

BLACKOUTS LEAGUE RULES

1. League

- This league will be referred to as Blackouts.
- This league will consist of 12 teams (including BYE teams) as a mixed adult league.
- These rules are for the 2020-2021 bowling season.

2. Schedule

- League will start on 3 September 2020 and continue for 32 weeks and end on 29 April 2021.
- Practice will start at 6:05pm and bowling will start at 6:15pm.
- Dates not bowling: 26 November 2020; 24 December 2020; 31 December 2020

3. Management

Management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the league officers and team captains. League officers cannot be team captains.

League Official	Name	Phone Number
President	Ashley Camp	256-701-7692
Vice-President	Lori Stinnett	256-653-1114
Secretary / Treasurer	Mandy Brady	256-603-6248

4. League Fees

- The amount to be paid by each bowler, each night shall be \$17.00, broken down as follows:

Lineage	\$10.75
Secretary / Treasurer	\$0.50 / \$0.50
Prize Fund	\$5.25

- Checks written for payment of league fees shall be payable to Blackouts.
- Each team shall have money envelopes turned into the Treasurer by the end of the first game.
- The bowling fees for the last 2 weeks of the schedule shall be paid by each bowler before 3 December 2020. If these fees are not paid on time, the bowler cannot bowl the last 2 weeks of the schedule.
- No individual will be allowed to be in arrears more than 2 weeks in payment of fees, after this time, the individual will not be allowed to bowl and a vacancy score will be used until all monies are paid in full.

5. League Expenses

Estimated expenses to be paid by the league of approximately \$108, deducted from the prize fund, broken down as follows:

CDE Software Upgrade	\$37.00
Printer Ink Cartridge (tax included)	\$62.00
Printer Paper (1 ream, tax included)	\$9.00

6. League Funds

An account shall be opened in the name of this league at Progress Bank in which league funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the signatures of the President and Treasurer. The President shall audit the league account at least once a month.

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7. Sanctions

- The league will be sanctioned with United States Bowling Congress-Huntsville (HUSBC):
- Sanction fees must be paid by all bowlers prior to bowling the first time or be able to provide proof they paid through another league.
- Checks written for payment of sanction fees shall be payable to HUSBC.
- Sanction fees for men and women are \$23.00, broken down as follows:

Local Dues	\$8.00
State Dues	\$2.00
National Dues	\$3.00

8. Prizes

- The Treasurer will present two options for the proposed prize list within 6 weeks after the start of the season.
- Each team will vote and the majority vote will become the final prize list.
- The results will be noted on the next week's standing sheet following the vote.
- To qualify for individual awards (if applicable) a bowler must have bowled in $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 96 scheduled games, for a total of 64 games.

9. Averages

A series of 3 games must be bowled to establish an individual average. Average calculations shall not be rounded up.

10. Handicaps

Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between bowler's average and a scratch figure of 230. For assistance calculating a handicap, a handicap chart can be obtained from the Secretary.

11. Team Rosters

- Team Captains shall turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary prior to the start of the league schedule.
- Team rosters will be limited to 6 bowlers and can consist of a mixture of men and women or can be all men or all women.
- New bowlers cannot be added to the team roster in the final 2 weeks of the league schedule without approval from the Board of Directors.
- A bowler withdrawing from the league must give a 2 week notice to the Team Captain and Secretary. The bowler is responsible for the bowling fees for those 2 weeks.

12. Substitutes

- Substitutes will be allowed in this league.
- Men may sub for women and women may sub for men.
- Substitutes cannot be used the last 2 weeks of the league schedule.

13. Legal Line-Up

A minimum legal line-up includes at least 2 bowlers from a team's roster and they must be present at the start of each game.

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14. Tardy Bowlers

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed. The 3 frames missed may be made up.

15. Forfeitures

- When a game is declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested.
- When a team fails to have a minimum line-up, the opposing team members must bowl within 10 pins of their current average in order to win points.

16. Absentee and Vacancy Score

- Teams without a bowler shall use a 120 vacancy score with a 99 pin handicap.
- Absentee scores shall be 10 pins less the bowler's average plus their handicap.

17. Pre-bowled or Post-bowled Games

All pre-bowled and post-bowled games must be approved by the league Secretary, except those caused by emergencies. The Secretary and the bowling center must be notified of emergencies, as soon as possible.

18. Points Per Night

- A winning team earns 1 point for each game.
- A team earns 2 points for highest overall pin count (including handicap).
- A maximum of 5 points can be earned per night.

19. Team Captains

- Team Captains are responsible for signing the Bowling League Record (a.k.a. recap sheet) and ensuring that all entries are complete and accurate prior to turning it in to the Secretary.
- Team Captains are responsible for turning in the money envelopes to the Treasurer by the end of the first game.
- Team Captains are responsible for obtaining contact information for each bowler on their team.

20. Face Masks

As a preventive measure, face masks are mandatory until further notice due to COVID-19 (corona virus). Face masks must be worn at all times, except while on the approach or eating/drinking.

21. Bowler's Area: Children will not be allowed in the bowler's area.

22. For rules not covered herein, the league will abide by the rules of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

23. These League rules will be held by the league Secretary and the bowling center. A copy of these rules can also be obtained on HUSBC's website (<http://husbc.com/index.php/league>).