

Red Ribbon Bowling Association League By-Laws and Rules

Fall 2020-2021 Season

SCHEDULE

The Red Ribbon Fall/Winter Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress through the Huntsville United States Bowling Congress association. The league will consist of 8 teams, (current rosters have 7 full teams and 1 vacant) with a playing strength of 21 members. The League will bowl on Monday nights at 8:00 pm for 14 weeks commencing on September 14, 2020.

HOLIDAYS

The league will not bowl on the following Holidays:

Columbus Day	October 12th 2020
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MANAGEMENT

The management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers and Team Captains. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall adopt league rules.

FEES

The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be \$15.00 of which \$9.00 shall cover the cost of bowling, \$0.75 for the Secretary/Treasurer salary and \$5.25 for the prize fund. Any member behind in fees more than two weeks will not be permitted to bowl until he/she has paid up arrears. If a team member bowls and you are in arrears more than 2 weeks, that team shall forfeit all games won that week. Bowlers may bowl with more than 2 weeks fees in arrears only after seeking and receiving the consent of a majority of the full board. Any member absent 2 consecutive weeks will be subject to dismissal from the league unless they have notified their team captain or an officer of the league as to their absence. At the end of the league season, should any team member(s) or former team member(s) be in arrearage, the team member(s) arrearage amount shall be taken from that individual's team place money and then from any individual prize money won by said individual. The last two weeks of bowling fees shall be paid by the end of the 5th week of the bowling season. In the case of this season, that is by October 19th, 2020. All weekly fees are to be submitted to the secretary/treasurer by the **START** of the 2nd game.

LEAGUE RESIGNATION

If any regular member of the league wishes to quit the league, he/she should make every effort to notify their team captain or an officer of the league as soon as possible or at least two weeks, so that their team and league can make every effort to find a replacement bowler. To that extent, team captains should make every effort to notify the league secretary when they have a member not returning to the team roster so as to minimize the amount of team place money said team would be responsible for covering should a member cease bowling. After the third week of bowling, the individual bowler will be responsible for paying the \$9.00 lineage for the remainder of the season or until a replacement can be found.

SALARIES

The salary to be paid to the secretary/treasurer shall be established by the Board of Directors. The salary shall be \$0.75 per player per night and shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule unless authorized by the executive board. Full payment shall not be authorized until the secretary has furnished the final average sheet to the local association.

LEAGUE FUNDS

League funds will be deposited into an account at Redstone Federal Credit Union weekly. The secretary/treasurer will maintain proper records for league funds, including prize fund and lineage paid receipts, addition funds raised by the league for donations are NOT the responsibility of the League

Secretary/Treasurer. Withdrawals from the league account shall be made only with the joint signature of at least two (2) authorized officers of the league. The President should verify the account balance monthly.

PRIZES

The President shall appoint a committee of 3 members to draw up a prize list, which must be approved first by the league's Board of Directors and then approved by a majority of the league members and passed within 5 weeks of the start of the schedule. To qualify for the individual prizes, a bowler must have bowled 2/3 of the scheduled games. A bowler or team can qualify for only one (1) special prize for high series and high game. This is in addition to team awards. When a team or individual qualifies for a prize in each category and prizes are equal in value, handicap score prizes over scratch scores will be awarded first and the 3 game series scores takes precedence over individual game.

AVERAGES/HANDICAPS

All members will establish OFFICIAL LEAGUE AVERAGES on the FIRST 3 CONSECUTIVELY BOWLED LEAGUE GAMES IN LEAGUE PLAY IN THE SAME SESSION. Games or partial games bowled prior to establishing an OFFICIAL LEAGUE AVERAGE will be discarded. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the individual average and 210 (90% of 210). Team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individual handicaps for the players in the line-up.

ROSTERS

Where possible, team captains will turn in rosters of the team members to the secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to double the number of members that would comprise a full strength roster. Any roster changes should be reported to the league secretary at least 24 hours before the league bowls. New Players cannot be added to the team roster in the final 3 weeks of the schedule without the approval of the executive board.

SUBSTITUTES

The league shall maintain a list of floating subs. No one may bowl for more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week. Floating subs WILL NOT be eligible for league awards and will not be permitted to bowl in position round competition, however they are eligible receive local/national USBC awards. Team subs are eligible to receive both league and local/national awards. NO NEW SUB(S) may bowl the last two weeks of the schedule, however established subs (any sub that has at least 3 games bowled) will be permitted to bowl any week except for position round competition. Any sub that wishes to bowl for a member must complete a three (3) game series to establish an average/handicap. Incomplete or partial games or series will not be accepted. In the event that a substitute is used by a team in a vacancy spot, that team/team captain must be responsible for paying for that substitute's lineage cost of \$9.00 for the 3-game series.

LEGAL LINEUP

Both regular and substitute players shall count toward a legal lineup. A minimum legal lineup must be present by the completion of the 3rd frame (tardy frame) of each game. A minimum legal lineup must include at least 1 player from a team's current roster. There is a limit of three (3) subs per team per night. In the event that a minimum legal lineup is not present by the completion of the tardy frame, a forfeit shall be declared for the game(s).

PREBOWLING

If any team knows in advance a team member will be absent from bowling they are allowed to pre-bowl for that week. The entire team is required to pre-bowl (per Redstone Lanes management), setting up the pre-bowl appointment with Redstone Lanes must be done by the League President or Secretary/Treasurer. Pre-bowling is allowed for a position round.

POSTPONEMENTS

A committee of three (3) shall be appointed by the President to determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement. In emergencies the captain of the team shall notify the President, Vice-President and/or Secretary/Treasurer at the earliest opportunity. Unopposed or Postponed games must be made up within 1 week. A league officer must be present during any post-bowls.

ABSENTEE SCORES/TARDY PLAYERS

Absentee scores shall be the average minus (10) pins for the absent bowler. The handicap shall be figured on the current average of the absent bowler. When a team does not have a full lineup a vacancy score shall be the basis for the handicap allowance. A vacancy score of **120** shall be used for all vacancies with a handicap of **81**.

In the event that a league member is unable attend league session on any particular night that member shall have the option to pre-bowl unopposed their set of 3 games to be added to their team's total for the week that the per-bowled games were bowled for. In this case, the member wishing to pre-bowl **MUST NOTIFY HIS/HER TEAM CAPTAIN AND/OR OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE SO NOTICE IS GIVEN AND SCORES WILL BE LOOKED FOR IN TEAMS ENVELOPE.**

In the event that this does not happen, the scores bowled would be negated and the member's team would then use a blind score for that member. Except in the case of extreme emergencies the league shall not allow unopposed members to post bowl games missed for any week. Once an **OFFICIAL LEAGUE AVERAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** a player who arrives late may enter any game provided the third frame (tardy frame) of said game has not been completed. Frames missed may be made up.

In the event that a tardy player arrive after the tardy frame has been completed, the tardy member will have the option to either complete the remainder of the game at the point of arrival with 1/10th of the tardy player's absentee score credit to the missing frames, use the tardy player's absentee (blind) score for the complete game, or if both team captains agree, the late arriving player will be permitted to catch up all missed frames.

BOWLING UNOPPOSED

In the event of bowling against a vacancy or unopposed team, the opposing team must bowl within 30 pins of their total team **AVERAGES** to earn the games to be computed as games won according to USBC rules. In the event that a team is bowling unopposed USBC awards shall be awarded and any league awards won by the team or its members shall also be allowed.

SCORES

Board of Directors (team captains and executive officers) shall be the only members with vested authority to change scores that may be incorrect due to cause (incorrect pin fall, ball out of channel, score error, etc.). In the event that a board member is unsure of how to remedy the problem with scores or scorer, he/she shall seek the assistance of a league officer to fix the problem.

POSITION STANDINGS

Position standings shall be determined on the basis of games won and lost win one (1) point awarded for each game won and (1) point for the high team series in each match. All points awarded will be on the handicap basis. In the event of a tie between 2 or more teams before a position round, position pairings shall be determined by team handicap total pin fall. In the event that a tie exists for 1st place at the completion of the league's regular schedule, team total pin fall shall not be used to determine the league champion. In this case a league playoff between the tied team, which consists of 1-game sudden death, will be bowled with the highest handicap game determining the final standing between the tied teams. If a tie still exists after the playoff the teams will bowl a tenth frame roll-off with 1/10 of each individual's handicap added to the team's tenth frame score. This roll-off will continue until a league champion is named with the teams alternating lanes with each successive roll-off. In the event of a tie for other positions in which a trophy is to be awarded a 1-game sudden death playoff between the tied teams will also commence with the winner to be determined by the highest handicap game. Playoff games shall not count toward final averages or special team or individual awards. *In the event a roll-off is not permissible, team total pins will decide Final League Positions for teams in a tie.*

IGBO MEMBERSHIP

The Red Ribbon Bowling Association is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization until such time as it votes not to renew annual membership. As such, the league shall pay the renewal fees (currently \$50 for up to 25 bowlers, \$75 for 26 to 50 bowlers, and \$100 for 51 to 100 bowlers) and must elect or appoint an IGBO Representative and an Alternate IGBO Representative. These Representative should be willing and able to attend either/or both of the IGBO Mid-Year Tournament (held in November around Veterans Day) and the IGBO Annual (held over Memorial Day weekend).

Masks are to be worn at all times except when on the approach to bowl.

NO-ONE other than the League Bowlers and Substitutes will be allowed in the settee area during league play.

No food or drinks will be allowed in the settee area during league bowling.

All other items not covered herein shall be governed by USBC ruling.

League Officers

President: Doug Harding

Vice President: Corey Montgomery

Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis Scott

Sgt-at-Arms: Courtney Helmick

Communications Officer: Brian Webb

IGBO Representative (s): Doug Harding and Dennis Scott

The above stated rules were adopted at a called league meeting held on August 31st, 2020 at Redstone Lanes, Redstone Arsenal.