

ADULT LEAGUE RULES This league will abide by all USBC Rules

The _____ League will bowl on _____ (day of week) at _____ am/PM at _____ Lanes. The league will have a scheduled starting date of _____ and a scheduled ending date of _____ and will participate for a total of _____ weeks. The league will NOT bowl on the following dates: _____.
Adult membership fees of \$_____ must be paid before completion of the bowler's first series.

Note: A league can adopt a rule to declare games forfeited if participants in a team's lineup are not current in league fee payments. (NO PAY, NO PLAY) Adopt: Yes _____ No _____

A league that does not adopt this rule is responsible for any loss incurred by such arrearage. A team cannot be required to forfeit if fees are not paid for an absent member or a vacancy.

Rule 1. League: Scratch _____ or Handicap _____% of _____ (Options: Rule 100g)

Rule 2. Team position standings: _____ point(s) for each game won and _____ point(s) team series.

Rule 3. The league will consist of: (select one)

Males only Females only Males and females (_____ male _____ female, any combo)

Rule 4. Position matches will be included in the schedule on week's _____, _____, _____, _____.

Total pins plus handicap to be used to break ties for position matches for handicap leagues.

Option: The schedule will be divided into _____ (halves, thirds, quarters). If there are an unequal number of weeks, the extra week will be placed in the last segment.

Rule 5. Ties in position (split season or final standings) roll-off will consist of _____ *frame(s)*, *one/two/three game(s)*, *declare co-champions* (select one). Scores bowled which qualify for USBC awards will be recognized. Games bowled in a playoff or special contest will count toward averages.

Rule 6. Management: 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 7. Roster: The league will consist of _____ teams with a playing strength of _____. Rosters will be limited to _____ members per team by _____ (date/week).

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 8. League fees \$_____ (lineage \$ _____, salary \$ _____, prize fund \$_____) to the treasurer by the _____ frame. Secretary's salary paid when all forms are submitted to the association.

Rule 9. Sponsor fee: \$_____ is due _____. Advertising worn by _____ or _____.

Rules 10. In-house banking Yes _____ No _____. Withdrawals require joint signatures of two officers. The league president shall verify the account monthly.

Rule 11. 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. (Refer to Rule 117a)

All league members must bowl _____ *games* to be eligible for individual league prizes or awards. (Refer to USBC Rule 117). Special individual/team high series and game prizes shall be awarded on a *handicap, scratch & handicap basis* (select one). *Games/Series* and *scratch/handicap* take precedence (select one).

Rule 12. Most Improved Bowler Award determined by current ending average comparison to preceding 21 game minimum season average 1) *in the same league*, 2) *a new bowler after 12/or _____ games this season*, 3) *highest book average* 4) *all bowlers in the league after _____ games bowled during current season* (select one).

Rule 13. Entering averages of all players shall be determined: (select one)

1. Establish their average the first night they bowl, as per number of games bowled.
2. Use average established in this league last season, based on 21 games or more, for the first _____ week(s) of league play.
3. Highest average from the previous season in any USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
4. Maximum entering average per team is _____. Bowlers who do not have a qualifying average must enter at an average of _____.

Rule 14. Substitutes *will/will not* (select one) be permitted to participate in the league. A substitute or replacement may be either *male/female, male only or female only* (select one)

Pacers *will/will not* (select one) be permitted to participate in the league.

Rule 15. The minimum **legal lineup** of _____ eligible players must be present before the completion of the _____ *frame* of each game. (Subs are eligible bowlers)

Option: Legal lineup requires _____ regular members and _____ substitutes.

Rule 16. Forfeit or Uneven number of teams: the team must bowl at least the team average less 10/_____ *pins* (select one) per player to earn the points. (Refer to Rules 109b and Forfeits Rule 110)

Rule 17. Absentee 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) (Refer to Rule 105e)

Rule 18. Vacancy: Teams having an incomplete roster will use a score of _____ for the vacant position, which shall be used for the basis of determining handicap. _____% handicap used for vacancy score. (Refer to USBC Rule 105d)

Rule 19. Postponement requests must be approved by the postponement *committee/league board of directors* (select one). 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. (Refer to Rule 111)
Scores of team bowling first *will/will not* be shown to the opposing team (select one).

Individual unopposed bowling *will/will not* be allowed. (select one)

Rule 20. A late bowler may enter the game and make up missed frames provided _____ frames have not been completed. (Optional – Refer to Rule 109c)

Rule 21. Withdrawing: Two weeks' notice and sufficient reason must be given if withdrawing from the league and league fees for two weeks must be paid if a replacement is not found in that time period. (Rule 114a)

Special League Rules: