

MEDICAL CENTER BOWLING LEAGUE 2012 - 2013 Season

The Medical Center Mixed Bowling League shall consist of six (6) teams with a playing strength of four (4) members which shall consist of any combination of male and female with at least one (1) male and one (1) female on each team. (*See Rule #9) The league will compete on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM for thirty four (34) weeks commencing on September 5, 2012 and ending on May 1, 2013 and will be sanctioned by USBC through their local associations. All adopted rules of the league will in no way conflict with USBC.

Membership and participation in the Medical Center Mixed Bowling League is restricted to the greatest possible extent to the incumbent and retired employees of East Texas Medical Center Health Care System. Membership may be extended to non-ETMC employees only with the authorization from the Board of Directors of the league.

RULE 1: MANAGEMENT - The management of this league shall consist of the league officers and team captains. The entire league membership shall elect officers and adopt league rules. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. At least one (1) officer must be a woman and one (1) must be a man.

RULE 2: FEES - The amount to be paid by each bowler each night (whether he or she bowls or not) shall be \$12.00, of which \$9.00 will cover bowling fee, \$0.50 to League Secretary, and the remaining \$2.50 used to reimburse cost of league software with rest to be placed in the League Treasury for Point Money. Substitutes shall pay \$5.00 per night bowled. There shall be no arrearage of fees for more than three (3) weeks unless authorized by the Board of Directors. If a member is more than three (3) weeks behind in fees, he or she will be dropped from the league roster. A service charge and the face value of the check will be collected on all returned checks. Service charge will be a minimum of \$10.00/or as per the standard that the bank has charged the league account.

RULE 3: SECRETARY FEE - The secretary shall serve this league for a salary of \$2.00 for each team per week.

RULE 4: FRANCHISE - The franchise shall be held by the team captain as long as the team captain is acceptable to the majority of the Board of Directors, except that a franchise cannot be recalled during a season without sufficient cause. A team captain must notify the secretary of the teams intention to retain the franchise

not less than 60 days before the opening of each season. Failure to do so will result in the franchise being returned to the control of the Board. Disputes pertaining to captaincy must be decided by the Board of Directors.

RULE 5: LEAGUE FUNDS - An account shall be opened in the name of the League at Southside State Bank, into which funds will be deposited weekly. The President or Vice President and Secretary shall sign for all withdrawals. The President shall verify the balance of the account each month and notify the league that this has been accomplished.

RULE 6: PRIZES - In order to qualify for individual awards, series awards or game awards, a bowler must have bowled in 2/3 of the scheduled games. A bowler can qualify for only one award for high average, high series, or high game. When an individual qualifies for an award in more than one category, high average takes precedence, followed by high series, then high game. Most improved bowler and high game over average are not inclusive in the afore mentioned categories.

RULE 7: ENTERING AVERAGES - Each bowler will use last years highest book average for the first 9 games. Thereafter a new average is established weekly. Any bowler that does not have a book average will bowl 3 games to establish an average and use the same average for games 4-9. Thereafter a new average is established weekly.

RULE 8: HANDICAP - The handicap allowance will be 80% and shall be figured on the difference between team averages. Team averages will be the total of the individuals actually bowling each game.

RULE 9: TEAM ROSTERS - Captains will turn in a team roster of the team members to the secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Any combination of male and female with at least one (1) male and one (1) female on each four (4) member team. Changes will be reported to the League Secretary prior to the start of bowling. New members cannot be added to a team roster during the final two weeks of each half without Board approval.

RULE 10: SUBSTITUES - The league shall designate by name a list of roving substitutes by the Board of Directors. The substitutes need not be the same sex as the bowler they replace. However, there must be one (1) male and (1) female on each team. One member of the regular team must be present to bowl each game. No substitutes may bowl with more than one team each week. Substitues are not eligible for league awards. A substitute may not bowl on position night. Substitues will be chosen from regular league. Substitues will be chosen from substitute roster only.

RULE 11: LEGAL LINEUP - Both regular and substitute bowlers shall count toward a legal lineup, except that there must be at least one (1) regular team member bowling in each game. A legal lineup in league play is one or more eligible players for a four person team.

RULE 12: POSTPONEMENTS - A committee of three, appointed by the President, shall determine what is sufficient cause for postponement. In an emergency, the team captain must notify the League Secretary or the President at the earliest opportunity.

RULE 13: ABSENTEE-VACANCY SCORES - Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of a game or series. The absentee score shall be the absent members average less ten (10) pins. The handicap shall be figured on the average of the bowler absent. When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy score of 120 shall be used. Such scores shall be the basis for the handicap.

RULE 14: TARDY PLAYERS - A tardy bowler may enter a game prior to the delivery of the first ball in the 4th frame. The bowler will be allowed to alternate lanes until he has caught up with the other bowlers.

RULE 15: POSITION STANDINGS - Standing shall be determined on a point basis - one point for each game won plus one point for highest total pins, including handicap. Opposition on position night will be determined by standing position. The last night of each half will be position round. NO SUBS can be used on position rounds.

RULE 16: PLAYOFFS - Best of 2 out of 3 games in a Series of 3 shall determine the winner of any playoff match. If a tie exists then the total pins with handicap will determine the winner. Lanes used will be selected by draw.

RULE 17: SPLIT SEASON - The League shall have a 1st half and 2nd half. The first half shall establish a 1st place team which will bowl against the 1st place team of the second half to establish a League Champion.

RULE 18: BOWLING UNOPPOSED - Any team bowling unopposed must bowl within forty (40) pins of team average for each game bowled to earn one point for each game won plus one point for total pins.