



Thirsty Thursdays League Rules 2017-2018

President: Elmer Tuttle
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Secretary/Treasurer: Sun Valley Lanes

1. Unless otherwise stated below, all USBC RULES will be in effect.
2. Only officers of the league and team captains will be allowed to vote on changes to the league rules.
3. All members and subs in this league must be certified by USBC.
4. This league will be using a 7-point system (2 points per game and 1 point for series) for determining wins and losses. Handicap for this season will be 90% of the difference between the individual bowler's average and 230. This same handicap will be used for bracket competition. The total team handicap will be added to the team's scratch scores to determine wins and losses.
5. \$75.00 will be awarded to the first place team. \$50.00 will be awarded to the second place team. If one team wins both halves of the split season, that team will receive \$125. \$25 will be awarded for individual high series scratch, individual high game scratch, individual high series handicap, and individual high game handicap. A bowler must bowl 2/3 of the regular season to be eligible for awards, with high series taking precedence over high game. A bowler can only win one of these four awards per year.
6. Team rosters will be limited to 8 bowlers. No new subs after the 28th week of the season without approval of the league officers and team captains. A legal line-up shall consist of at least 3 bowlers from the current roster. If a team does not have 3 bowlers from the current roster by the 5th frame of each game, that game will be forfeited. The opposing team will start promptly at 6:30 pm and will not wait for the other team. All make-ups must be completed prior to the next scheduled date of competition.
7. Bowlers will use last year's Thirsty Thursday League average of 21 games or more for the first 9 games of the individual's league play. All other bowlers will use last year's highest verifiable USBC average for the first 9 games of the individual's league play and will use their current average thereafter. If a bowler does not have a certified USBC average, then the bowler will establish an average on the first night of bowling and will use their current average thereafter.

8. A vacancy score of 150 will be used if a team does not have enough bowlers to make up a team. Teams will have 2 weeks to find enough members to field a full team. Starting the third week all teams will pay for the set number of bowlers on their team. Without a 2 week notice, all teams shall be responsible for this set number of bowlers. If there is an odd number of teams in this league, the team scheduled against the nonexistent team must bowl their average less 10 pins per bowler (50 pins per game) to earn points.
9. Bowling fees for this year will be \$16 per bowler per night, or \$80 per team per night. \$12.75 (with tax) will be paid to Sun Valley Lanes, which includes costs for league record keeping services. The team captains will be responsible for making sure the envelope is correct each week. Bowlers must not be more than one week in arrears for league payment. Upon missing a week of payment, the bowler must become current the following week or the team will forfeit their points for that evening. Teams will pay double on the 8th and 24th week of league play, with no payments needed the last two weeks of league.
10. The season will be 36 weeks long with three weeks off: Thanksgiving Day (November 23rd), Holiday Break (December 28th) and the Big Red Invite (If needed). We will bowl promptly at 6:30 pm starting August 17, 2017 and ending April 12, 2018.
11. The league will bowl a split season with two position rounds, one on the 16th week and one on the 32nd week. If there is a tie for 1st place after the first or second half, there will be a one game roll off to determine the winner of that half. The teams involved will mutually determine the date and time of the roll off. On the 33rd week, the first half winner will play the second half winner in a three game roll off for the team awards. The rest of the teams in the league will bowl a **TBD "Fun" night.**
12. In an effort towards 'going green' this league will not utilize printed recap sheets on a nightly basis.