

Columbia Youth Bowling League Rules

2025 – 2026

The **Columbia Youth Bowling League** (henceforth "League") will bowl on **Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** The League will start bowling on **September 13, 2025**, for **20 weeks**, ending **March 28, 2026**
Any weeks cancelled will not be made up.

The League will not bowl the following weeks: **November 15, 2025, November 29, 2025, December 06, 2025, December 27, 2025, January 03, 2026, January 24, 2026, January 31, 2026, February 21, 2026 and February 28, 2026..**

RULE 1: START

Only registered volunteers with a lanyard are allowed in the bowling area for coaching and League play **except parents/grandparents of Pee Wees**. If any other parents/grandparents want to sit in the bowling area they must be certified by USBC. This certification includes taking the Registered Volunteer Program training and test at bowl.com. The USBC will conduct a background check also. After the parent/grandparent takes the test and is approved by USBC a lanyard and badge will be issued to the individual. The fee for certification is \$30.00.

RULE 2: YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Membership is open to males and females who have not reached their **18th** birthday on or before **August 1** of the current bowling season.

RULE 3: SANCTIONED LEAGUE PLAY

The League will be sanctioned through USBC. The youth USBC membership fees is \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for processing for a total of **\$5.00** and must be paid at time of registration.

RULE 4: LEAGUE FEE

The weekly League fee is **\$9.00 for Pee Wees** and **\$11.00 for all other youth bowlers**. This fee includes shoe rental and the cost of bowling. Bowlers only pay for the weeks they bowl. Any funds remaining will be placed in the League's account. Fees must be placed in the team envelope before the **5th frame of the first game**. **Each bowler is responsible for his/her fee each week of bowling**. Any bowler more than **two (2) weeks behind** on league fees will be dropped from team roster until all league fees are current, unless a league official has given permission for some other payment schedule.

RULE 5: TEAM ROSTER

The teams will consist of **4 members** with a minimum of **1** regular members for a legal lineup. Tardy bowlers arriving before the **3rd frame** may be permitted to bowl the current game if the last person of the opposing team has not finished their 3rd frame. **Bowling will not be put on hold for a late bowler to arrive!** The late bowler's score will be the bowler's average minus ten (10) pins for the game(s) missed, they will be allowed to bowl in any remaining games.

RULE 6: BLIND/VACANT & ABSENT BOWLERS

Absentee and vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup. The absentee score will be the absent member's average less ten (10) pins. Vacant scores will be **115**. Bowlers wanting to quit League play must check with the League Official, League Supervisor, League Secretary/Treasurer, or if none available, one of the coaches. The Officers/coaches will take the bowlers actual score for the frames bowled plus 1/10 (one-tenth) of the League's absentee score for each frame missed. (Ref. USBC Rule 116)

RULE 7: AVERAGES

Bowler's **averages will be established after bowling three (3) consecutive games**. A bowler using a two-hand delivery will establish an average with two hands. When the bowler changes to a one-hand delivery, they must establish an average using that hand.

RULE 8: HANDICAP

The League will determine wins and losses on a **handicap** basis. (Ref. USBC Rule 100d). Handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 200 (**90% of 200**)

RULE 9: POINTS

A total of **4 points** can be won each week. One point for each game won and one point for total pins/series. When bowling a **BLIND or FORFEIT** team; the team must bowl within **40** pins of their team average to win point and 120 pins of their team average to win total pins/series. In case of a TIE the team present wins the point.

RULE 10: PRE-BOWLING & POST BOWLING

Contact the bowling alley (573-442-4729) to verify that lanes are available. (The best time for pre-bowling is on Saturdays after bowling.)

PRE-BOWLING

Will be accepted and will be allowed to count for individual awards.

Requirements:

Have a bowling alley employee print out pre-bowled games and sign the print out. Leave the print out and score sheet at front counter.

Pre-pay for bowling the previous week or pay the next week of bowling.

POST BOWLING

Is allowed in emergency situations only and **MUST** be authorized by a League Officer. It must be noted by that League Officer to the League Secretary for approval.

If permitted, must be completed by Saturday of the following week.

Post bowling must be paid for the next week of bowling.

RULE 11: Awards

Bowlers must be current with League fees.

Pre-bowled and post bowled games will count toward awards.

Team standings will be determined by **total points**. Handicap will be included in total pins bowled to determine points won. If there is a tie for the Championship (first place) at the end of the season, co-champions will be declared. Money from League fees remaining in the League account following payment of expenses will be given to the youth bowlers in the form of awards/scholarships. (Ref. USBC Rule 105).

A member is eligible to receive only one individual League recognition award, provided they have bowled 2/3 of the League’s scheduled games.

RULE 12: CONDUCT

Bowlers can be removed from competition/functions and/or suspended/denied for the following: Using any tobacco products, smoking electronic cigarettes, illegal drugs, or alcoholic beverages, as well as wearing clothing depicting any of these items or wearing clothing depicting foul language or gestures; using profane language or gestures; or un-sportsmanship like conduct. (Ref. USBC Rule 17d) A league representative will contact the bowler’s parent and will stay with them until the parent arrives to pick up the bowler. Any bowlers leaving the center during League play will be suspended for one week and their absent score will be used. Suspended bowlers will be responsible for league fees due during the time of suspension.

All youth bowlers must stay in the bowling area. Bowlers are not allowed to play video games during regular league or tournament play. (Ref. USBC Rule 122)

RULE 13: DEVICES

No CD, MP3, IPODs or cell phones are allowed in the bowling area during League play. If making/taking a call for an emergency or necessary, contact a coach or a League Officer.

If a cancellation, of League play, becomes necessary the information will be posted by 9:00 A.M. on Columbia USBC’s Facebook page (**Columbia USBC**) . An e-mail will be sent if there is a correct e-mail on file. AMF Town and Country at 573-442-4729.

To ensure we have our correct email address for all communication for bowling. Please send an email to: cybl.como@gmail.com.

Make Check to payable to: CYBL or Columbia Youth Bowling League

LEAGUE OFFICERS:

LEAGUE OFFICIAL	Linda Creason	573-489-9087
LEAGUE SECRETARY/TREASURER	Sandy Ashlock	573-864-3253

A copy of these rules can be found on-line at **columbiausbc.com** under the "League" tab. Find Columbia Youth Bowling League and click on the link under the rules column on the far right.