KC MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
RULES AND BY-LAWS
2026 - 2027

(APPROVED at the League Meeting on August 8, 2026)

RULE 1: SCHEDULE

The KC Mixed Bowling League shall be sanction with the United States Bowling Congress and the local Huntsville USBC Bowling Association. Teams shall have a playing strength of four bowlers per team. This league shall bowl on Sunday for thirty-two weeks commencing on August 23, 2026, and conclude on April 25, 2027. Practice will start at 3:50 PM and all scheduled matches shall start promptly at 4:00 PM. There will be no bowling matches on September 6 (Labor Day), September 27 (RSA Oktoberfest), December 27 (Holiday Break) and March 28, 2027 (Easter). The league shall bowl a split season consisting of two 16 week sessions. There shall be one position Round during each 16 week session. These position rounds will be (week 16 and week 32).

RULE 2: MANAGEMENT

The management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers and team captains. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The entire league membership shall adopt the league rules and elect the officers.

RULE 3: FEES

The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be $16.00, or $64.00 per team, of which $12.00 per bowler, or $48.00 per team, shall cover the cost of bowling, with the remaining balance $4.00, or $16.00 per team to be placed in the league treasury. In accordance with USBC Rule 104h (e), it is each team captain's responsibility to ensure that their team's fees are paid to the league treasurer each night. There shall be no arrears in excess of one week unless authorized in advance by the Board of Directors. Each team shall be liable for a total of thirty (32) weeks of bowling fees which is $512.00 per bowler or $2,048.00 per team.

Each bowler shall prepay the last two weeks of bowling fees ($32.00) by the end of the sixth night of bowling – October11, 2026. The USBC sanction fee ($28.00) shall be due and payable, and **MUST** be paid prior to the beginning of the league play on the first night of bowling.

Bowlers also have the **OPTION** to sanction with TNBA (The National Bowling Association) for $25.00.

RULE 4: Honorarium

The Secretary/Treasurer's will receive an honorarium of $1.00 per bowler per night.

RULE 5: LEAGUE FUNDS

An account shall be maintained in the name of the league at ServisFirst Bank, Huntsville, AL. in which funds shall be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the joint signature of at least two authorized league officers. The league president shall verify the balance of the league funds each month per USBC Rule 104b (e).

RULE 6: PRIZES

Prior to the start of the schedule, the president shall appoint a committee of at least three members to formulate a prize fund list. The prize list must be presented to the league membership within five weeks after the start of the scheduled season – October 11, 2026 – and approved by a majority of the league members within two weeks – October 25, 2026 – after submittal to the membership. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled in 30% of the scheduled games or 27 games.

A bowler or team can qualify for only one special award for high game or series. Special high games and series prizes shall be awarded in both handicap and scratch categories. However, no one individual or team can be awarded a prize in both categories. A player or team qualifying for a high game and series prize of equal value shall be awarded the handicap prize.

High handicap scores shall NOT count toward special prizes until the bowler or team has bowled a minimum of twelve (12) games. High scratch scores shall count toward special high games or series prizes from the first night of league play.

RULE 7: ENTERING AVERAGES

Individuals shall use one of the following to determine their entering averages for the first three (3) matches or nine (9) games bowled:

1. Use last season KC Mixed league average based on 12 games bowled.
2. Use last season highest book average based on 21 games.
3. Establish average from first night of bowling.

If a bowler establishes an average on the first night of bowling, said bowler shall use an average based on the three games bowled for determining their initial handicap. A minimum of three (3) games shall be bowled before a player's handicap can be calculated. If a bowler does not bowl three (3) games on their first night of bowling they will bowl without the benefit of a handicap for the game(s) bowled. Thereafter, each individual bowler's average shall be computed based on the number of games bowled to date.

RULE 8: HANDICAP

The "Handicap" per game shall be 95% of the difference between the individual's average and 230 scratch. The league shall not use a negative handicap for bowlers averaging over 230.

RULE 9: TEAM ROSTERS

Captains shall turn in a roster of team members to the secretary prior to the start of the schedule league play if possible. Any roster change must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time a new team member bowls. New bowlers cannot be added to the team's roster in the last three weeks of each Half Sessions (Wks. 14, 15, & 16; and 30, 31, & 32) without the approval of the league Board of Directors.

RULE 10: SUBSTITUTES (Ref USBC Rule 110c)

The league shall maintain a list of roving or floating subs. No one may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week. Bowlers on the roving or substitute list shall not be eligible for league prizes and/or to enter into bracket competition, but may attend league social functions at their own expense. New substitutes should be reported to a league officer 24 hours prior to the time the new substitute bowls. There shall be no new substitutes added during the last three weeks preceding each half sessions (see Rule 9, above) without the approval of the Board of Directors. Substitutes must have a minimum of nine (9) games bowled in each half to be eligible to participate in respective Position round matches. All rostered bowlers must have a minimum of 9 games bowled to participate in league position rounds and league championship roll-offs.

RULE 11: LEGAL LINEUP

A legal lineup shall consist of **one bowler**. Only regular players shall count toward a legal lineup. A legal lineup must be present at the beginning of each game, including the first game, of the scheduled match, or that game shall be forfeited. (See also Rule 17)

RULE 12: FORFEITURES (Ref USBC Rule 119c) (2)

When a game is declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested. To earn the point, the team present must bowl at least their team average of the bowler's present less 40 pins their team average, i.e. (Team Average 750 scratch, Team needs to bowl a 710 scratch score to win the point) for team present and competing. Points not won by the team failing to bowl the prescribed score are to be recorded on the standing sheet as "unearned".

RULE 13: UNEVEN NUMBER OF TEAMS (Ref USBC Rule 109d) (1)

When a league has an uneven number of teams, the team scheduled to bowl against the non-existent team must earn the points by bowling at least the team average of the bowlers present less 10 pins per player. It follows that to win the fourth point for total pin fall, the team must bowl at least three times the team average less 120 pins.

RULE 14: ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES (Ref USBC Rule 112)

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup, at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less 10 pins, plus the absent member's posted handicap. Where there are five or more bowlers on a team's roster, the absent member with the most games bowled shall be used as the absentee. In the event there are two or more roster members with the equal number of games bowled, the absent member with the highest average shall be used as the absentee. The correct **ABSENTEE** score to be used **MAY NOT ALWAYS** be that of the absent bowler scheduled to bowl! **EXAMPLE:** Bob and Sally are absent for a scheduled match. Sally arranged a substitute to bowl for her; Bob did not. If Bob and Sally are the only rostered team members not present, and Sally has more games bowled than Bob, Sally's absentee score must be used.

When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full lineup, and eligible substitutes are not available, a **VACANCY** score of 120 plus 103 pins handicap shall be used in accordance with USBC Rule 112d (1). Teams shall not be liable for the linage fee ($12.00) associated with a **VACANCY** score for the first two weeks of the league schedule. Prize fund fees ($4.00) should be paid in order to keep the prize fund totals accurate. If you use an available substitute during the first two weeks, then the team **IS LIABLE** for the weekly league fees $16.00 for the substitute's participation.

RULE 15: POSTPONEMENTS (Ref USBC Rules 117a-f)

In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the league secretary or president of the league at their earliest opportunity. An emergency shall be a condition or situation where there are or is insufficient time to notify the opposing team – 3 days or less. USBC Rules 117a-f shall apply to the conduct of a postponed match. Whenever possible, all postponed matches should be completed prior to the next scheduled night of league bowling, or within seven days after the completion of the league schedule in case of a postponement on the last night of the league schedule. Pre-bowled or post-bowled games may be bowled in the party room if lanes are not available during the requested time. **Currently Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings are not available for pre or post bowled games.**

RULE 16: BOWLING UNOPPOSED

Teams scheduled to bowl against each other must be in direct competition on adjacent lanes. No team should be permitted to bowl league games before or after a match unless approved by the League Officers in the event of an emergency. No individual shall be permitted to bowl league games before or after a match.

Exceptions to these provisions must be approved by the league Board of Directors prior to the team pre-bowling. If pre-bowling is approved, the pre-bowled scores shall be provided to the opposing team at the regularly scheduled time of bowling. If the League Officers rules that it is in the best interest of the parties concerned to allow a match to be bowled unopposed, then USBC Rule 117e shall apply so that problems and conflicts may be avoided.

RULE 17: TARDY PLAYERS

A tardy player shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first frame of the first game with the score to count; provided the match has not progressed beyond the third frame, i.e. the last bowler for each team has completed the third frame. This applies to the first game only. After the first game, all players must be ready at the beginning of each succeeding game.

RULE 18: POSITION STANDINGS

Standings shall be determined on a 5 point basis, with one point awarded for each game won and two points for the team high handicap series in each match. In the event of a tie in positional standings, the higher standing position shall be awarded to the team with the higher total handicap pin fall. In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the first or second half of the league schedule, a playoff for first or second half champion shall be conducted IAW K C Mixed League Rule 19.

RULE 19: PLAYOFFS/FINAL STANDINGS (Ref USBC Rule 118)

In the event a playoff is required to determine the league's first or second half standings for the season, a playoff will be held IAW KC Mixed League Rule 18, with one point awarded for each game won and two points for the team high handicap series being declared the first or second half champion. The League Championship shall also be determined IAW KC Mixed League Rule 18, with one point awarded for each game won and two points for the team high handicap series between the first and second half champions. If the same team wins both halves of the league, then that team will be declared the League Champion. The loser of the League Championship Roll-off shall be declared the 2nd Place Team. All other teams 3rd through last, shall be determined by total points won over the entire season. For any teams tied at the end of the season, the Team Prize Money will be combined and divided equally among the tied teams.

RULE 20: AGE REQUIREMENTS (Ref USBC Rule 16(a))

The KC Mixed League shall be an adult membership league. USBC adult membership is available to individuals 18 years or older as of August 1st.

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