

# **RSA Tuesday Night Mixed League Rules**

## **2019-2020 Season**

**Rule 1-** The Tuesday Night Mixed league will bowl on Tuesday evenings for 34 weeks beginning at 5:50 p.m. with 10 minutes of practice and immediately followed by league bowling at 6 p.m. The season will start on September 3, 2019 and will end May 5, 2020 with 2 position rounds, one on January 7, 2020 and the second on May 5, 2020. All prize money and awards will be given out on May 12, 2020. The league is off on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019 and New Year's Eve, December 31, 2019.

**The league will consist of 30 teams with a roster of 6 with only 4 bowling per week. (Your team playing strength can be any combination of men and women). On each position round and last two weeks of the league all team members must have bowled 9 games.**

**Rule 2-** The Tuesday Night Mixed league shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) which includes local and state, and The National Bowling Association Inc. (TNBA). Each member shall pay \$23.00 for a sanction card with USBC (required) on the first night you bowl. Also, those who choose can become TNBA members for \$21.00 (optional). The USBC sanction card from summer 2019 will not carry over thru the fall of 2019. The TNBA membership card is good September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

If you are writing a check please make checks payable to **RSA Tuesday Night Mixed.**

**Rule 3-** The League Board of Directors, which consists of the Officers and Team Captains, shall manage this league. The quorum for board meetings is a majority of the board. The Board of Directors adopts the league rules (**Rule 103a-b**).

**Rule 4-** League fees, which must be paid by each member of each session shall be **\$15.00**, of which **\$9.25** covers the cost of bowling, **\$1.00** for the secretary's expense, and the balance of **\$4.75** for the prize fund to be placed in the league treasury. **Bowling fees will be paid each week.** Absentee members are responsible for the payment of all fees that become due during their absence. Failure to pay league fees each week could result in suspension of USBC membership (**Rule 115b**).

For the first 3 weeks, team members must pay the secretary and prize fund fees for each vacancy on the team roster (**\$5.75**). **Beginning in week 4, \$15.00 per vacancy will be due.**

**The last two weeks bowling fees shall be paid NLT week 8, October 22, 2019. No exceptions will be granted.**

**Rule 5-** A prize list (responsibility of the League President) must be submitted for approval by the full membership of the league within **5 weeks** after the start of the schedule. All prize list options will only include team prizes (team place awards, team game and team series). No individual cash awards will be on the prize lists.

**Rule 6-** Entering averages of all players shall be last season's highest book average and this will be used for the first 3 weeks the bowler bowls on the league. If a bowler does not have a book average, the average will be set by using the scores of the first three consecutive games bowled. This must be three consecutive games bowled on the same day. **(Rule 118c)**

Handicap will be **90 percent of 230 (Rule 100g.4)**

**Rule 7-** The League Secretary will maintain a list of roving substitutes. A substitute or replacement may be of either gender **(Rule 107c-4)**. **There will be no substitute or replacement bowlers on position rounds or the last two weeks of the season (Rule 107c/5).**

**Rule 8-** The minimum, legal lineup of **two regular players** must be present before the completion of the first frame of each game. **(Rule 109a)**.

**Rule 9-** When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation or bowling against a BYE, the team must bowl the team average less 10 pins per player (40 total) to earn the points by forfeiture **(Rule 110 c)**.

**Rule 10-** Absentee scores will 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 will be the absent member's average minus 10 pins. **Teams shall use the absentee score of the absent player with the: a) Most games bowled; b) Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled; c) Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.** Handicap will be figured on the average of absent member(s). When a team has an incomplete roster (vacancy on the team) a score of 120 shall be used and such score shall be used for the basis of determining handicap. **(Rule 105). The handicap for a 120 average shall be 99.**

**Rule 11-** Captains may request their team to bowl unopposed before or after the regularly scheduled match with a **48-hour notice**. When bowling unopposed, a team must follow all guidelines as if they were bowling an opposing team. On this league, **only teams — not individuals** are permitted to bowl unopposed. Scores will not be posted or released to the opposing team until after both teams have finished bowling. All post bowls will be made up within a week after the absence. Any exceptions will have to be granted by the Board of Directors. **There will be no unopposed bowling**

**during position rounds.**

**Please note the Team Captain of the team requesting a pre or post bowl must allow a league officer to schedule the with the house for a time. A league officer must be present for the pre or post bowl. The opposing team must be given the option to bowl at the pre or post bowl time. Times for pre or post bowls will be limited because of all the scheduled leagues in the house.**

**Rule 12-** A bowler who arrives late may enter the 1<sup>st</sup> game provided they are ready to bowl before the 4th frame has been started by any of the bowlers on either team. In this situation frames may be made up. To bowl in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> game the bowler must be ready to bowl prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> frame. **(Rule 109c)**

**Rule 13-** A three consecutive week absence, with blank explanation to the Team Captain, League Secretary, or President without good cause shall result in immediate dismissal from the league.

**Rule 14-** No new teams will be added to the league after the third week of the league schedule unless approved by the Board of Directors. However, individuals may be added if needed to fill vacancies on team rosters, except during the last **5 weeks** of the league schedule. Teams joining late will be given **2 weeks** from the date they join to catch —up all games missed and bowling fees. The League Secretary will schedule and be present during such catch-up games. In the absence of the Secretary, the President or Vice President will be present for the make-up games. The new bowlers will be responsible for making up the prize fund and secretary expense.

**Rule 15- If a team or individual must withdraw from the league during the season, 2 weeks' notice must be given.** If proper notice is not given, all money for which the team may have been eligible will be forfeited. Individuals may, if they choose, retain their eligibility for league prize money, provided they have bowled the required number of games, and pay out in full, all fees due for the remainder of the league schedule prior to their resignation. A vacancy score shall be used when an individual withdraws from the league. **(Rule 114a).**

**Rule 16- ONLY IF IT'S A TIE BREAKER.** There will be a play-off for first place only. Scores bowled in such playoff will not count toward individual or team averages or prize money offered by the league. The teams involved will bowl one game, and the team with the most pins to include handicap, shall be the league champion. If this game should end in a tie, the bowlers will bowl an additional 10<sup>th</sup> frame, and it will be scored as such. The play-off will take place on the last night of the bowling league **(Rule 113a and b).**

**Rule 17-** Points per game and series are awarded 1 point per Handicap game score (1 x 3 games) and 2 points per Handicap series for a total of 5 points per bowling night.

**Rule 18-** No Food or drinks in the Pit Area (**nothing past the ball racks on the low table or between the chairs.**)

**Rule 19-** Only league bowlers in the pit during league practice and play.

**This league will be consistent with USBC 2019-2020 Playing Rules if not covered in this set of league rules.**

**League Officers**

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