

**Senior Sweepers
2022-23 Winter League Bylaws**

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Rule 1 – Schedule

The Senior Sweepers Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the USBC through the Local Association. The league will consist of 10 teams with a playing strength of 4 members. The league will bowl on Tuesday mornings for 27 weeks, commencing on 8/23/2022 and ending on 4/4/2023. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. The league will meet on Tuesday, 4/11/2023 for prize payout. There will be no position rounds. The league will not bowl on 11/22/2022 (Thanksgiving week) and 12/27/2022 (Christmas/New Year's Day). For business purposes, Stars and Strikes will not allow league bowling on 10/4/2022 (Fall Break for local schools), 12/20/2022 (Christmas Break for local schools), 1/3/2023 (last day of Christmas Break for local schools), and 3/14/2023 (Spring Break for local schools).

RULE 2 – Management

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

RULE 3 – Fees

The amount to be paid by each bowler each day shall be \$13.00, of which \$9.00 will cover the cost of bowling. \$3.50 will go towards the prize fund, \$0.25 will go to the treasurer, and \$0.25 will go to the secretary. The bowling fees for the last two weeks shall be paid by each member before the completion of the fifth week of the schedule. Games may be forfeited by any team whose participating members are not current in league payments. Determination of forfeited games will be made by the League Officers. There will be no arrearages unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Team captains are responsible for the collection of any and all league fees and must turn in the money to the League Treasurer before completion of the second game.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Senior Sweepers.

RULE 4 – Salaries/Expenses

The treasurer and secretary will each be paid \$0.25 per team member per week bowled. Payment will be made on Tuesday, 4/11/2023.

RULE 5 – Franchise

The franchise (team spot) shall be held by the team captain as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the Board of Directors, except that a franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause.

RULE 6 – League Funds

The Senior Sweepers league authorizes the league treasurer to open an account at Redstone Federal Credit Union for the purposes of depositing league funds and paying league lineage. Two officers must be present to withdraw season ending league funds. The Senior Sweepers Employer Identification Number is 87-2361642.

RULE 7 – Prizes and Awards

Within four weeks of the start of the schedule, or when the amount available for prizes is known, the President shall appoint a committee of at least two members to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by the league members and distributed to each team captain within eight weeks after the start of the schedule.

To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled 52 of the scheduled games. A bowler or team can qualify for only one special award for high series or game. When a team or individual qualifies for an award in each category, and prizes are of equal value, the series prize will be awarded. In all other cases, the prize of highest value will be awarded. Series will take precedence over game and Handicap will take precedence over scratch (select “One only: HS, HG, SS, SG” in the BLS program). Handicap awards (team and individual) will start after 21 games. Most improved average will be determined after the completion of 21 games and their average at the end of the season.

All USBC sanctioned bowlers (team members and substitutes) will qualify for National USBC awards and all the local Huntsville USBC awards.

RULE 8 – Entering Averages

Book averages will be obtained from the 2021-22 winter season leagues in which the bowler bowled a minimum of 21 games. Book averages and established averages will be determined using the following hierarchy.

- (a) Returning Senior Sweepers bowlers meeting the base rule above shall use their 2021-22 winter Senior Sweepers League book average for the first 3 weeks of bowling (9 games).
- (b) Returning Senior Sweepers League bowlers not meeting Rule 8(a) and bowlers new to this league shall use their highest 2021-22 Winter League Book Average on the first 3 weeks of bowling (9 games).
- (c) Bowlers not meeting Rule 8(b) will establish a new weekly average using their first 3 games of the season; their averages will be recalculated each week thereafter).

RULE 9 – Handicaps

The handicap allowance shall be 90% and shall be based on the difference between each individual’s averages and a scratch figure of 230. The individual method of handicapping will be used.

RULE 10 – Team Rosters

Team captains will turn in rosters of team members to the secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Members must be 50 years of age or older. This is a mixed league in which teams may be composed of all women, all men, or both women and men. Rosters will be limited to four players. Any roster changes shall be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new team member(s) bowl.

RULE 11 – Substitutes

A list of roving substitutes will be maintained by the league. Substitutes may bowl for any absent bowler, regardless of gender. No one substitute may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week. Substitutes will not be eligible for league prize money. Substitute scores will count toward team awards. Substitutes will be permitted to bowl the last two weeks provided they have bowled 12 games and their average is not more than 25 pins above/below the absent bowler's average.

RULE 12 – Legal Lineup

A legal lineup shall consist of at least one regular member. The regular member must be present at the end of the first frame of the first game. All bowlers or blinds can bowl in the second game if they are present at the start of the first frame.

RULE 13 – Forfeitures

When any game is declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game is actually contested. Each game point shall be awarded to the team which is present provided they bowl at least their current team average minus 40 pins.

RULE 14 – Absentee and Vacancy Scores

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup but less than a full lineup. The absentee score shall be the absent members average less 10 pins. The regular member will be responsible for the payment of all fees. Absentee scores will be carried for two weeks before a vacancy score will be used.

When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy score of 120 shall be used with a handicap of 99. Team(s) with vacancies shall not be responsible for the vacant position(s)' prize fee. If the league has an uneven number of teams, the team scheduled against the nonexistent team shall not be credited with the points by forfeit. A team bowling unopposed must bowl at least the team average less forty (40) pins.

RULE 15 – Postponements

The league officers shall determine what constitutes sufficient cause to grant a postponement. In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the opposing team captain and the secretary of the league. Such notification should be made twenty-four hours in advance, unless an extreme emergency exists. All makeups should be bowled within one week, unless an extreme emergency exists. A Board of Directors member does not have to be present. Bowling unopposed will be allowed for teams only.

RULE 16 – Tardy Players

If a team has a legal lineup, other team bowlers shall be present by the beginning of the fourth frame of the first game to compete in that game, and be present by the first frame of each subsequent game in order to compete in those games. Tardy bowlers will be permitted to make up any frames missed in accordance with this rule.

RULE 17 – Position Standings

Position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with one point awarded for each game won and one point for total pins. A replacement team shall assume the position standing of the original team.

RULE 18 – Position Ties

On the final day of the league schedule, if there is a tie for first place, a (1) one game roll-off shall be bowled immediately. Scores bowled in a roll-off shall not count toward special prize awards offered by the league. The roll-off shall be bowled on a different set of lanes than those bowled by the tied teams and under the same conditions and rules governing league play during the regular season. If a tie exists at the end of the roll-off, each team will bowl an additional 10th frame until the tie is broken.

If there is a tie for other than first place, prize money for the tied places shall be added together and distributed equally to the teams tied.

RULE 19 – Other

A two-week notice must be given to the secretary and/or president when a team or individual withdraws from the league. If an individual withdraws, their name is moved to the substitute list. If proper notice and sufficient cause is not given, all franchise, prize and any money for which the team or individual may have been eligible will be forfeited. In addition, the member(s) shall be subject to suspension of USBC membership.

RULE 20 – Rules Not Covered

Any rule not covered by this set of bylaws/rules shall be in accordance with the USBC rules.