



Valley Bender League Rules: 2017-2018

- 1) The Valley Benders league shall consist of 32 teams to be fully sanctioned by the USBC and bowl each Wednesday evening with practice to start at 6:35pm and league play to start at 6:45pm.
- 2) The league shall bowl 34 weeks starting August 16, 2017 and ending April 11, 2018. A one week break will be taken on December 27, 2017.
- 3) Bowling fees will be \$15/person (of which \$12.50 shall cover the cost of bowling and secretary fee) or \$75/team. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure that all the monies are there each week. There will be 2 double pay nights – one on the 8th week and one on the 24th week. The last 2 weeks will be non-pay nights.
- 4) The league will be scored on a 45 point match point system, with 1 point for each individual game won, 2 points for each individual series won, 5 points for each team game won, and 5 points for each team series won. In case of ties teams will be listed according to total scratch pins.
- 5) Handicap will be 90% of 240 of each individual with no minimum. Team handicap will be 90% of the difference of the team's true average.
- 6) Absentee score will be the absent bowlers average less 10 pins. You must use the bowler with the most games as an absent bowler. If there is a tie in most games bowled the high average will prevail. If there are absent bowlers on both teams the absent bowlers must bowl each other. Individual points will be awarded to the team that wins the game. If there is an absent bowler on the first night of bowling the vacancy score will be 160.
- 7) The board of directors shall consist of the following officers and all team captains:
 - President – David Schilke (402)-432-1264
 - Vice President – Les Amory (402)-430-5856
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Sun Valley Lanes (402)-475-3469
- 8) At least 3 regular members of a team must be present to start a game or the game will be subject to forfeit. A regular member must be listed on the team's roster.
- 9) Forfeit win: a team must bowl within 50 pins under the team's average to win each game. Series is won automatically.
- 10) No bowler may start a game after the last bowler has completed the 5th frame in any game.
- 11) The Board of Directors shall determine grounds for postponement. A request for postponement must be made 24 hours in advance by contacting a league officer and the opposing team captain.
- 12) Each team will notify the league secretary if the team plans to return the following season.
- 13) Each team will provide their own subs.
- 14) Printouts must be turned in with all make up games.

- 15) Averages: All returning bowlers will use last year's Valley Bender's league average for the first 9 games. New bowlers will use their high bowl.com average for the previous year for the first 9 games. If a bowler has no bowl.com average their average will be established after the first 3 games.
- 16) There will be a Baker Tournament at season's end. The split of the league prize fund will be 75% for league play and 25% for the Baker Tournament
 - a. A team may compete with 3 or 4 bowlers, assuming they are regular members of the team.
- 17) Only players with a certified USBC average will be allowed to bowl in the last position round of the season.
- 18) Individual awards will be awarded for top 3 scratch series (\$35, \$25, \$15), top 3 handicap series (\$35, \$25, \$15), and top 3 total point winners (\$50, \$30, \$20). No individual shall be eligible for more than one monetary award.
- 19) The "points winner" will be determined by total percentage of points won, not by total points won. A bowler must have bowled at least 2/3rds of the season to be eligible.
- 20) If there are an odd number of teams they will bowl a team selected by a schedule and the team that bowls will be told which team they are bowling against.
- 21) Position rounds will be weeks 17 and 33. Tournament week will be week 34.
- 22) All USBC rules will apply where a league rule does not.