Ebonite Scratch Draft League Rules: 2019-2020

1) The Ebonite Scratch league shall consist of 10 teams to be fully sanctioned by the USBC and bowl each Monday evening with practice to start at 6:50pm and league play to start at 7:00pm.
2) No person under the age of 18 may bowl in the league, in accordance with USBC Safe Sport compliance rules.
3) The league shall bowl 24 weeks (split into three 8-week sessions) starting September 23, 2019 and ending March 23, 2020. There will be no bowling on the following dates: 12/30/19, 2/3/20 (tentative), and 2/17/20.
4) Bowling fees will be $20/person (of which $13.00 shall cover the cost of bowling and secretary fee) or $60/team. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure that all the monies are there each week. There will be 1 double pay night per session – on the 6th week of each session. The last week of each session will be non-pay nights. This ensures quick and timely payouts at the end of each session.
5) The league will be scored on a 25-point match point system, with 1 point for each individual game won, 2 points for each individual series won, 2 points for each team game won, and 4 points for each team series won. In case of ties for position rounds, teams will be listed according to total scratch pins.
6) There is no handicap.
7) Absentee score will be the absent bowlers average less 10 pins. A player or team cannot win individual points via an absentee score.
8) Team rosters will be set via a draft. All bowlers will be ranked by average, with composite averages being used in the event of average ties. Bowlers will be split into three divisions, with the top third being labeled as "A" bowlers, the middle third classified as "B" bowlers, and the bottom third ranked as "C" bowlers. "A" bowlers will serve as team captains, and will draft from the lowest average to the highest. They may choose either a "B" or "C" bowler when picking in the first round. The teams of two will then be recalculated based on combined average, with the lowest combined average picking first in the second and final round. Teams may only have one bowler from each division on their team, which means if a captain chooses a "B" bowler in the first round, he or she must draft a "C" bowler in the following round.
9) Teams will reset on weeks 9 and 17 with a new draft. The draft order will be determined based on averages from the previous session(s). If a new bowler replaces a bowler in a new session, the new bowlers book average will be adjusted to reflect the difference in the entering averages and current averages of the entire league.
10) Substitutes may bowl in any average division, so long as their highest book average does not exceed the highest average for said division. For example, if the highest book average in the "C" division for the current session is 201, a bowler averaging 203 cannot sub in that division. They can however sub in either the "A" or "B" divisions. A sub is NOT required to meet the minimum average for a division. Points earned by substitutes are awarded to the original team member's divisional standings.

11) The board of directors shall consist of the following officers and all team captains:

       President – Dave Leuty

       Vice President – Randy Wilson

       Secretary/Treasurer – Sun Valley Lanes (402)-475-3469

12) At least 2 bowlers must be present to start a game or the game will be subject to forfeit.
13) No bowler may start a game after the last bowler has completed the 5th frame in any game.
14) 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.
15) Averages
   a. All bowlers will use their highest verifiable USBC average for drafting and divisional positioning.
   b. Bowlers coming in with a "non-house shot" average, such as those only with a college average, will be converted to a "house shot" average by adding 20 pins.
   c. Bowlers without a verifiable average will be rated at the discretion of league management and the league officers.
   d. All returning bowlers to the league will use their average from the previous session.
16) The league is sponsored by Sun Valley Lanes, which will contribute $1,440 in prize money to the league, or $480 per session, based on a full league of 30 bowlers. This will ensure prize money available to pay down all 10 spots in all three divisions as well as the team division. In the event of less than 30 bowlers, the prize fund payouts will be adjusted accordingly.
17) The league is also sponsored by the brands of Ebonite Bowling International, and will award the team members of the winning team for each session with their choice of any non-urethane ball from the featured brand of that session. The brands featured for each session will be Columbia 300, Ebonite, and Hammer, in respective order.
18) Payouts will be awarded by final position in standings, rather than by percentage of points won. See table below for standings payouts. There will also be a bonus $10 award per session for the high individual game and series for each division. A bowler may win both the game and series award for their division. These payouts and awards are subject to change, as they're based on a full field of 30 bowlers.

Divisional Payouts		Team Payouts	
1	$75	1	$225
2	$50	2	$150
3	$40	3	$120
4	$35	4	$105
5	$30	5	$90
6	$30	6	$90
7	$25	7	$75
8	$25	8	$75
9	$20	9	$60
10	$20	10	$60

19) Position rounds will be week 8 of each session.
20) Additional rules not covered herein, will be governed by the United States Bowling Congress.