

CONSTRUCTION BOWLING LEAGUE
LEAGUE RULES AND BYLAWS
2017/2018 WINTER SEASON
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RULE 1 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this League is to conduct ten pin activities. It shall foster and maintain the spirit of fellowship and true sportsmanship.

RULE 2 - CERTIFICATION

- A. The league shall be certified with the United States Bowling Congress through the Columbia USBC Association.
- B. Each member of league must apply for certification prior to the completion of their first series of competition. The application must be completed and, accompanied by the current USBC and Columbia USBC Association dues, submitted to the League Secretary. Bowlers currently holding a valid USBC membership is not required to pay the USBC dues again, but must complete an application and submit it to the Secretary. USBC members certified through another association shall pay only the Columbia USBC Association dues.

RULE 3 - MANAGEMENT

- A. The management of this league shall be vested in the board of directors which shall consist of the league officers and team captains. A majority shall constitute a quorum.
- B. The officers of the league shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The secretary and treasurer may be combined into one position.
- C. The entire league membership shall elect the officers and adopt league rules. A majority shall constitute a quorum.
- D. The duties of each officer, the rules under which the league shall operate, and any rule not covered by these league rules, shall be those set forth in the current USBC Playing Rules.

RULE 4 - Meetings

- A. The league shall hold at least two membership meetings; one prior to the start of the league schedule and one before the distribution of league awards and/or prize funds.
- B. The election of officers for the succeeding season will be conducted at the meeting held prior to the distribution of awards/prize funds.
- C. The president will preside over all meetings according to Roberts Rules of Order. In the event of the president's absence, the vice-president shall assume the role as chairperson.

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RULE 5 - SCHEDULE

- A. The league shall consist of teams with a playing strength of 5 bowlers.
- B. The league will bowl on Wednesdays for 32 weeks, commencing August 23, 2017.
- C. The league WILL bowl on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- D. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- E. A league schedule will be established based on the appropriate "Standard USBC Team Schedule" for the number of teams. The result of this rule could be that a team may not bowl each of the other teams an equal number of times.
- F. Position matches may be included according to the schedule and number of teams. Lanes to be determined by team standings. Ties for position pairing shall be determined by total pins with handicap.

RULE 6 - FEES

- A. The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be \$16.00, of which \$11.15 will cover the cost of bowling, with the balance to be placed in the league treasury.
- B. The team fee of \$80.00 shall be collected by the team captain and paid to the league treasurer by the end of the 5th frame of the first game.
- C. Each team shall pay to the treasury a \$40.00 sponsor fee within five (5) weeks after the start of the league schedule.
- D. There will be two (2) weeks arrears allowed by the league. It is the responsibility of the team captains to see that members of their team are current in all league fees. If a team member is in arrears longer than the league allow and are not brought current, the team may forfeit all games while the shortage exists.
- E. All expenses incurred by the league resulting from returned checks shall be check maker's responsibility.

RULE 7 - LEAGUE FUNDS

- A. An account shall be opened, in the name of the league, at a local bank where funds will be deposited weekly.
- B. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the joint signatures of at least two authorized officers of the league.
- C. League accounts shall be verified as required by USBC Rule 102c.

RULE 8 - SALARIES

- A. The secretary salary shall be equal to the amount paid by one bowler each week (Rule 6-A) times the number of weeks scheduled (Rule 5-B).
- B. The salary shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule after

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the secretary has furnished, to the Manager of the Columbia USBC Association, all average sheets requested.

RULE 9 - FRANCHISE

- A. The franchise shall be held by the team captain as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the league members, except that a franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause.
- B. A captain must notify the secretary of the team's intention to retain the franchise by August 1 of each year. Failure to do so may result in reassignment of the franchise by the league.
- C. Disputes pertaining to the captaincy or sponsorship must be decided by the league members.

RULE 10 - ENTERING AVERAGES

- A. Bowlers will use averages established in this league last season, based on 21 or more games.
- B. New bowlers entering the league will establish an average after bowling three (3) games within one scheduled session.

RULE 11 - HANDICAP

- A. Individual handicap allowance shall be 80%, and shall be based on the difference between the individual's average and 220 per game bowled.
- B. The team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individual handicaps for the 5 players in the lineup.
- C. Handicaps will be based on the entering average for each bowler (except new bowlers) until a 3 game average has been established. Thereafter, handicap will be based on the current average.
- D. New bowlers must bowl all 3 games in the first series in which they compete to qualify for handicap. Their handicap will be computed after the first series, to be applied on the games in that series and on the next series in which they compete. Thereafter handicap will be based on the current average.

RULE 12 - TEAM ROSTERS

- A. Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the secretary prior to the start of the schedule.
- B. Rosters will be limited to 8 players.
- C. Any roster changes must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new team member bowls. All changes will be effective for a minimum of 2 weeks.
- D. New players cannot be added to a team's roster in the final 8 weeks of the schedule without the approval of the board of directors. However, if a vacancy exists, new members may be added to a team roster as per USBC rule 107c.9.

RULE 13 - LEGAL LINEUP

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- A. A minimum legal lineup must include at least three (3) players from the team's current roster.
- C. Current roster will include all changes made prior to the bowling session.
- B. A legal lineup must be present by the start of the first (1st) frame of any game or the game will be forfeited as per USBC rules.

RULE 14 - TARDY PLAYERS

- A. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided he is present and ready to bowl before the fifth (5th) frame has been completed. A frame shall be considered completed when the bowler in the anchor position on opposing team has completed the frame.
- B. Frames missed may be made up.
- C. USBC rules are to be adhered to relative to delay of game.

RULE 15. - SUBSTITUTES/PACERS

- A. Roving or floating substitutes shall NOT be allowed by the league.
- B. Each team will establish a bowling fee policy for their substitute bowlers (shall the substitute or the regular bowler be responsible for the bowling fee).
- C. Substitutes will not qualify for prize money and individual league awards.
- D. Pacers are not allowed

RULE 16 - ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES

- A. 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.
- B. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less 10 pins. A bowler's average may not be used until he has bowled at least 3 games.
- C. The absentee score of the absent member with the most games bowled shall be used. If two absentee scores are needed, the average less 10 pins of the absentee with the next highest number of games shall be used.
- D. When two absent members have the same number of games, the higher absentee score shall be used.
- E. The handicap shall be figured on the actual average of the designated absentee(s).
- F. When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy score of 50 and handicap of 136 shall be used.

RULE 17 - FORFEITURES

- A. The points shall be awarded to the team which is present provided they bowl within 50 pins of their current team average. There will be no

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ties, average minus 50 is a win, average minus 51 is a loss.

- B. The team present will automatically win one point for total pins.
- C. Points not won for failing to bowl the prescribed score will not be credited to either team.

RULE 18 - POSTPONEMENTS

- A. All requests for postponements shall be filed with the league secretary or 2 league officers at least 48 hours in advance of the regularly scheduled bowling time, except those caused by emergencies.
- B. In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the secretary or president of the league at the earliest opportunity. The Board of Directors will make the final determination that an emergency in fact did exist as per USBC rules 111a/111e.
- C. All approved pre/post-bowling must be on a team basis, there will be no individual pre/post-bowling.
- D. Pre/post-bowled games must be bowled within seven (7) days of the regular scheduled match and before the next regular scheduled league match.
- E. Handicaps will be computed based on averages as of the date bowled.
- F. Scores of the first team to bowl will be entered into the Center scoring system to be displayed as the game progresses (provided the score are available to the Center before the session starts).

RULE 19 - BOWLING UNOPPOSED

- A. If possible, a league officer will be present to observe the games not bowled on the scheduled match date. In any case, a printout of each game must be requested at the Control Counter. Printouts should be requested after the 3rd game.
- B. Printouts with excessive score corrections should be validated by the league officer, if present, or the Control Counter staff and will be reviewed by the league board of directors. Any game judged to be incorrectly scored will result in a forfeit of that game.
- C. The score sheet must indicate the team name, the original date of the scheduled match, and the date and lane numbers of the games actually bowled.
- D. The game printouts must be left at the Control Counter to be picked by the league secretary. Ask Control Counter staff for help in properly marking the printed report.
- E. League fees should be paid to the League Secretary prior to pre-bowling. Do not leave league fees at the center.

RULE 20 - POSITION STANDINGS

Standings shall be determined on a four (4)-point basis, with one point awarded for each game won and one point for the high team series in each match.

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RULE 21 - PRIZES

- A. The president shall appoint a committee of at least three (3) members to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to each team captain within five (5) weeks after the start of the league schedule.
- B. All special prizes and awards shall be on a handicap basis.
- C. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled in 2/3 of the scheduled games (64 games).
- D. A bowler may not qualify for more than one individual award except for high average. The individual who wins the high average award will be entitled to an additional individual award if earned.
- E. A team may not qualify for more than one team award.
- F. Scores for individual handicap awards will be based on entering average for returning bowlers or average after 21 games for new bowlers.
- G. Most improved bowler award shall be based on entering average for returning bowlers or average after 21 games for new bowlers.

RULE 22 - PLAYOFFS

- A. When there is a tie for first place in team standings, total pins plus handicap in a playoff series of three games shall determine the winner. An extra complete tenth frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the playoff series.
- B. When more than two teams are tied, an appropriate USBC League Schedule shall be used to determine lane assignments during the playoff series. Teams will rotate lanes after each game.
- C. Any team bowling alone must bowl a complete frame on one lane before starting the succeeding frame on the alternate lane.
- D. Scores bowled in such playoffs shall not count toward individual or team averages or special prize awards offered by the league.
- E. Should other team positions end in a tie, prize money for the positions affected shall be divided equally among those tied.
- F. When there is a tie for any team or individual special award, the prize money for the affected awards shall be divided equally among those tied.