

TRAVELING SENIORS 2026-2027

LEAGUE RULES

- 1. LEAGUE INFORMATION:** This league is an invitational league. Members are invited by a majority vote of the officers of the league. This league reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone who in the past has proven to be detrimental to the best interest of the league. This league shall consist of **8** teams with the playing strength of 4 members per team. Team rosters shall be limited to 4 members. Members must be 50 years of age or over, except spouses of members may be younger. This league shall bowl 30 Fridays starting Sept 11, 2026 and ending on Apr 23, 2027. The schedule will include three position matches, the 8th, 19th and 30th weeks. We will not bowl on Nov 27, Dec 25, 2026 and Jan 1, 2027. All matches will start promptly at 1:00 PM.
- 2. MANAGEMENT:** The management of the league shall be vested in the board of directors which shall consist of the league officers and each team captain. Officers for the 2027-2028 season will be elected at the end of the current season. League rules shall be adopted at the beginning of each season. Any rules not covered here shall be covered by the USBC recommended league rules. All members and officers are required to hold a current USBC card.
- 3. LEAGUE SANCTION:** This league shall be sanctioned with the USBC through the local association. All bowlers, including subs, must have a current USBC card. Annual dues are \$28. Please make checks for sanction fees payable to HUSBC.
- 4. FEES:** The amount to be paid by each member each week will be **\$16.00**, of which **\$10.25** will cover lane fees, **\$1.00** secretary/treasurer fees, and **\$4.75** prize fund. Please make checks payable to Traveling Seniors. A league account will be maintained at Redstone Federal Credit Union. Fees for the final two weeks of the season must be paid by **Oct 23, 2026**. (weeks 29 and 30)
- 5. ENTERING AVERAGES:** The first day of bowling, all members, substitutes, and replacements will use their average of 21 or more games from the following sources in priority order:
 - A:** Traveling Seniors League 2025-2026 season
 - B:** USBC 2025-2026 Yearbook highest average
 - C:** Set average first weekBowlers who are absent the first week of bowling may get a substitute or use their blind score if they have an entering average, provided

they have paid the USBC sanction fee. If a rostered bowler is absent and has not yet paid the USBC sanctioned fee, a vacancy score must be used. Bowlers having no established entering average for the league shall be placed in the number one position the first time they bowl. Current averages will be used after the first day of bowling.

6: SUBSTITUTES/REPLACEMENTS: A substitute may bowl with any team in the league. Substitutes will be allowed to bowl position matches and the final two weeks of the season provided the substitute has bowled at least 12 games. No new members may be added on position round or the final two weeks of the season unless to fill a team vacancy.

7: WITHDRAWAL/RESIGNATIONS: If a member must resign during the season, two-week's notice must be given to the team captain and the league secretary. The resigning member will continue to pay all fees during the two-week period. Members quitting the league before the end of the schedule shall forfeit all prize monies unless they choose to pay for the remainder of the season.

8: HANDICAP: The handicap allowance shall be 90% of the difference between each individual's average and a scratch score of 230. **Negative handicaps will not apply.**

9: LEGAL LINE-UP: A legal line-up shall consist of one regular member. A legal line-up must be present by the completion of the third frame of game one and by the first frame of games two and three or the games will be forfeited.

10: FORFEITURES AND UNEVEN NUMBER OF TEAMS: When a game is declared forfeited or when bowling against a vacant team, the points shall be awarded to the team present, provided they are earned as follows: The team must bowl not more than 40 pins under team average to win the game point and not more than 120 pins under team average to win the series point. An individual must bowl not more than 10 pins under average to win game points and not more than 30 pins under average to win the series point.

11: VACANCY: When a team has less than a full roster, the vacancy score shall be 100 with a handicap of 117 per game.

12: ABSENTEE: The absentee (blind) score for each game shall be the absent member's current average less 10 pins.

13: TARDY PLAYERS: Tardy players will be allowed to enter the game in progress from the first frame in the first game provided the game has not progressed beyond the last ball of the third frame. Tardy players must be ready to bowl at the start of the second and third games.

14: POSTPONED OR PRE-BOWLED GAMES: Postponement or pre-bowling will be permitted in emergencies only. All team members being out of town on the day of bowling will be considered an emergency. The team captain must notify the league secretary prior to the start of league that week, if they wish to postpone games for a particular week. Postponed games must be made up prior to the team's next scheduled bowling date.

15: BOWLING UNOPPOSED: Bowling unopposed will be permitted for teams only with the agreement of the opposing team. No individual pre-bowling or post-bowling will be permitted.

16: PRIZES: The president shall appoint a prize committee of at least two members to draw up one or more prize lists. To qualify for individual prizes, a bowler must bowl at least 50% of the scheduled games (45 games). An individual **or team** may only win one high game or series award. High Average, Most Improved, and Most Individual Match Points may be given in addition to any individual game or series prize awarded. Substitutes cannot earn any prize awards from this league. Prizes will be awarded for both handicap and scratch scores for both men and women. When a bowler is qualified for more than one high game or series award, the priority order shall be handicap series, handicap game, scratch series, scratch game. Individual handicap awards will start with scores bowled after 21 games have been bowled in the league. Most improved will begin after 21 games have been bowled in the league.

17: PLAYOFFS: If at the end of the league schedule a tie exists for first place, there shall be a playoff of three games bowled on a date to be decided by the tied teams. The same points system used all season will be used for the playoff. If a tie still exists after the playoff, an additional 10th frame will be bowled until the tie is broken. Scores bowled during playoffs are not considered in determining individual or team game or series awards.

18: LEAGUE SCORING/TEAM LINE-UPS: Individual winning game will receive 1 point per game and two points per series. The team winning the game will receive one point per game and two points per series. All points are awarded on a with handicap basis. Available points each week: 5 points per individual and 5 points per team – total 25 points.

A: The team line-up will be in accordance with individual averages starting with lowest average in first position and progressing to highest average in the 4th position. When a team has more than one bowler with the same average, the bowler with the least games bowled will be considered the lower average. If bowlers have the same average and games bowled, the team captain may determine that portion of the line-up.

B: The bowler opposing an absentee or vacancy must obtain a higher handicap score than the absentee or vacancy score to win the point.

C: When two teams have vacancies/absentees directly opposing each other, the points will be awarded to the team winning the team game/series points.

D: When a team has more than one member absent but less substitutes than absent members, the team captain may decide which absentee score will be used.

E: Substitutes/replacements will be placed in the line-up according to their average, not the average of the absent member.

F: Once a bowler has begun to bowl, under no circumstances will a substitute be allowed to replace that bowler. If a bowler must stop during a game, the frames bowled will count and remaining frames will be calculated based on the bowler's absentee score IAW USBC instructions.

The league standings will be posted on the internet at HUSBC.com/leagues.

League Rules were read and approved on Sep 11, 2026.

League Officers:

**Delores Battle
Michael Shaefer
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**President
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