

Cinderella League Rules

2012-2013 Season

Elected Officers for 2011-2012 Season

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1. The Cinderella Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the USBC. The League shall consist of 6 teams with a playing strength of three women per team, with a maximum of three women listed on the roster. The League will bowl on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am for 34 weeks, starting on September 5, 2012, and ending on May 8, 2013, with this date being a play day. The League will bowl a SPLIT season with NO position rounds. More teams may be added at the half as long as lanes are available. No bowling the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week on November 24, 2012 or Dec. 26, 2012.

2. The management of this League shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of officers and team captains. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The board of directors and team members shall adopt the rules and membership shall elect the officers.

3. FEES: The amount to be paid by each bowler each week shall be \$10.00 of which \$8.25 shall cover the cost of lineage, \$0.30 to the secretary, \$0.20 to the Treasurer, \$0.25 to point money, and \$0.50 to contingency fee. The contingency fee will cover the costs of losing a member mid-season should a replacement bowler not be found. All monies left at the end of the season having been set aside for the contingency fee will go into the prize fund. Each member shall contribute an extra \$10.00 by the FOURTH week of bowling to be put into the prize fund. The bowling for the last two weeks shall be paid by the EIGHTH week of the schedule. This includes the "FUN DAY" since it is included in our 34 week contract. THIS DOES NOT in any way take place of "2 weeks' notice" of a resigning bowler or team. If a bowler is absent, she shall PAY HER ARREARAGES WHEN SHE RETURNS or WITHIN TWO WEEKS if she is going to be absent for an extended period of time. She must NOTIFY HER TEAM CAPTAIN if she is going to be absent. Any member who does not do this and has missed three consecutive weeks can be replaced by the team captain. Any arrearages in league fees will come directly out of the teams prize monies. Any bowler

arrearages not paid within a two week period will be subject to dismissal from the league per USBC rules. Team Captains are responsible for COLLECTING all monies, MARKING THE ENVELOPE, and BRINGING it to the Treasurer by the fifth frame of the first game. Team Captains shall COMPLETE AND SIGN the recap sheet and give it to the Secretary at the end of the third game.

4. The franchise shall be held by the team captain as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the board of directors, except that a franchise CANNOT be recalled during the season without sufficient cause. Disputes pertaining to the captaincy must be decided by the board of directors.

5. An account is opened in the name of the league at the Austin Bank in Tyler, in which funds shall be deposited within 7 days of receipt. Withdrawals from the account shall be made ONLY with the joint signatures of at least two authorized officers of the league. The President shall verify the account monthly, with bank statements mailed to her, and then given to the Treasurer for league records.

6. Prize monies will be distributed as cash. There will be ONE place paid for every THREE teams entered in the league, and will be figured at the end of each half, with PAYOFF at the end of the season. First place winners from each half will roll off for the league championship chevrons, and the honor of bowling in the Tyler League of Champions Tournament.

If a tie occurs for first place in either half, the teams involved shall pay for the lineage, and the loser will become the second place team. Ties occurring for any other position will be combined and split evenly between the teams involved. Individuals can only qualify for ONE individual award each half. Individual awards are as follows: HIGH AVERAGE, HIGH SCRATCH SERIES, HIGH SCRATCH GAME, HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, and HIGH HANDICAP GAME. Medal/Pin/Magnet awards sent in our USBC league award kit will be awarded to the individual who is the highest between our split season winners. A separate award from USBC will be given to the Most-Improved bowler. To qualify for individual awards a bowler must have bowled 2/3s of the scheduled games in each half. (Example: If entering the league in the second half, you bowl 2/3s of the scheduled games for that half and you are eligible for individual awards. You are not eligible for the first half because you have not bowled 2/3s

scheduled for the first half. If you bowled 2/3s of the scheduled games in each half, then you are eligible for individual awards in each half.)

7. New averages will be set after the first three games bowled.

8. The handicap allowance shall be 80% of the difference between the two team averages. There is no handicap limit. Individual handicap is for the individual awards only and will be based on the 80% difference between an individual's average and 200.

9. Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary for the first scheduled date of bowling. Rosters will be limited to three members. Any roster changes must be reported to the league Secretary prior to the time the new team member bowls. Anyone listed on your roster cannot bowl for any other team. New players cannot be added to a team roster in the final two weeks of each half without board approval.

10. A list of roving substitutes will be listed with the Secretary. TEAM CAPTAINS are responsible for retaining a sub for their team. No one may bowl with more than one team at a time for the same scheduled games each week. Subs must have a NINE GAME average in this league to bowl the final THREE weeks of either half in a split season, or in a roll off unless the Executive Board declares an emergency. Subs WILL NOT BE eligible for awards. If a sub becomes a regular member of this league, games bowled by her will count in the required number of games, but scores WILL NOT count for individual awards if bowled before she joined the league as a full member. Substitutes will pay a \$7.00 Sub fee at the time that they bowl. This money will be added to our prize fund. TEAM CAPTAINS are responsible for collecting sub fees and marking it on their envelope. It was voted on and approved that all subs be female.

11. A minimum legal lineup must include one player from the team's current roster to be present before the END OF THE FIRST FRAME, when we are told to start into league play by the center, or the game is forfeited. No teams may start league play until the center instructs us to begin.

12. When a game is declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested and shall complete one team frame on one lane before

starting the next frame on the adjoining lane. The points shall be awarded to the team which is present, PROVIDED they bowl within thirty pins of their team average. If they DO NOT bowl within thirty pins of their team average, NEITHER team will receive the points.

13. Vacancy score will be 120. Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less ten pins. If two members are absent and a sub is available, the average less ten pins of the absentee bowler with the highest number of games shall be used. When two absent members have the same number of games, the lower absentee score shall be used. When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy score of 120 shall be used. Such score shall be the basis of the handicap.

14. Bowling unopposed will be permitted. A Postponement/Pre-bowl Committee will be appointed by the President. TEAMS ONLY can pre-bowl or post-bowl. The team captain must notify the committee, the opposing team captain and the secretary or president of the league at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled play to request a postponement, UNLESS due to an emergency beyond its control. The committee shall determine sufficient cause of emergency postponement. The opposing team must be given the option of bowling unopposed or meeting them in a head to head competition. If an agreed time cannot be determined by the two teams involved, if they choose to meet head on, then the secretary will choose the time and date for them to meet. All postponed games must be bowled prior to the next scheduled date of bowling, unless postponed for reasons beyond the team's control, and then they must be made up as soon as possible. Pre-bowled and Post-bowled games are eligible for league and USBC awards. A league officer will try to be present during a post-bowled or pre-bowled match. Scores will be shown to the opposing teams AFTER EACH GAME IS BOWLED. Leave recap sheets at the front desk for the Secretary to pick up. These sheets (like all others) will be kept for the entire season. A print-out sheet must be attached to the re-cap sheet if the two teams don't bowl together.

15. A tardy player who arrives late may enter the game provided the THIRD frame of any game HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, and a legal lineup was present by the end of the first frame. Frames missed may be made up. A frame shall be considered complete when the bowler in the anchor position on each team has completed the frame. If the third frame has been completed, the absentee score will be used for that

game and the player may enter the next game to be bowled. Any player may bowl out the last game ahead of the rest of the team per USBC rules.

16. Position standing shall be determined on the basis of points won and lost. One point will be given for each game won, and one point for total pins. In case of a tie, each team will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ point for a tie game and $\frac{1}{2}$ point for a tie series. Handicap shall be added to all scores, individual or team, used to determine position standing, including those bowled the first date of competition. Obvious errors in scoring shall be corrected by the league secretary.

17. Roll off will consist of three games ONLY, with the best two out of three winning. Total pins will not count unless there is a tie on one of the games or more than two teams are in the roll off. If a tie is still not broken, each team will bowl an additional frame until the tie is broken. Sweeper and roll off will be bowled separately. Ties occurring for any other position will combine the monies and split evenly between teams involved. All but the championship roll off will be paid by the bowlers involved.

18. No EATING, DRINKING, SMOKING, PROFANITY, OR CHILDREN, FRIENDS, SPOUSES, will be allowed in the pit area. The pit area consists of any area that is not carpeted. Use the tables behind the lanes for food and drink. Team captains are to report infractions to the Sgt. at Arms. A fee of \$0.25 will be collected by the Sgt. at Arms after the SECOND warning. The fee will be added to the point money of our prize fund.

19. If a team or individual must withdraw from the league during the season, two weeks' notice must be given along with a satisfactory reason for resigning. The resigning member(s) must notify the team captain and secretary of their resignation. If proper notice is not given, all franchise, prize and any other money for which the team or individual may have been eligible will be forfeited. In addition, the member(s) shall be subject to suspension of USBC membership.

20. Most improved bowlers will be awarded to the bowler whose average increases the most from the beginning of the season to the time awarded. Any bowler qualifying must bowl a minimum of 12 games to qualify for this award.

21. Any member having a check returned for insufficient funds, REGARDLESS OF THE REASON FOR THE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, will be required to pay all service charges owed to the bank and will be required to pay league fees in CASH thereafter for the remainder of the season. Team captains will be notified of a member on her team who is obligated to pay with cash only.

22. The President will appoint a nominating committee. This committee will be responsible for retaining names from the league members by the first bowling date in April to present to the league as possible candidates for election as officers at our end of year meeting and banquet.

23. CASH only for the league fees after our second bowling date in April.

24. The Sgt. at Arms or the Vice-President in the absence of the Sgt. at Arms will set the speed of the fans at medium. No one is to request changes without the approval of the league officer in charge of this chore.

25. Secretarial fees will be paid at the completion of the league and final average sheets have been furnished to the secretary of the USBC local association.

26. Treasurer's fees will be paid at the end of the season when prize monies are distributed to the league.