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the roll-off.

BOWLING AREA:
CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLING AREA.

Any rule not covered herein will be covered by USBC Rules.

The bylaws have been approved by the league on August 24, 2026