

Basic Adult League Rules This league will abide by all USBC Rules

The _____ League will bowl on _____ (day of week) at _____
at _____ Lanes. Scheduled starting date of _____ and scheduled ending date of _____
_____ for a total of _____ weeks. No league bowling during shifts of the association
tournament _____ and on the following dates: _____. Position
matches will be included in the schedule on week's _____, **Rule 1.** The
league board of directors, which consists of the officers and team captains, shall manage the league. *The board of
directors / full membership* (select one) adopts the league rules. (Rule 102c)

President _____ Secretary/Treasurer _____
Vice President: _____ Sergeant-at-Arms _____

Rule 2. The league will consist of _____ teams with a playing strength of _____. Rosters will be limited to _____ members per team.

The names of players, as well as any changes in the roster during the season, are to be reported by the team captain to the league secretary before a player competes.

Rule 3. Membership fees of \$ 23.00 must be paid before completion of the bowler's first series.

Rule 4. League fees, which must be paid by each member each session, shall be \$ _____ of which \$ _____ covers the cost of bowling, \$ _____ is for the secretary/treasurer's salary, and the balance of \$ _____ to be placed in league account. To be paid by the _____ frame. Games *shall / shall not* (select one) be forfeited by any team whose participating members are not current in league fee payments. If this is not adopted the league is responsible for any loss incurred by such arrearage, not the team. Sponsor fee if designated: \$ _____ is payable by _____ (if applicable.)

Rule 5. The team franchise (team spot) is held by the team captain. The captain must notify the league secretary of the team's intention to retain the franchise for the next season by _____ (date). (Refer to USBC Rule 109b)

Rules 6. In house-banking *will / will not* (select one) be used. If used, a \$20 fee will be assessed each league. Withdrawals require joint signatures of two officers. The league president shall verify the account monthly.

Rule 7. The prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for approval by the *board of directors / full membership* (select one) within five weeks after the start of the schedule. (Rule 106a)

All league members must bowl _____ games to be eligible for individual league prizes or awards. (Rule 106b) Individual/team prizes with handicap will not start until _____ games have been bowled. Special individual / team high series and game prizes shall be awarded on a *handicap, scratch & handicap basis* (select one). *Games / Series and scratch / handicap* (select one of each) take precedence. (Rule 106b3)

Rule 8. Entering averages of all players shall be determined in the following order: (select one)

- Average established in this league last season, based on 21 games or more, for the first _____ week(s) of league play.
- Highest average from the previous season in any USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
- Current average from another USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
- Do not have a-c they will establish their average the first session they bowl as per games bowled.

Rule 9. The league will determine wins and losses on a *handicap / scratch* basis (select one). Handicap will be _____ % of _____. (The scratch figure should be higher than the highest average in the league and shall not be limited unless otherwise provided by league rule.)

Rule 10. Substitutes *will / will not* (select one) be permitted to participate.

Pacers *will / will not* (select one) be permitted to participate. A substitute may be a *male / female / male or female* (select one). (Rule 110c, Item 5b) Bowlers under 18 *will / will not* (select one) be allowed to bowl in this league.

Rule 11. The minimum legal lineup of _____ eligible players must be present before the completion of the first frame of each game. (Rule 111a) Regular members and substitutes (unless league rules provide otherwise) count toward a legal lineup. (Rule 111a for minimum legal lineup provision)

A legal lineup requires _____ regular members and _____ substitutes. (Rule 111a 2, 3)

Rule 12. When bowling in a known forfeit or non-existent team, the team must bowl at least the team average less 10 pins per player or _____ per team to earn the points. (Refer to Rule 119c, Item 2 and 10)

Rule 13. Absentee and vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. Handicap will be figured on the average of absent member. The absentee score will be the absent member's average minus 10 pins, unless otherwise provided by league rule. (Rule 112d, Items 1a,e1,2)

Teams having a vacancy on the team will use a score of _____ for the vacant position, which shall be used for the basis of determining handicap. (Refer to Rule 112d, Items 1a and e1)

Rule 14. All postponement requests must be approved by the postponement committee / league board of directors. In the absence of a postponement committee, the league board of directors is responsible for making decisions on all prebowl / postponement requests. Teams may request to bowl unopposed before or after a regularly scheduled match. All requests must be made through the league prior to the league start time except for emergencies. Procedures outlined in Rule 117a-f must be followed. (Rule 117b for information regarding emergency postponements.) Unopposed postponements must be completed within _____ weeks. (Cannot be shorter than 2 weeks.)

It is recommended that pre-bowling and postponements only be granted if the team cannot field a legal lineup.

The scores of the team bowling first *will / will not* (select one) be shown to the opposing team.

Individual pre-bowling / postponements *will / will not* (select one) be allowed. If allowed a print out of the scores from the center must accompany the recap sheet including the week the scores are for.

Rule 15. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided _____ frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up (Rule 111c)

Rule 16. Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with _____ point(s) awarded for each game won and _____ point(s) awarded for the high team series in each match. Total pins plus handicap will be used to break ties for position matches for handicap leagues.

Rule 17. League playoff shall be: *One game, two games, best of three games, one frame, _____frames, total pins of a three-game playoff series or Co-champions* (select one)

Rule 18. If a team or individual must withdraw from the league during the season two weeks' notice (14 days, not 2 bowling weeks) and sufficient reason must be given in accordance with USBC Rule 121a.

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Additional Rules