

RSA FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

2020/2021 BYLAWS

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GENERAL

The Friday Night Mixed Bowling League shall consist of 12 teams with a playing strength of 4 bowlers (any mix due to COVID 19). This league will run from Friday, **Sept 11, 2020 until April 23, 2021** (30 weeks). In case of bowling alley closures due to weather, the league will extend to ensure completion of all 30 weeks. All scheduled matches shall start promptly at 6:10pm with practice at 6:00pm. The league shall be sanctioned with the USBC and TNBA. There will be no bowling on these scheduled holidays: **Thanksgiving 11/27/20, Christmas 12/25/20 and New Years Day 1/1/21.**

The league will run 30 weeks with no split season. There will be 4 position rounds on weeks 7, 15, 23 and 30. The League Championship will be determined by the team with the most winning points. In case of a tie, the team with the most pins handicap shall be determined the winner.

MANAGEMENT

- The management of this league shall be vested with the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Sgt-at-Arms and the Team Captains.

MEMBERSHIP

- All bowlers must be sanctioned with USBC. The annual fee is \$23.00 and must be paid on the first night of league bowling, unless already paid through another league. Sanctioned bowlers are eligible to be a member of this league. In the event of a member or team quitting the league for any reason, they shall forfeit all funds to the league that they have paid to date. TNBA membership is \$21.00 (optional).

SEC/TREAS SALARY

- The Secretary salary shall be paid at the completion of the schedule, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors. Full payment shall not be authorized until the secretary has submitted final average sheets to the local USBC association.

BOWLING FEES

- The amount to be paid by each bowler each week will be \$16.00 of which \$9.00 will pay for the bowling lineage, \$1.00 will cover the secretary fee and supplies, and the remaining \$6.00 will be deposited in the prize fund.
- League bowling fees will be due and payable weekly.
- A bowler shall not be more than 2 weeks in arrears unless authorized by league officers.

BANK ACCOUNT FOR LEAGUE FUNDS

- An account will be established in the name of the league at BBVA Compass Bank. Funds will be deposited each week.
- The President or Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall sign for all withdrawals. The President shall verify the balance each month.

TEAM ROSTERS

- Captains will turn rosters of team members into the secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Rosters will not exceed 6 players. A legal line up must consist of at least 1 regular member. New players cannot be added to a team's roster once league play has started or within the final 4 weeks of the schedule unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

LEGAL LINE-UP

- Only 1 regular member of a team must be present at the start of any game or that game will be forfeited. In the event of a forfeit, the opposing team must bowl within 40 pins of their team bowlers combined averages in order to win the point for that game.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES AND HANDICAP

- Last season's final league average will be used for the first 3 weeks (9 games) of bowling. If no final average in this league, then the **highest 2019/20** USBC book average will be used for the first 3 weeks of bowling. If a bowler doesn't have a book average, then they will establish an average by bowling 3 consecutive games the same night of league play.
- The handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 220 scratch.

VACANCIES

- A team may have a vacancy for the first 2 weeks of the league schedule.
- Vacancies must pay \$7.00 each week for prize fund and secretary/treasurer fee.
- When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full line-up, a vacancy score of 120 pins shall be used plus 90 pins for handicap. The Board of Directors may appoint a bowler to fill the vacancy if the team cannot find additional bowlers.

TARDY PLAYERS

- A tardy player shall be permitted to begin bowling from the 1st frame of the 1st game if they are present before the end of the 3rd frame with the score to count as long as the anchor bowler on the opposite team has NOT bowled that frame and be present by the 1st frame of each remaining game in order to compete.

SUBSTITUTES

- Substitutes must pay a fee of \$5.00 to bowl each week they bowl. This money is used for league software upgrades annually. Any remaining funds are divided equally between each team.
- The league shall designate, by name, a list of roving and floating substitutes. A bowler may substitute for a bowler of either sex.
- Substitutes will not be eligible for prize money or league awards. No substitutes may bowl during position rounds or during the last 2 weeks. Position rounds are weeks 7, 15, 23 and 30.
- Only 1 substitute can be used for an absent bowler per team per night no matter the circumstance. In the case of multiple members being absent, then the team must put the sub in for the bowler with the highest average.

ABSENTEE SCORES

- Blind scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal line-up, but less than a full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average of the absent bowler minus 10 pins.
- When two players are absent from your roster, the team member with the most games bowled must be used. In the event the two players are tied for games bowled, the bowler with the lowest average must be used.
- Blind fees will be paid in the amount of \$16.00

PRIZE FUND, TEAM, AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- The President shall appoint a committee of 2 members along with the secretary to draw up 3 prize lists. A prize list must be approved by a majority of the league members and distributed within 8 weeks after the start of the season.
- To qualify for individual average, individual series or game prizes, a bowler must have bowled in at least 50% (51 games) of the scheduled games. Substitute bowlers are NOT eligible for prizes.
- A bowler or team can qualify for only one special prize for high series or game with the exception of high average and most improved bowler awards. Most improved bowlers average will be determined by bowler's average after 21 games and average at end of season. High handicap scores for individuals will begin after the completion of 12 games and scores bowled prior to game 13 will not be retroactive.
- When a team or individual qualifies for a prize in each category and prizes are of equal value, the series prize shall be awarded. Handicap awards have priority over scratch awards.

POSITION STANDINGS

- League standings shall be determined on a point basis. Two points will be awarded for each game won and two points for the high team series in each weekly match. Eight (8) points awarded each week per team. In the event of a tie for team points, the team with the most pins handicap will prevail in the league standings.

PRE/POST BOWLING

- In an emergency, a team may bowl unopposed if 3 members are affected and it is in accordance with time schedule of bowling lanes and league officers. When pre/post bowling, NO SUBS may be used. Team captain is required to inform other team of pre/post bowl day and time. All scores are withheld until both teams have completed the series. An officer must be present for pre/post bowling. Outside activities are not considered emergencies other than work duty or emergency leave. If any team(s) will be absent for tournament bowling then the team(s) can pre/post bowl. See USBC Rule 111 for pre/post bowling a regularly scheduled series. Any team needing to pre/post bowl for non-emergency situations may be granted such 1 time per season. No special score achievement awards can be earned when bowling unopposed.

FAILURE TO BOWL

- A three week absence by a team, either consecutive or not, without explanation to the League President, Vice President or Secretary, shall result in immediate dismissal from the league. All monies paid shall be forfeited, including secretary fees, unless a replacement team is available at the time of dismissal.

SMOKING REGULATIONS

- All bowlers will abide by the Redstone Lanes smoking regulations.

CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR OF CHILDREN

- No children (under 18) allowed in the pit area! Children are to be seated in the spectator's seats behind the lanes which the parents of the child or children are bowling. If a complaint arises, the Sgt-at-Arms will give the parents of the child or children a warning. Further complaints will result in the parents being asked to remove said child or children from the bowling lanes during the league play.

LANE COURTESY

- This league uses 1 lane courtesy rules. Once you have released your ball, as a courtesy DO NOT stand on the lane as there are bowlers waiting to bowl on either side of you. Also, you must stay on your own lane after the release of your ball. You CANNOT cross over into another lane.

NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA!!!

BYLAWS APPROVED AND ACCEPTED ON THIS DATE: