

MONDAY MORNING SENIORS LEAGUE

2008-2009 RULES

1.SCHEDULE- This league will be known as the Monday Morning Seniors. Sanctioned by USBC and comprised of 26 teams. The league will bowl at 9:30 AM for 36 weeks beginning on Aug. 25,2008 and ending May 4, 2009. The league will bowl a split season with 18 weeks in each half. The last week of season members are asked to bring food. Members must be at least 50 years of age, however to receive individual Senior USBC awards, members must be 55 years of age or older.

The winner of each half will roll-off for the league championship with the runner-up taking second place for the season. The same point system used during regular league play applies to all roll-offs(3 games plus series). In case of a tie, a ninth and tenth frame will be bowled to decide the league winner. No team shall be required to bowl a roll-off on the same morning that the season ends. Green Acres Bowling Center covers lineage for first and second place roll-off only. The roll-off teams will be eligible to participate in any sweeper that may be held at the same time for league members only and roll-off scores will be counted in the sweeper.

When more than two teams are tied, a three game series will be

bowled and total pins will determine the winner of the playoff. Lanes will be selected by the two team captains starting from lane 1 thru 32.

Scores bowled in a playoff will not count toward individual or team averages or special prizes offered by the league. Scores will qualify for USBC awards. subs are not allowed to bowl in roll-offs or playoffs.

2. MANAGEMENT- The management of this league will be vested in the Board of Directors, which consist of the officers and team captains. Every league member has the right to vote on any rule changes, elect officers or proposals brought to the Board. A two-thirds majority of the league members present will constitute a quorum for all league meetings.

3. FEES- Weekly bowling fee will be \$5.00(\$4.50 lane fee, \$0.50 Sec. fee). Every member or sub will pay \$5.50 the first week they bowl to cover members absent during year. There is no prize or trophy fund.

4. ENTERING AVERAGE- Starting averages for bowlers in this league will be figured in order listed: (1) league average of 21 games minimum established in this league last season: (2) highest 2007-2008 Tyler book average. All others will establish averages first week of three games. All averages will change weekly.

5. TEAM POINTS/HANDICAP-The league will bowl on the 4 point system. Three games will be bowled each week with one point awarded for each game and series. Individual handicapping method will be used. The handicap allowance will be ^{100%}90% of the difference between the individual average and 220.

6. TEAM ROSTERS/BLINDS/VACANCIES- Each team will have a playing strength of four(4) members. At no time will a team have all men or all women. Absentee scores will be 10 pins less than the bowler's average. Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has a legal line-up. Vacancy scores will be 130 for both men & women. If a team does not have a full roster they will carry a vacancy score of 120 until their team has been filled. Teams with a vacancies will combined to achieve a full roster. No new member may be added to any team with a full four(4) member team roster the last two weeks of either half.

7. LEGAL LINE-UP/FORFEIT-The minimum legal line-up for a team is one member on the current roster present to bowl at the start of league competition. When a game is declared forfeited, the team receiving the forfeit must bowl no less than 40 points of their team average to be awarded the points in that match. The absent team will not receive any points in the standings. However, they will be credited with four(4) losses.

8. POSTPONEMENTS/PRE-BOWLING/BOWLING

UNOPPOSED-The League Officers will rule on request for postponements, pre-bowling and emergencies and(except for an emergency situation) request must be made to the Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled match. Postponements must be bowled on the same lanes originally scheduled if available. In unopposed situation, the team bowling second may not see the opponent's scores until after the series is completed. In case of lane breakdown, when other lanes are not available and the teams cannot reach a mutual time for the makeup at time of breakdown, the League Officers will set a date and time(within two weeks).

9. TARDY BOWLERS/MISSED FRAMES & BOWLING ON WRONG LANE-A late bowler must be ready to bowl at the end of the third frame or take a blind score for that game. The late bowler will be permitted to make up the three frames missed. The first game is the only game that a bowler may enter late.

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.

When no more than the lead-off player on both teams have bowled on the wrong lane, a dead ball(s) shall be called and the

player(s) on both teams will be required to re-bowl on the correct lane. If more than one player(s) on 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.

10. SUBSTITUTES-The sub fee will be \$5.50 the first week they bowl and \$5.00 each week after. A list of roving subs will be maintained by the Secretary. To bowl the last two weeks of either half, subs must have bowled 12 games in this league. A sub cannot bowl in roll-offs.

11. 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(no less than 40 pins of team average).

12. MISCELLANEOUS-GENERAL RULES

A. Only league members are allowed in the settee area during league play.

B. No food, drinks, children or talcum powder are allowed in the settee area.

C. NO SMOKING IN CENTER.

D. Only one ball per bowler is allowed on the ball return.

E. No profanity will be tolerated

F. No pacers allowed.

G. Please inform Jodie or Ida about any sickness or loss of immediate family. Sympathy and get well card donations are appreciated.

H. The Center has given your Secretary the job of keeping the fans on/off.

I. First and Second place teams qualify to bowl in the City League Championship Tournament.

J. Secretary will not be required to provide a financial report.

K. Team captains are responsible for seeing that these rules are followed and that the money envelope is turned into the Secretary by the completion of the first game. Any rule not covered in these rules will be governed by the **USBC RULE BOOK**.