

SENIOR SUNSHINE LEAGUE RULES

2021-2022

1. The Senior Sunshine League ("The League") shall be sanctioned with USBC, bowling on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. USBC dues must be paid by each bowler the first day of league unless a bowler already has a valid card through another Columbia USBC league. If a card is purchased through another USBC organization, the bowler must pay the local dues of \$9.00.
2. The League will bowl for a maximum of thirty-four (34) weeks.
3. The League is a handicap mixed league of individuals who are at least fifty (50) years of age or older, or who join with a spouse who is fifty (50) or older. Team captains draw for team members at the beginning of each season. Spouses or significant others are not allowed to be on the same team.
4. The handicap shall be the total of the team members' averages subtracted from eight hundred (800). The previous year season-ending average from The League will be used the first week. New bowlers will set average.
5. One (1) point is awarded for each game won and one (1) point for high series.
6. When bowling against a bye or forfeit, the team must bowl within forty (40) pins of the team's average to win each game point. The team must bowl within one hundred-twenty (120) pins of the team's average in order to win the series point. (The team average is the sum of the averages of the bowlers who bowled.) In the case of a tie, the team bowling wins the points (points are not split).
7. Teams shall use a vacancy score of one hundred-twenty (120) should a team member not have bowled in the League or have an established average from the previous year.
8. The League Secretary's salary will be equal to the weekly cost of bowling times the number of weeks bowled.
9. All money is to be deposited in a bank account in the name of "The Senior Sunshine League". Three (3) officer's names will appear on the bank account with two (2) signatures required for any withdrawals. An Audit Committee, appointed by the President, will audit the books no less than three (3) times during the season.
10. The regular team member shall be responsible for payment of all bowling fees, including but not limited to weekly fees and USBC dues (local Columbia USBC dues only if card purchased through another association). All USBC dues are due on the first day of bowling. Weekly fees must be paid by each bowler at the time of weekly bowling. The last week of bowling must be prepaid no later than the fifth (5th) week of the season,

which will cover one (1) unexpected absence, but should be repaid upon return. If a bowler's dues account shows any nonpayment for two (2) consecutive weeks, he/she is suspended and cannot bowl on succeeding weeks until his/her unpaid fees are paid in full. Unless a substitute bowler bowls for the suspended bowler, the bowler's blind score must be used while he/she is suspended from League membership. The bowler that has not paid for four (4) weeks may be replaced for the remainder of the season.

11. In the event a regular team member cannot bowl, he/she is responsible for getting his/her own substitute. If the regular team member is unable to find a substitute, he/she should notify his/her team captain. No new substitutes (those without an established average) may bowl the last six (6) weeks of the season. If a bowler quits as a regular bowler of one team, he/she will not be allowed to return during that season as a regular member of another team (he/she may bowl only as a substitute for the remainder of the season). He/she must give two weeks paid notice unless an immediate replacement is found.
12. If a bowler arrives late, he/she may make up frames **if** the game has not progressed beyond the start of the fourth (4th) frame. If a ball has been rolled in the fourth (4th) frame by either team, he/she may not bowl in that game but may bowl the following games.
13. Of a four (4) member team, at least one (1) regular team member and at least one (1) substitute must be present to constitute a legal lineup. If a team cannot field a legal lineup, pre-bowling or post-bowling is allowed. The team captain must inform the League President or Secretary of the need to pre-bowl or post-bowl as soon as possible. A minimum of two (2) regular team members may pre-bowl or post-bowl with the remaining team member(s) bowling the regularly scheduled squad time. Pre-bowling and post-bowling must be within seven (7) days of the regularly scheduled bowling series. Individuals are not allowed to pre-bowl or post-bowl.

Before pre-bowling or post-bowling begins, the bowlers must inform the front desk that they are bowling league so they will not be charged lineage, and request a copy of the score printout to be provided to the League Secretary. The computer printout from the bowling center will be used for score verification.

14. The League Officers will make the decision to cancel bowling for any reason by 10:00 a.m. on any given Monday. This includes any issue related to weather or any other need for full league cancellation. If The League is cancelled, the Officers will call team captains and team captains will call each regular team bowler to share the decision. League bowlers may also check with Town & Country Lanes (573-442-4729), listen to KOMU-TV, Channel 8 and/or KMIZ-TV, Channel 17 for league cancellation notifications. Additional notifications will be sent directly to members via email and posted on the Columbia USBC Facebook page.

15. The prize fund for teams will be distributed using the POINTS SYSTEM (first used in 2009-10). Each team is only eligible for one (1) award, with Scratch game/series considered the highest value. (If a bowler quits during the season, he/she may lose all rights to any team prize money, at the discretion of the team.)

Team prizes will be awarded for 1st place only.

- High Game Scratch - \$20
- High Game Series - \$20

Individual men's/women's prizes will be awarded for 1st place only.

- High Average - \$20
- High Series Scratch \$15
- High Series Handicap - \$15
- High Game Scratch \$10
- High Game Handicap - \$10
- Most Improved Bowler - \$20

Bowlers must bowl two-thirds (2/3rd) of the total season games to be eligible for individual prizes. The Most Improved Average awards (woman/man) are determined by comparing the bowler's average after twelve (12) games and their average at the end of the season. Each regular bowler is only eligible to receive one (1) award, which will be awarded based on the highest monetary value. Bowlers involved in a tie shall share equally in the prize for the places involved. Substitutes are not eligible for individual prizes.

League Officers

President	Gina Kincaid	573-424-8166
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Secretary	Connie Armentrout	573-808-7797

Cost Estimates

USBC Dues - \$23.00 (\$13 national, \$9 local, \$1 state)

ESTIMATED Budget for eighteen (18) teams

18 teams @ \$11/bowler/week		
Bank balance		\$ 33.60
League fees		
34 weeks at 72 bowlers		26,928.00
Lineage @\$9.40		<u>-23,011.20</u>
		\$ 3,950.40
Minus Secretary's Salary		<u>- 374.00</u>
Prize fund		<u>\$ 3,576.40</u>