

PLATINUM CLASSIC TRIOS LEAGUE BYLAWS

This league is called the Platinum Classic Trios league.

This league will consist of 12 teams of 3 adult bowlers per team of any mix as long as entering averages do not exceed a combined total of 600.

1. Schedule

League will start on 09/06/2026 and will bowl for 20 weeks.

There will be 1 day taken off this league session. December 27, 2026

There will be 2 position rounds scheduled for Week 10 (November 8, 2026) & Week 20 (January 24, 2027).

Final week of league schedule will be January 24, 2027.

1st half winner & 2nd half winner will bowl for league championship on Sunday January 31, 2027 at 6:00 PM.

Practice will start at 6:00 PM. Bowling will start at 6:10PM.

2. Management

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

President:	Tanya Ramirez	Phone: 256-872-0757
Vice President:	Phil Perry	Phone: 931-231-4698
Secretary/Treasurer:	Michael Price	Phone: 256-603-8385

3. Fees

The amount to be paid by each member each night shall be \$25, broken down as follows:

Lineage: \$13.00

Sec/Treas: \$1.00 (balance to be paid at the end of the league schedule)

Prize Fund: \$11.00

The bowling fees for the last 2 weeks of the schedule shall be paid by each member before completion of Week 10. On Week 10 (November 8, 2026), you will pay \$75 if you have been paying \$25 per week up to this point. NO NEW SUBS are allowed to be added on position round nights & the last 2 weeks of the league schedule. Only eligible bowlers allowed to bowl are from your team roster. Bowlers are allowed on team rosters as long as their entering averages do not exceed the 600 team average.

Each team shall turn in team envelopes to the Secretary no later than the end of the 1st game. Please make sure this is the first thing you do when you arrive to the bowling center. Please make time to stop by your local bank as the bowling center will only accept CASH and CHECK payments. CHECKS should be endorsed to "AMF PIN PALACE LANES". Other forms of payment will NOT be accepted.

A bowler who is behind more than 1 week in payments will not be allowed to bowl and a vacancy score will be used until all monies are made up. **NO EXCEPTIONS. If a bowler bowls knowing they are behind more than 1 week in arrears, their team will forfeit ALL points per night per week until league fees are current.**

IMPORTANT: Bowlers who are on the team roster and are scheduled to bowl are responsible for paying fees (\$25). Fees must be paid by the bowler scheduled to bowl regardless of whether the bowler is present, blind, or uses a substitute. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that all team members are current on league fees.

4. League Funds

An In-Center Banking account shall be opened with AMF Pin Palace Lanes in the name of this League, in which league funds will be deposited weekly.

5. **Sanction**

This league will be sanctioned with the USBC. If you have not sanctioned for the current league season, sanction fees are \$28.00. If you are bowling in another association, Huntsville USBC local sanction fee is \$9 and Alabama state association fee is \$4. Cash and check payments are the only forms of payment accepted for this. Please endorse checks to the Huntsville USBC or HUSBC. If you have already paid your sanction fees, you will only need to fill out a sanction card.

6. **Prize Fund**

Michael will ask 2 volunteers to create a prize fund submission for the league to vote on. The prize list shall consist of only team cash prizes. No individual cash prizes will be awarded in this league. Any ties at the end of the league schedule will have prize money split evenly among teams. First place based on at least 8 teams will require first place to be a minimum of \$2,400. First place based on at least 12 teams or more will require first place to be a minimum of \$3,000! In the event, a team is forced to resign from the league, the voted prize fund will be altered. Each place will be reduced based on the remaining amount of weeks left in the league. This also includes if one person on a team gives their two week notice, with said team using a vacant score, whatever their final place is at the end of the schedule will have their prize fund reduced according to the same guidelines as mentioned above. The remaining players may also agree to cover the Prize Fund portion of the league fees for the vacant bowler (\$11.00) per week should they choose in order to receive the amount of the final position that was voted on by the league or until they fill in the spot with a replacement bowler.

Prize Fund Committee:

7. **Averages**

Bowlers will use their entering average from the previous Platinum Trios league. If bowler did not participate in the previous Platinum Trios league, they will use their highest league average from previous winter season (2025-2026) or 2026 summer season, whichever is highest. Bowlers will use their entering averages for the first 3 weeks of league or for 9 games bowled. Bowlers will then use true averages for the remaining of the league schedule. Anyone without an entering average will establish the first night.

8. **Handicaps**

Handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and a scratch score of 230.

9. **Team Rosters**

Team Captains will turn in team rosters of team members to Michael prior to the start of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to 5 players per team. New bowlers cannot be added to the team roster in the final 2 weeks of the schedule or at the week of any position rounds without unanimous approval of all team captains. A bowler withdrawing from the league must give a 2 week notice to their Team Captain and Michael and is responsible for paying the bowling fees for those weeks.

10. **Substitutes**

There will be NO roaming SUBS. All bowlers become members of the team they sub for and are eligible as long as their average does not exceed the 600 average cap among the three members of the team bowling that night based on original entering averages.

11. **Team Rosters/Line-ups**

A legal line-up consists of at least one (1) member from a team's roster.

12. **Tardy Players**

A bowler who arrives late may enter the first game provided first ball of the 4th frame has not been bowled. Missed frames may be made up. Bowlers must be present before the start of the second or third game to bowl. It is highly recommended that any team who maybe late to league contact the opposing team captain and inform them.

13. **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 legal line-up, the opposing team must bowl within 30 pins of their current average in order to win team points. Individual bowlers must bowl within 10 pins of their average to earn individual points.

14. **Absentee and Vacancy Score**

Teams without a bowler shall use a 120 vacancy score with a 99 pin handicap. Once a bowler has established an average, the absentee score shall be the bowler's average minus 10 pins plus their handicap.

15. **Pre-bowled or Post-bowled Games**

It is MANDATORY that in the event of a pre OR post bowl the following things must happen

1. Contact Michael about the pre OR post bowl. (256-603-8385)
2. Contact opposing team captain about the pre OR post bowl.
3. Contact AMF Pin Palace Lanes (256-534-8438) to schedule pre OR post bowl.
4. It is highly recommended that teams PRE bowl if possible.
5. The latest a team can POST bowl for previous week is Thursday.
6. Teams that do NOT follow these guidelines will forfeit all points for that week.
7. Bona-fide emergencies are the ONLY exception to these guidelines.
8. Availability to pre OR post bowl is at the discretion of the bowling center.

16. **Points System**

League will use the 25 point Peterson Point system. Team line ups are determined by bowlers averages. Lowest average will bowl first, second highest average second, and highest average third. Team line ups may change depending upon bowler's averages. Individual points are worth 1 point for each game and 2 points for Individual Handicap series. Team points are worth 2 points each game and 4 points for Team Handicap series. Max individual points are worth 15 points, max team points are worth 10 points. Maximum score with handicap will NOT exceed 300.

17. **Roll-Offs**

League will be divided into 2-10 week halves. Team who has the most points at the end of week 10 will be declared 1st half champion. Points will then reset and team who has the most points at the end of week 20 will be declared the 2nd half champion. These two teams will bowl in the championship roll off to determine who our league champion is one week after the final night of the league schedule. League championship roll off will be on Sunday January 31, 2027 at 6:00 PM. Final standings for other teams third place and down will be determined by Year-To-Date points combined for all weeks of the league.

The team who wins the first half, if any of the bowlers on their roster's averages are higher at either the end of the first half or at the end of the league schedule, that team will use the higher average for the championship roll off.

In the event one team wins both halves, there will be a wild card team based on Year-To-Date total points who will challenge the team who won both halves. The wild card team must beat the team who won both halves twice (2 three game sets) to win the league championship while the team who won both halves will only need to win the first set overall. All games for the roll off will take place on the same night as originally scheduled and if necessary for a second set, it will take place on a different set of lanes.

If there is a tie at the end of the first or second half of the league schedule, there will be a 1 game roll off to break the tie and determine the first or second half champion on a different set of lanes from where both teams bowled their first set. If there is a tie at the end of the league championship roll off, there will be a one game roll off to break the tie. There must be a league champion!

18. **Conduct**

Bowlers are expected to adhere to conduct not detrimental to the league. Any action a bowler does that is considered detrimental will receive a warning. (e.g. loud profanity, kicking the ball return, punching console, etc.) Any action thereafter and the bowler will be asked to leave for the evening (they will still be required to pay league dues for that evening too). Bowling shoes are required by the bowling center in order to participate in the league. Please see the front counter for rental shoes if necessary. Please be friendly, courteous, and professional at all times.

19. **Miscellaneous**

For rules not covered herein, the league will abide by the USBC rule book.

20. The league bylaws will be held by Michael Price and the bowling center and any copies are available to each team upon request.