

**BILL HOWARD PARKWAY MASTERS LEAGUE
2026 SUMMER SEASON
LEAGUE RULES**

The name of this league will be the Bill Howard Parkway Masters League. The league will consist of 16 teams with no less than 3 players no more than 5 members; any mix male/female who must be sanctioned with USBC.

SCHEDULE:

The league will bowl for 14 weeks starting May 27, 2026 and end August 3, 2026.

There will be 1 week off for Holiday May 25, 2026.

There will be 1 position round taking place on week 14.

The League will begin at 6:50 PM for practice and competition 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 PRESIDNET:	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:	\$12.90
Sec/Treas:	\$1.00
Prize Fund:	\$14.10
300/800 Pot:	\$2.00

At the end of the season, any money left in the 300/800 pot will be distributed equally between ALL TEAMS.

The bowling fees for the last 2 weeks of the schedule shall be paid by the 7th week of the schedule by each member. When week 8 arrives, bowlers will need to pay \$90 into their envelope pending they have put \$30 in each night the prior 6 weeks. Bowlers are allowed to pay as many weeks in advance as they wish. Each team will turn in the team envelope to the Secretary/Treasurer by no later than the beginning of the 2nd game.

No individual will be allowed to be behind more than 1 week in payments. After the 7th week the individual will not be allowed to bowl and a vacancy score will be used until all money is made up.

The individual in arrears will still be responsible for the fees when not allowed to bowl. If an individual's balance due is over \$30 on weekly summary furnished to the team each week after week 8 the individual's name will be replaced in the lineup with a vacancy. If any fees are not paid by the end of the 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 at TRUIST BANK in which league funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the signatures of the President and 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 and after the final averages have been turned into the Huntsville USBC Association Manager.

SANCTION:

The league will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and the Huntsville USBC (HUSBC) at a cost of \$28 if bowler did not already sanction in the fall.

Members qualify for all USBC and HUSBC awards. Bowlers sanctioned in another association in Alabama must pay \$9.00 for local fees. Bowlers sanctioned in another state must pay \$14.00 for state and local. Sanction fees must be paid the 1st night of bowling. The league will also be sanctioned with The National Bowling Association (TNBA). TNBA sanction is optional and the fee is \$25.00.

PRIZES:

The President shall ask 3 Volunteers to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by the league with each team casting 1 vote within 3 weeks after the start of the season. The league pays team position prizes only. The league will pay \$50.00 for a 300-game bowled, and \$100.00 for an 800 series bowled each night. These prizes are NOT available on the last night of bowling or for roll-off as all monies have already been distributed.

ENTERING AVERAGES:

ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 21 GAMES OR MORE

This League Winter 2025-2026

This League Summer 2025

Highest Book Average from the Previous HUSBC Winter Season

If NONE the bowler will establish

Team Lineups will be Based on Low Average to High Average

HANDICAP:

This will be a handicap league. Individual handicaps will be based on 90% of the difference of the bowler's average and 220 with 35 pins 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 roster in the final 2 weeks of the schedule or during position round without approval of the Board of Directors. A bowler withdrawing from the league must give a 2-week notice to the Team Captain and Secretary and is responsible for the bowling fees for those weeks.

SUBSTITUTES:

No Subs are allowed in this league. All bowlers become a member of the team bowl for. Bowlers are only allowed to switch teams if they are joining to replace and are paying members of the new team.

LEGAL LINEUP:

1 bowler from 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 or 3rd games.

FORFEITURES AND/OR BOWLING UNOPPOSED:

When a game is declared forfeited, 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 points, the team must bowl within 30 pins of the team average and individuals must bowl within 10 pins of their average.

ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORE:

A blind score shall be based on the average of the regular team member absent and will be the absent bowler's average less 10 pins. A vacancy score shall be 160 plus handicap of 35 pins.

POSTPONEMENTS OR PREBOWLED GAMES:

Requests to pre-bowl or post-bowl (team only) must be approved by the President except for bona-fide emergencies. These must be scheduled with the house by the President or Secretary. Individual pre-bowling or post-bowling is not allowed.

Pre-Bowling or post-bowling for position match will only be allowed in exceptional cases and both teams must pre-bowl or post-bowl together against each other.

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 25 points per match.

ABSENT BOWLER RULE:

If a bowler is absent the opponent must beat the absent bowler's 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.

ROLLOFF:

If there is a tie for 1st Place at the end of the schedule a 1 game roll-off will take place on a different set of lanes. All other positions will split money evenly.

Any rules not covered in these bylaws will be covered by USBC Rules.

Bylaws accepted by league on May 27, 2026

PRIZE COMMITTEE:

Bobby Orebaugh
Nathan Barnes
Ray Williams