

Ladies Petroleum Match Point League
2012 – 2013 Rules

1. Schedule – This league will be known as the Ladies Petroleum League and will be sanctioned by the USBC. The league will bowl on Tuesdays for 34 weeks starting September 4, 2012 and ending on May 7, 2013 with roll-off for championship on May 14, 2013. We will not bowl on Christmas Day or New Years Day. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 6:15pm. The league will bowl a split season with 17 weeks in each half (January 8th and May 7th). The last week of each half will be a position round. League members should be ready to bowl when their name appears on the computer scoreboard.

2. Management – The management of this league will be vested in the Board of Directors which consists of the Officers and the Team Captains. Members present will elect officers and adopt league rules. A majority of the Board of Directors will constitute a quorum.

3. Fees / Expenses – The regular weekly fee will be \$12.00 (\$9.00 lane fee, \$.50 Sec-Treasurer fee, \$2.50 prize fund). The Sec-Treasurer will be allowed to debit the \$12.00 weekly league fee. Bowling fees for the last 2 weeks must be paid by the 4th week of the schedule (9/25/12). Games will be forfeited if participating members in a team's lineup are not current in league fees. Absent members will pay past due fees upon return and no absent member may be more than one week delinquent in fees. Members filling vacancies the first two weeks pay the \$3.00 weekly league fees. Team captains will be responsible for collecting and recording the total fees each week. Last 2 weeks fees cannot be used for advance notice if a bowler quits the league. It is up to the discretion of the replacement bowler to reimburse the original bowler this fee. Any league expenses are to be deducted from the 50/50 ticket sales proceeds. These expenses are not to exceed \$60.00 without prior approval from team captains / officers.

4. Team Scoring – This league will bowl a 20 point match system with 3 games bowled weekly. Bowlers are lined up by average from low to high. One point is won when a bowler defeats the bowler opposite her each game (no series point), and 2 points are awarded to the team winning each game and series. A new member with no average may be changed to place her in the lineup order (low to high). No change in players may be made during a game. A change in players before the start of the 2nd or 3rd game may be made if said player has an established average and this may change the lineup. A dead ball(s) shall be called and the player or players required to rebowl on the correct lane when no more than one player from each team on the pair of lanes bowls on the wrong lane. If more than one player from the same team bowls on the wrong lane in turn, all deliveries stand as bowled. Upon discovery, bowlers shall complete subsequent frames on the correct lanes. A player who starts a game and then misses frames due to an emergency may return to bowl before completion of the same game and makeup the frames missed. If a bowler bowls out of turn on the correct lane her score stands.

5. Prize Fund – The amount of \$200.00 will be set aside for Cash Prizes and the remainder will be distributed by the point system. Cash prizes are as follows: 1st Place = \$100.00, 2nd

Place = \$60.00, and \$40.00 for individual awards (4 @ \$10.00 each). Teams that quit the league will forfeit any prize money and that prize money will be added to the general prize fund and used to calculate the point money.

6. Prizes – Individual cash awards will be awarded for high scratch series, high scratch game, high handicap series, and high handicap game. No one person may win more than one individual cash prize. If one person qualifies for more than one award, the awarding must be made in the above order. A bowler must have bowled at least 66 games (2/3 of the season) to be eligible for individual awards.
7. Entering Averages – Starting averages for bowlers in this league will be figured in the order listed: 1) league average of 21 games minimum established in this league last season 2) highest 2011-2012 Tyler USBC Book average 3) 2012 summer averages of 21 games minimum. These averages will remain unchanged for the first 9 games and changed weekly thereafter. All others will establish an average the first week of 3 games and will change weekly.
8. Handicap – Handicap allowance will be 80% of the individual average from the scratch figure of 200.
9. Team Roster – Each team will consist of 4 female members and will be limited to 5 members. The 5th member must have bowled 9 games in order to bowl the last 2 weeks of either half and 12 games to bowl in the roll-off. A 5th member cannot bowl on another team in the league.
10. Substitutes – A list of roving substitutes will be maintained by the league secretary. Substitutes must have bowled 12 games in our league before they are eligible to bowl in weeks 16 & 33 and they cannot bowl in weeks 17 & 34 (position rounds). A sub cannot bowl in the roll-offs. A sub fee of \$5.00 will be charged (\$.50 Sec-Treasurer fee, \$4.50 Prize fund). No pacers allowed.
11. Legal Lineup / Forfeit – One player from the team's current roster plus one eligible player (sub) will constitute a minimum legal lineup. Forfeit points will not be awarded unless the individual(s) on the team present bowl no less than 10 pins of average and the team must score no less than 40 pins of its team average per game.
12. Absentee / Vacancy Scores – A bowler will not be recognized as a regular team member until they have completed a sanction card and thrown their 1st ball, prior to that they will be considered a vacancy. A team may use an absentee score in a legal lineup. The absentee scores shall be the absent member's average less 10 pins. If two members are absent with the same number of games bowled, the highest average will be used. When a team does not have enough members on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy score of 130 will be used. This score will be the basis for the handicap; however, the score will have 10 pins deducted as if an absentee bowler. A bowler competing against a vacancy or

absentee must bowl at least her average less 10 pins to win the point. If each team has the same number of absentees and/or vacancies, the players present must be placed in opposition to each other for individual matches and the winning team is credited with the points for the absentees / vacancies.

13. Bowling unopposed – Team unopposed bowling will be allowed for emergency reasons and as authorized by the Board of Directors. A team bowling unopposed at the time other than the regularly scheduled match must submit a printout of each game along with the score sheet to the secretary. The team bowling second may see the posted scores after each game is completed.
14. Postponements / Pre-bowling – Postponements / pre-bowling will be allowed only by agreement of the Board of Directors. Request for a postponement for any reason except emergencies must be made at least 48 hrs prior to the scheduled match. The request should be made to the Secretary. Postponements must be made up within 2 weeks of the regularly scheduled match...one week before or one week after. Prior notice is not required for emergency situations and the Board will decide if an emergency did exist. In case of lane breakdowns, if the 2 teams cannot reach a mutual time for makeup games that night, the Board of Directors will set a date and time. At the end of each half (weeks 17 & 34) pre-bowling will be required within 2 weeks of the end of each half.
15. Tardy Bowlers – A bowler who arrives late may enter the 1st game provided 5 frames have not been completed and said bowler will be permitted to make up frames missed. In 2nd and 3rd games the bowler may enter the game provided she is ready to bowl the 1st frame.
16. Position Standings – Position standings will be determined on the basis of games won and lost. Should a tie exist, teams will be listed according to high actual pinnage.
17. Roll-Offs – The winner of each half will roll-off for the league championship, on May 14th. If the same team should win both halves, the 2nd place teams from both halves will roll-off for 2nd place. No subs allowed. The same point system used during the season applies to all roll-offs. In case of a tie in any roll-off, a 10th frame will be bowled to decide the winner. Bowling center pays for only one roll-off.
18. Sweeper - The sweeper will be held during the final position round, week 34. Entry into the sweeper is optional and will cost \$12.00 per bowler which must be paid in cash prior to bowling. Sweeper payouts will be distributed at the final league meeting, May 14th. The sweeper coordinator will receive \$2.00 per bowler for her duties and the remaining \$10.00 will be distributed in prizes. The sweeper will payout 3 places, 1st = 50%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 20%, for each game and for series. Scores will include handicap.

19. Uneven Number of Teams – Should the league have an uneven number of teams for any reason, the team scheduled against the nonexistent team must earn points following the forfeit rule. Any BYE team will always be positioned on the last lane.

20. Bereavement Fund - Each bowler shall contribute \$5.00 to a bereavement fund, which will be kept separately from the prize fund. This fund will provide the monies to pay for flowers / donations should a league member or their immediate family member pass away. There is a maximum of \$75.00 per incident. Any unused funds will be added to the point money at the end of the season and distributed back to the bowlers.

21. Other – No children or visitors are allowed in the bowler's area which includes the aisle immediately behind the bowler's settee. No eating or drinking is allowed in the settee area. Bring finger foods December 18th and a \$10.00 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Pick out a gift after you strike. We will also bring finger food during our position round on May 7th. League income from the 50/50 ticket sales (less any league expenses) will be distributed evenly among the teams.

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