



LATE-NIGHTERS MIXED LEAGUE

2017-2018 LEAGUE RULES

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1. The league will bowl Friday nights for 33 weeks, beginning August 19th, 2017 and ending April 13th, 2018. The league will not bowl on December 29th, 2017. Practice will begin at 9:15 PM, barring any delays from the preceding league.
2. The league shall consist of 9-12 teams, with no more than 6 members on a team roster.
3. The four point rule will govern the league, with one point for each game won, and one point for team series won. A total of four points will be awarded per night. In the event of a tie game or series, a half point will be awarded to each team.
4. Team captains are responsible for all weekly fees. Regular scheduled bowlers pay for subs or absent bowling. The amount paid for league bowling shall be \$14 per bowler per night. Total amount of team payment shall be \$56 per week. The money must be in the envelope the night of bowling, unless prior arrangements have been made. If the full amount is not in the envelope without prior arrangements, the games will be forfeited.
5. Management of Sun Valley Lanes will serve as the secretary of the league. A representative will come through to collect envelopes and verify nightly payments. At that time, the staff member will sign off on the amount paid, along with the captain or next available team representative.
6. Bowlers shall use averages maintained in the league from the prior season based on 21 or more games. All other bowlers shall use their highest average from last season. If no average from last season, the bowler will establish an average the first three games bowled.
7. Handicapping allowance shall be 90% of the team total difference. Team total is calculated by using the averages of that nights bowlers. If less than a full team, the member with the most games not present will be used to figure team average.
8. The league shall designate by name, a list of substitute bowlers. Teams are responsible for getting substitute bowlers. All bowlers, including substitutes must be certified by the USBC. Any team allowing a non-certified bowler to compete, whether a regular member or substitute, will forfeit any games bowled by the uncertified player.
9. Two roster team members must be present and ready to bowl by the fifth frame on any game, or the game shall be forfeited.

10. Blind scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full line-up at the start of any game or series. The blind score shall be the average less 10 pins. Absentee average shall be used if a legal lineup has not been attained. Absentee average shall be 150.
11. In order to bowl in any game, a late arriving team member must be prepared to bowl by the completion of the 5th frame.
12. The board of directors shall determine sufficient cause to grant a postponement. Requests for postponement shall be made at least 24 hours in advance of scheduled time of match. The team captain shall be responsible to contact and coordinate with the league secretary when requesting a postponement and make up games. The team captain shall then contact the opposing team captain of the postponement prior to the scheduled match, and this team shall have the option of bowling on date of scheduled match or with the team on the time scheduled for make-up games. Games must be made up within two weeks of the scheduled date. A printout sheet, obtained from the bowling center, must accompany the regular bowling recap sheet for all make up games. Until games are made up, the standing sheet will show a 4 point loss for the team doing the make-up games.
13. In the event of a tie for first place team award, there will be a three game roll off, with the best two out of three games to determine the winner. In the event of a tie game, total pins plus handicap for the series will determine the winner.
14. League awards include:
 - \$100 1st place team
 - \$25 High Male Scratch Series
 - \$25 High Female Scratch Series
 - \$25 High Male Scratch Game
 - \$25 High Female Scratch Game

A bowler is eligible for only one individual award, with series taking precedent over all others. A bowler must bowl 2/3 of the league schedule to win any individual award.

15. The remaining prize fund for teams will be paid based on total points won in the season. Any teams not having a complete roster of 4 paid members each week for the entire season will have that percentage deducted accordingly.
16. In the event the league has a ghost team, the opposing team must bowl within 40 pins of the team average, or better, to win the game. The team must bowl within 120 pins of the teams' average, or better, series to win team series.

17. The league will NOT use any recap sheet to record scores;
 - a. The automatic scoring system shall record all the scores.
 - b. In the event of a questionable score, the team must address the issue prior to the completion of the next week's bowling by contacting the bowling center accordingly.
 - c. A recap sheet must be completed by the team and turned in with all make-up scores bowled.
 - d. If a new bowler is entered in the league, they must complete a USBC certification card and when necessary, pay USBC fees accordingly.

18. Any situations not covered by these rules, shall be governed by the USBC rule book.

Minutes/Notes from Fall 2017 Meeting on August 11th, 2017

- Voted 8-6 to bowl after Thanksgiving (passed)
- Voted to lower lineage by \$.25 to \$12.50 by bowling the night after Thanksgiving and not shortening the season by a week (passed)
- Voted 4-7 to raise bowling to \$15 (failed)
- Voted 7-6 to raise bowling to \$14 (passed)
- Voted 12-0 to pay prize list based on standard points awarded for team placing, rather than \$2 difference by place with equal distribution after (passed)
- Voted 12-0 to pay bonus money for the first place team. (passed)
- Voted 5-9 to pay \$40 for first place team. (failed)
- Voted 11-2 to pay \$100 for first place team and \$25 for each individual award, as stated in Rule 14 (passed)
- Sun Valley Lanes will distribute a copy of the rules and team captain contact list to all teams, to accommodate communications and abide by Rule 12.