# Huntsville Men's Classic League
# 26-27 Season

The Huntsville Men's Classic League will bowl on Tuesday evenings for 33 weeks. Practice will be at 6:00 PM and league will bowl at 6:10 PM. The season will start on August 25, 2026 and will end on April 20, 2027. We will have 3 position rounds one on week 11 (November 3,2026), week 22 (January 26, 2027), week 33 (April 13, 2027). Week 34 (April 20, 2027) will be a Roll off of 1st 4 teams to determine who will be bowling for League Championship and teams 5 through 16 a final position round based on wins for the season. Week 35 ( April 27, 2027) 1st place and 2nd place will Roll off for League championship and all other teams will have payout.

**Dates taken off:**

December 22, 2026
December 29, 2026

**Roster:** The league will consist 16 teams with a maximum roster of 4 regular bowlers and no more then 2 substitute bowlers.Teams will consist of men only. No new bowlers can be added to a team and/or the league during the final three(3) weeks of a trimester without first getting the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors.

**Board of Directors:** The league Board of Directors, consists of the Officers and Team Captains. The quorum for the board meetings is a majority of the board.

The Board of Directors duties (Rule 103b).

a. Make decisions on all matters arising in the league
b. Deciding all protests involving USBC or league rules.

**Sanctions:** The league will be sanctioned with United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Huntsville USBC. With a fee of $28. Optional membership can be paid for The National Bowling Association (TNBA). With a fee of $25. All membership fees are due the 1st night of bowling. Any substitute bowling in this league will also have to be HUSBC Sanctioned. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to verify all team members are sanctioned.

**League Fees**: League fees, which must be paid by each member each week shall be **$25** of which **$13.00** covers the cost of bowling, **$1.00** for the Secretary/Tres. expense and **$11.00** for the prize fund. All money will be placed in a bank account under the name of the league. Absent members are responsible for the payment of all fees that are due during their absence.

Last 2 (two) weeks of bowling fees are due no later than 1st Tuesday in February (2/2/2027). No exceptions will be granted.

**Entering Average:** Entering Average for bowlers will be as followes:
1) If you bowled on this league, we will use last season's average for this league as long as 21 games bowled;

2) If you didn't bowl on this league last season, or had less than 21 games in previous season. We will use your highest Huntsville USBC book average from the previous season;

3) If none of the above apply bowler will set average after 1st three (3) games bowled. Entered averages will be used for their 1st 3 weeks of bowling.
**Vacancy Score:** The vacancy score will be 140 plus handicap of 65.

**Handicap:** The Handicap for this league will be set at **90% of 215.**

**Minimum Legal Lineup:** A legal lineup of two (2) regular players must be present before the completion of the first (1st) frame of each game.

**Postion Rounds:** During the last 3 weeks of the first trimester and position round week 11 all bowlers must have bowled at least **9** games. During the last 3 weeks of the second trimester and poisition round week 22 bowlers must have **12** games to bowl. During the last 3 weeks of third trimester and poistion round week 33 bowlers must have at least **21** games to bowl.This rule can be rescinded on an individual basis if approved by 2/3 of the Board of Directors in a secret paper ballot vote prior to the start of the 1st position round game. It is the responsibility of the team captain to notify league officers if a vote is necessary. If a team allows a non eligible to bowl with out approval of the Board of Directors, that bowlers score will be replaced with the blind score of an absent team member with the highest amount of games. If no other eligible bowler, a vacancy blind score will be used. Voting for ineligible bowlers must be done at every position round.

Position rounds will be every 11 weeks. The winning team of each postion round and a wild card which is the team with the most wins not winning a positon round will bowl in the Roll off for League Championship.

If a team wins more than 1 session, the team with most overall wins at end of season advances to the finals. If the same team wins all 3 sessions that team plus the 3 teams with most overall wins are the 4 teams in the play offs.

Week 34 is a roll off with session winners as follows 1-4, 2-3. Rankings come from overall wins so wild-card could be top seed.

Week 34, the play off winners bowl for league championship. All others can bowl a no-tap. Payout will also be this week.

If a member of the 1st or 2nd session winning team has an average of 10 pins or more then current average at week 33, the average used at their winning session will be used at week 33 and 34.

Week 35 will be a Roll-off of 1st and 2nd Place to determine League Champion.

**Subs:** Subs will be listed on the standing sheet each week. **There will be no subs allowed on position rounds**.

**Bowling a forfeit or bye team:** When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation or bowling against a BYE, the team must bowl their team average less 10 pins per bowler (40 total) to earn the points. No automatic wins.

**Absentee score:** A team bowling with an absentee will use 10 pins minus that bowler's average. If a team has more than 4 on the roster the following will be followed: a) Most games bowled; b) Lowest absentee average when the absentees have the same number of games.

**Late arrivals:** Any bowler arriving late during the 1st game will be allowed to make up missed frames provided he is present and ready to bowl before the beginning of the fifth (5th) frame of that game. If bowler comes on 5th frame of 1st game they will have to wait until the start of 2nd game.

**Points:** Points per game and series are awarded 1 point per Handicap game score (1x3 games) and 2 points per Handicap series for a total of 5 points per night.
**Pre-Bowls & Post Bowls:** Captains may request their team to bowl unopposed before or after the regularly scheduled match with a 48-hour notice. When bowling unopposed, a team must follow all guidelines as if they were bowling an opposing team. On this league, only teams – not individuals are permitted to bowl unopposed. Scores will not be posted or released to the opposing team until after both teams have finished bowling. All post bowls will be made up within a week after the absence. Any exceptions will have to be granted by the Board of Directors. There is no Pre-Bowls or Post Bowls during position rounds.

Team Captain of the team requesting a pre or post bowl must allow the Secretary or President to schedule with the house for a time.

If a team schedules a Post-Bowl and fails to make scheduled time that will be considered a forfeit. Opposing team will follow the rules governing a forfeit.

**Withdrawal from League:** If a team or individual must withdraw from the league during the season a 2week notice must be given to the Secretary or the President in writing. The bowler(s) are responsible for all fees during that 2 week. If proper notice is not given, all money for which the team may have been eligible will be forfeited. Individuals may, if they choose, retain their eligibility for league prize money, provided they have bowled the require number of games, and pay out in full, all fees due for the remainder of the league schedule. Prior to their resignation. A vacancy score shall be used when an individual withdraws from the league, unless replaced.

**Prize Fund:** A prize committee will be appointed by the President no less than 3 will submit prize funds by week 5 of the league. The league will vote on submitted prize funds with 1 vote per team. Winning prize with a majority vote will be submitted on HUSBC website for future reference.

**League Awards:** Teams will receive place money based on where they end up at the end of the season. If there is a tie in any postion other than 1st Place place, money will be added together and split by teams in tie. (This is per USBC Rule 118a/4.)

**Individual Awards:** There will be **NO CASH AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL BOWLERS.**

Any rules not covered in bylaws will be covered under USBC League Rules.

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| League Officers: | Elected 4/28/26 | | |
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Bylaws voted on and accepted on August 18, 2026

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