

ROCKET CITY SENATE, TNBA Travel LEAGUE RULES

- 1... This league shall be known as the ROCKET CITY SENATE, TNBA TRAVEL LEAGUE, and will consist of ___ or more teams, with 3 members per team. There will be **8** bowling events, starting on September 15, 2019 ending on April 19, 2020. This schedule will contain a position round the last session (April) of bowling. Franchise fee is **\$30** per team and Substitute fee is **\$5.00**. Fees will be used as a fundraiser for the Rocket City Senate. The league will practice at **1:50pm** and start at **2pm** each month except where noted in the schedule.
- 2... This league will govern itself by its established rules and will comply with TNBA and USBC Playing Rules. All bowlers must be members of TNBA and USBC.
- 3... The Executive Board will consist of all officers and team captains, or a representative. Two-thirds of the Executive Board will constitute a quorum.
- 4... The league bowling fee is **\$23.00** per month. Lineage - **\$12.00**, Secretary/Treasurer Expense - **\$.75**, and the prize fund is **\$10.25**. Fees will be paid monthly. If an individual wants to pay their league fees in advance, it must be in increments of **\$23.00**. This league will not allow arrears. **NSF checks returned to the league must be redeemed including a service charge of \$20 to the league before the member will be eligible to bowl. The member will not be allowed to write checks for the rest of the season unless a bank error can be proven. Absent members are responsible for full fees. The sponsor fee of \$30 per team is due by December 15, 2019.**
- 5... Last month bowling fee must be paid on or before **February 16, 2020** or individual will not be eligible to bowl.
- 6... Team captains are responsible for collecting, counting, recording and delivering all monies to the Treasurer by the end of the first game. If a member leaves owing the league, a letter will be written to TNBA and USBC for recovery of the league fees. Any shortages will be deducted from individual team prizes at the end of the season.
- 7... Bowler's incoming average will be determined by **(1) 2018-2019 RCS Travel League average (minimum of 21 games), (2) the highest book average of any other leagues with 21 games or more in the 2018-2019 season, or (3) if no book average, an average will be established with the first 4 games.** During an absence, a team may use an absent bowler's average, provided 8 games have been bowled. If 8 games have not been bowled, the player's entering average will be used provided the player has bowled at least one full game.
Vacancy score is 120. Individual handicap will be 90% of 220. Any team using an ineligible player will forfeit all games the ineligible player has bowled.
- 8... A team may use the full average of a member who has quit, minus 10 pins, for one month provided fees are paid. If fees are not paid and the bowler is not replaced, the team will revert to using the vacancy score of 120. A team member quitting the league shall not be allowed to rejoin the league without the approval of the Board of Directors. **The bowler will be responsible for paying prize fee/Secretary fee for entire 8-month period.**
- 9... This league will use floating substitutes. Substitutes will be allowed on position rounds provided they have bowled 8 games with the current travel league. **The substitute fee will be \$5.**
- 10... Each session will consist of 4 games. A twelve-point system will be used, 2 points for each game won and 4 point for total pins.
- 11... One regular member will constitute a legal line-up. When less than a legal line-up is present to complete the first frame of any game of a series, the game shall be forfeited. In case of a forfeit, the team bowling must bowl their average (current if 8 games have bowled or in-coming if less than 8 games have been bowled) minus 30 pins in order to win a point.
- 12... Tardy bowlers must be ready to bowl before the anchor of the opposing team has completed the third frame of any game. Tardy members are not considered part of the legal lineup.
- 13... In case of an emergency, a member with the permission of the opposing team may be permitted to bowl out the current game after the opposing anchor has completed the fifth frame.
- 14... In the event of a tie during the position round, the team with the most total pins will be placed above the other. In the event there is a tie for first place after the final position round has been completed, there will be an immediate 3 frame roll-off to determine the winner. For all other tied positions, the prize money will be combined and distributed among the tied teams. Individuals must bowl at least 24 games to be eligible for individual awards. An individual may win only one individual award exclusive of high average and most improved.
- 15... Post, pre, and un-opposed bowling will be allowed by teams only. Opposing team captains **MUST** be informed and the games must be rolled in the **Center** scheduled for the regular games. All scores rolled will count in deciding league points and prizes.
- 16... Each team must confirm their franchise each year.