

Wednesday Night Open League

1. The Wednesday Night Open League (hereinafter referred to as: the league) will bowl on Wednesday's at 8:30PM at Green Acres Bowling Center. The league will have a scheduled starting date of September 5, 2012 and a scheduled ending date of May 8, 2013. There will be no league November 21, 2012 or December 26, 2012. The league will be divided into halves, with week's 17 and 34 dedicated as position rounds.
2. The Wednesday Night Open League board of directors, which consists of the officers and team captains, shall manage this league. The full membership adopts the league rules. (USBC Rule 122)

Officers:

President:	Brad Hall
Vice President:	Dave Eastham
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mark Fletcher
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Denny White

3. The league shall consist of 13 teams with a playing strength of 3. Rosters will be limited to 4 members per team. 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.
4. League fees, which must be paid by each member each session, shall be \$13.00 of which \$9.00 covers the cost of bowling; \$0.50 is for the secretary/treasurer's salary, and the balance of \$3.50 to be placed in the league account to fund the prize money. Games shall be forfeited by any team whose participating members are not current in league payments. In the case of an absent bowler, he/she is expected to bring fees current upon the first week returning. Bowlers joining the league after the first or second week of play will be required to pay \$4.00 per week (maximum of 2 weeks) to cover secretary fee and prize money expenses. Checks are accepted; however there will be a returned check fee of \$20.00. If the returned check fee from the bank is less than \$20.00, the difference will go toward the prize fund. Team captains are responsible for collecting fees, but are not liable for teammate's payments. The secretary fee shall be paid upon the completion of the league. Substitutes will pay \$8.00, going toward the prize fund. The last two weeks of bowling must be paid prior to the third week of bowling. A bowler who wishes to withdraw from the league shall give 2 week's notice, paid (USBC Rule 114a). The last two weeks payment will also be forfeited.
5. An account will be opened in the name of the league and deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt. Withdrawals from the account may only be made with the joint signatures of at least two officers as designated by the league board of directors. The secretary/treasurer will be allowed to withdraw an amount equal to the "strike pot" each week for payment, but must be returned to the account if no winner. The league president shall verify the account monthly.
6. The league approved the prize fund during the meeting of 1/18/2012 (USBC Rule 117a). All league members must bowl a minimum of 2/3 of the league's scheduled games to be eligible for individual awards or prizes. Individual awards shall be shown separately on the financial statement.

7. Entering averages of all players (including substitutes) shall be determined in the following order:
 - a) Average established in this league last season, based on 21 games or more.
 - b) Highest average from the previous season in any USBC league (21 games minimum).
 - c) Current average from another USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
 - d) Bowlers that do not have a qualifying average outline in items a-c will establish their average the first session they bowl.

After 9 games are completed by the bowler, average will compute from this league, updating weekly. Refer to USBC Rule 118b Item 4 for hand delivery.

8. Bowlers will not be allowed to change teams without the approval of league's board of directors.
9. The league will determine wins and losses on a handicap basis. Handicap will be 85% of the difference between the team's averages. Handicap awards will be based on 85% of 220.
10. The USBC Membership fees required to participate in the league are as follows: men \$15.00/women \$15.00. The league will be certified through USBC. Membership fees must be paid before completion of the bowler's first series.
11. The league will consist of males and females, with teams consisting of any combination. Substitutes will be permitted and may be male or female (USBC Rule 107c, Item 6). Pacers will not be permitted.
12. The minimum legal lineup of 1 player must be present before the completion of the first frame of each game. Substitutes do not count toward a legal lineup.
13. When bowling in a known forfeit situation or scheduled against a non-existent team (bye), the team must bowl at least the team average less 30 pins to earn the points. (USBC Rule 110c, Item 2 and 104d).
14. Absentee and vacancy 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. Teams having an incomplete roster (vacancy) will use a score of 140 for the vacant position, which shall be used for the basis of determining handicap. (USBC Rule 105d, Items 1a and 1b.)
15. Postponement requests must be made through the league by contacting a member of the postponement committee at least one week prior to the scheduled date, except for emergencies. The postponement committee will review all requests. USBC Rule 111b covers the definition of emergencies. Postponement procedures are outlined in Rule 111a-f and must be followed. In an approved pre-bowl or post-bowl session, an officer (that is not a member of the team) must be present to witness the play. The league will attempt to place teams involved in a pre/post bowl on similar lanes, though it is not guaranteed. In a pre-bowl arrangement, scores of each game may be revealed after the opposing team completes their game. Postponed games must be made up within 7 days.
16. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed. Missed frames may be made up. (USBC Rule 109c)

17. Scoring. Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with 1 point awarded for each game won and 1 point awarded for the high team series in each match. The 17th and 34th week shall be position rounds. Total points won will determine placement in each half. In the event of a points tie, entering positions will be determined by total pinfall including handicap. Teams carrying a 4th member may choose the team lineup for position rounds, however bowlers must have a minimum of 15 games in this league to be declared eligible. No substitutes will be allowed to bowl the 16th, 17th, 33rd, and 34th weeks. The winner of the first half and second half will bowl in a rolloff match 8:30 PM May 15th. They will enter into a best 2 out of 3 series rolloff to determine the league champion. The loser of this match will be declared the second place team regardless of total points. The remaining positions shall be determined by the total points (excluding the 1st and 2nd place teams). Prizes, with the exception of first and second place money will be awarded immediately upon completion of the final week of league.
18. Tiebreaker: A one game rolloff will break ties between the top teams of position round weeks. In the event that 1st place of both halves is won by the same team the following will apply: 1st place is awarded by default to the winning team of both halves, however the 2nd place team from the first half will bowl the 2nd place from the second half in a one game rolloff to determine the ultimate 2nd place team for the season. Each half will have a clear 1st and 2nd place team; using 1 game roll offs to break ties. If any rolloff game ends in a tie, another game will be bowled to break that tie, this method will be repeated until a winner is determined.
19. This is a “bowl when ready” league. There is no need to pause for the completion of the previous frame prior to bowling. As such, slow play will not be tolerated. Team captains are responsible for adherence to this rule. Opposing team captains should report slow play to the Sergeant at Arms.
20. Grievances shall be made in writing and will be reviewed by the board of directors either prior to or following league play. At no time shall a grievance interrupt league play.
21. Housekeeping. The pit area (non-carpeted area) is for league bowlers only. Visitors (including children) are encouraged, however they are not allowed in the pit area. Food, drinks, spit cups are not allowed in the pit.
22. USBC rules will apply in all circumstances not specifically mentioned in these rules.

Committees

USBC requires that each league have an audit committee, prize/award committee, and recommends that each league have a postponement committee.

Audit Committee: Checks at specified times to verify incomes, expenditures and balances. The committee ensures the league’s funds have been deposited and disbursed as directed, records have been accurately and completely kept; and expenses have been paid. In addition, this committee may audit league records, averages, and position standings. A minimum of one audit will be performed per USBC rules. This committee will be chaired by Scott Peloquin. He will be responsible for appointing 2 others from the league.

Prize/Award Committee: Develops and submits for consideration one or more prize/awards lists within five weeks of the start of the schedule. They should contact the treasurer for an estimated budget or list of estimated expenses to work from and consider any league rules that affect the distribution of prizes. This committee will consist of team captains.

Postponement Committee: This committee has the authority to allow or deny all requests for postponed or prebowed games, including emergency requests. In addition, this committee makes decisions to postpone or cancel league play due to weather or other unforeseen events. The postponement committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PROJECTED)

13 teams

INCOME

Beginning Balance												\$110.00
League Fees	\$12.50	week	x	39	bowlers	=	\$487.50	x	34	weeks	=	\$16,575.00
Secretary Fees	\$0.50	bowler	x	39	bowlers	=	\$19.50	x	34	weeks	=	\$663.00
USBC Fees	\$15.00	bowler	x	39	bowlers	=						\$585.00
TOTAL FEES												\$17,933.00

EXPENSES

Lineage Paid to Center	\$9.00	week	x	39	bowlers	=	\$351.00	x	34	weeks	=	\$11,934.00
Secretary Salary	\$0.50	bowler	x	39	bowlers	=	\$19.50	x	34	weeks	=	\$663.00
USBC Fees Paid	\$12.00	bowler	x	39	bowlers	=						\$468.00
Individual Awards											=	\$300.00
Place Money											=	\$250.00
Strike Pot Money	\$0.50	bowler	x	39	bowlers	=	\$19.50	x	34	weeks	=	\$663.00
Expenses		(paper, ink, postage, misc. office supplies, bank costs)										\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES												\$14,328.00

AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR LEAGUE POINT MONEY..... **\$3,495.00**

ENDING LEAGUE BALANCE (Carried over to next season) **\$110.00**

PRIZE FUND

WEEKLY STRIKE POT GAME

\$0.50 from each bowler's weekly league fees will go toward the strike pot. Each league bowler (substitutes will not be eligible) will be assigned a number. During the second game of the session, a number will be drawn at random. That bowler will then have an opportunity to win the pot by striking on his/her next attempt. If an absent bowler's number is drawn, then another drawing will take place.

If the bowler drawn fails to strike, the game for that week is complete. The full amount of money is then "rolled" over to the next week, increasing the pot. This continues until a bowler strikes.

During the 17th and 34th week of league (position round), the strike pot will clear.

The following rules will be in place for these two weeks only:

If the bowler selected fails to strike, another drawing is held, and the process is repeated until a bowler successfully strikes; winning the strike pot.

BREAKDOWN

Strike Pot	\$0.50	weekly	x	39	bowlers	x	34	weeks	=	\$663.00
First (\$150), Second (\$100)										\$250.00
Point Money				884	Total Points					\$3,495.00
	\$3.95	per point								

Returned check fees, substitute fees, and any other miscellaneous fees collected will go toward point money. All money will be distributed, except for \$110 retained in the league account.

\$300.00 Has been set aside (see expenses) for individual awards.

Bowlers are eligible to win only one of the individual awards and will be broken down as follows:

1. High league average/men	\$25.00	In order to be eligible for individual awards, a minimum of 68 games must have been bowled
2. High league average/women	\$25.00	
3. High scratch series/men	\$25.00	
4. High scratch series/women	\$25.00	
5. High scratch game/men	\$25.00	
6. High scratch game/women	\$25.00	
7. High handicap series/men	\$25.00	
8. High handicap series/women	\$25.00	
9. High handicap game/men	\$25.00	
10. High handicap game/women	\$25.00	
11. Most Improved/men	\$25.00	Most improved average determined by the difference of average after 12 games and the bowlers ending average.
12. Most Improved/women	\$25.00	

Special situation exception: if there are 6 or fewer bowlers of a gender, then each would be eligible for an individual award. However, each bowler may receive only one award; the remaining award money will then be added to the point money and distributed among the teams based on points earned.