

# Huntsville Hospital Mixed Bowling League 2022-2023

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1

#### NAME

This organization shall be known as the Huntsville Hospital Mixed League.

### ARTICLE 2

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the league is to conduct ten-pin activities and determine annual team and individual champions. It shall foster and maintain the spirit of good fellowship and true sportsmanship. The league will be USBC sanctioned.

### ARTICLE 3

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### **Section 1.**

Membership in this league is open to all bowlers. The league shall be composed of (12) teams. Each team shall be composed of four (4) regular members and may have 4 additional members on their roster.

##### **Section 2.**

A player shall become a member of a team's roster upon initial appearance as a bowler with that team. A player may be added to a team's roster at the request of the team captain. A team captain will notify the secretary whenever he desires to remove a player from his roster. Such actions will become effective upon notification. A player removed from a team roster may join another team with the approval of both affected team captains and the Board of Directors.

##### **Section 3.**

Roving substitutes are allowed. Roving substitute average will be based on same criteria as league bowlers.

### ARTICLE 4

#### OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### **Section 1.**

The officers of the league shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer who shall be elected annually. The board of directors is defined as officers and team captains. In the event that any officer is unable to serve after he has been duly elected, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement.

##### **Section 2.**

The duties of the Officers shall be such as usually pertain to Officers of any similar organization. (See USBC Rule 102c-f).

### **Section 3.**

The President shall preside at all meetings and appoint all committees as required. It will be the duty of the Board of Directors to have general supervision of all things pertaining to the welfare of the league. The Board of Directors will be the final authority for the adjustment of all disputes.

### **Section 4.**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all proceedings of the league and conduct the correspondence. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received.

### **Section 5.**

The team captain shall be responsible for the collection of the league fees from each member of his team each week. An individual may be in the arrears in the amount of *two (2)* week's fees. If an individual has arrears above said amount, he will not be allowed to bowl until the fees are collected.

### **Section 6.**

The Board of Directors must pass all suggestions for changes of rules. Two-thirds of the votes of the members of the Board of Directors is necessary to pass a change.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **FEES, PRIZES, AND AWARDS**

#### **Section 1.**

Each team member will pay the **\$15.00** weekly participation fees.

The Secretary/Treasurer will pay the alley proprietor the **\$10.50** lineage fee for each league member every week. The Secretary/Treasurer will receive an honorarium **\$1** per bowler per night.

The last two weeks of the season shall be paid by the 1st Monday in April.

#### **Section 2.**

By the 7<sup>th</sup> week of the schedule, the President shall appoint a committee of three (3) members to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by a majority of the league members and posted within *ten (10) weeks* after the start of the schedule. To qualify for individual prizes, a bowler must have bowled in at least *one-half (1/2)* of the scheduled games. A bowler or team can qualify for only one (1) special prize for high series (handicap or scratch) or high game (handicap or scratch). The following guidelines for establishing which prize is to be awarded in cases where a bowler or team qualifies for two or more special prizes is to be used. Substitutes are not eligible regardless of games bowled.

- (1) For awarding of these special prizes, it is necessary to rank them. The ranking of these special prizes are (a) High Handicap Series, (b) High Scratch Series, (c) High Handicap Game and (d) High Scratch Game.
- (2) Example: Bowler "A" is qualified for High Scratch Series and High Handicap Series. Bowler "A" will receive the High Handicap Series Award.
- (3) Example: Bowler "B" is qualified for High Scratch Game and High Handicap Series. Bowler "B" will receive the High Handicap Series Award.

The rankings indicated above also apply to team awards. This rule does not apply to Individual High Average or Most Improved.

### Section 3.

Scores bowled after *twenty-one (21)* games by an individual will be counted for special handicap awards. Team Handicap awards will be counted from the *eighth (8<sup>th</sup>)* night of bowling.

### Section 4.

An Achievement Award will be awarded the league member who shows the greatest improvement in average in the league during the season. To qualify for the award, a member must bowl at least *one-half (1/2)* of the games scheduled during the leagues current season. The award will be given to the individual who shows the most improvement between their final average and their average after *twenty-one (21)* games.

## ARTICLE 6

### GAMES, SCHEDULES, AND ALLEY PROCEDURE

#### Section 1.

All league games will be bowled on each league night as per the schedule. No game may be postponed unless by mutual agreement of both captains concerned. Arrangements for postponements must be made by opposing team captains and given to the league Secretary at least forty-eight (48) hours previous to the scheduled match. League schedule will include **two** position rounds. A legal line-up consists of 1 team member. Pre/post bowl can be completed individually if needed with approval from 2/3 of the board of directors.

#### Section 2.

This league shall bowl on a handicap basis. The handicap allowance shall be **90%**. Handicaps will be figured on the difference between an individual's average and **two hundred and twenty (220)** pins scratch. There is not a limit for individual or team handicap.

#### Section 3.

Individual starting average will be based as follows in the order shown for the first three (3) matches or 9 games bowled, whichever is less. All handicaps will be consistent for a match.

Order of use:

1. Use last season HH League Average if 21 games or more were bowled.
2. Use last season HUSBC high book average, 21 games minimum.
3. Establish average first time bowling.

A member bowling less than a full series in his first appearance will bowl without benefit of a handicap, and the partial series will be added to the first full series bowled for determining handicap.

#### Section 4.

When a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury, or an emergency, the team of which he is a member of shall count his actual score for the frames completed in the total, plus one-tenth (1/10) of his blind score for each of the remaining frames in the game. The frames bowled shall not be used in determining the bowler's average. Any eligible team member or substitute may bowl any remaining games. No intra-game substitutes are allowed. Bowling ahead to complete a game will be permitted for special circumstances, but will be restricted to the game being bowled.

#### Section 5.

No new bowler can be added to a team during the final two (2) *weeks* of each half without first getting 2/3 consent of the Board of Directors. Any player who arrives late may be permitted to make

up missed frames of game one (1) provided he is present and ready to bowl before beginning the *fifth* (5<sup>th</sup>) frame of that game. Any player who arrives after the beginning of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) frame may bowl the second or third game provided he/she is ready to bowl when it is his/her turn in the first (1<sup>st</sup>) frame. When a legal line-up of *one* (1) or more eligible players are not present to start any game of a series at the time scheduled by the league, that game shall be forfeited, which would automatically forfeit the two (2) point for total pins. When bowling in a known forfeit situation or against a non-existent team, the team must bowl the team average less 10 pins per bowler. Bowling 40 pins under team average is a win. There are no ties in forfeits.

### **Section 6.**

In order to compete in a “position round”, all bowlers must have bowled at least 1/3 of all games prior to the position round. This rule can be rescinded on an individual basis if approved by 2/3 of the Board of Directors in a vote prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> position round game. It is the responsibility of the team captain to notify league officers if a vote is necessary. If a team allows a non-eligible bowler to bowl without approval of the Board of Directors, that bowlers score will be replaced with the blind score of an absent team member with the highest amount of games. If no other eligible bowler, a vacancy blind score will be used.

### **Section 7.**

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, less ten (10) pins, of the absent bowler on the team roster having rolled most of the games. If two (2) blind scores are needed, the average less ten (10) pins, of the bowler with the next highest number of games shall be used for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) blind score. **When two absentees have the same number of games, the lower average shall be used.**

Vacancy score shall be 140 and 72 pins handicap.

### **Section 8.**

League records will be based on the point system: One (1) point for each game and two (2) point for the total pins. When a tie game occurs, each team of the two (2) teams involved in the tie shall be accredited in the standings with having won one-half (1/2) game and with a the loss of one-half (1/2) game. No roll-off of the tie shall be necessary.

### **Section 9.**

All postponed games must be rolled off within *one* (1) week immediately following the week of that postponed game unless an extension is granted by 2/3 of the board of directors. The league Secretary will schedule a roll-off date. Failure to roll-off within this time will automatically give the offending team a five (5) point loss, and give the opposing team a five (5) point win. Postponed games that would have bearing on the league championship must be bowled prior to league championship.

### **Section 10.**

In the event of a tie for first place between two or more teams at the end of either half of the split season, these teams shall roll a single game with the highest team handicap determining the winner. If this cannot be completed the same night, the roll-off game for the first half tie will be completed as soon as possible but not later than thirty (30) days past the end of the first half. In the event of a tie at the end of the second half or league championship and the teams cannot come to an agreement on when to bowl, then the roll-off will be on the following Monday, same time as league.

### **Section 11.**

All score sheets must be signed by both captains or their representatives at completion of the match for scores to become final. Once the recap sheet is signed by both team captains (or their

representatives) the telescore sheets are null and void. If not signed, the computer scores will become final. Any protest affecting eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible league official not later than fifteen (15) days after the series in which the infraction occurred has been bowled. If no written protest is entered prior to the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period, the series must stand as bowled. Protests resulting out of competition in the final two (2) weeks of a league's schedule must be filed in forty-eight (48) hours of the concluding night of league schedule. Errors in scoring or errors in calculation in league play must be corrected by a responsible league official immediately upon discovery of such error. Questionable errors shall be decided upon by the league's Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 7

### **LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **Section 1.**

The league championship will be determined by a split season, with the winner of the first half bowling the winner of the second half for the championship. The championship will be determined by the *highest team handicap score for a three (3) game series*. The roll-off for the league championship between the first and second half winners will occur on the first Monday after the last night of league bowling at 5:45 P.M.

#### **Section 2.**

All roll-off or championship matches will not be considered as a part of the regular season and any team or individual scores rolled in these matches will not count toward league prizes or awards. Scores will count for USBC awards and averages.

**This constitution was adopted by league vote on 9/12.**

**Bill Everett-President**

**Vice President-vacant**

**Adam Brink, Secretary/Treasurer**