

FRIDAY “B” LEAGUE RULES - 2018/2019

1. The League shall be USBC Governed.
2. The League shall bowl every Friday at 6:45 p.m. Practice starts 6:35pm.
3. 10 point scoring system, 2 points each game, 4 points for totals.
4. Lane fees - \$52.50 per team, \$787.50 per week (based on 15 teams). Bowling fees are currently \$18.00 per bowler for 33 weeks.
5. Team Handicap – **80%** of the difference between the two team averages. (e.g. 1000 avg vs 1030 avg = 24 pins handicap to lower average team.)
6. Bowlers returning from the previous season shall use their Friday “B” League average from the 2017/2018 season (if they have 21 games bowled) until they have bowled 9 games.
 - New Friday “B” League bowlers shall use their 2017/2018 highest book average (minimum 21 games) for 9 games. After they have bowled 9 games, the team average shall be computed using the bowler’s current weekly average.
 - If the bowler has no adult league average from the previous 3 seasons, they will use **200** as their average until 9 games are bowled. This also includes bowlers coming out of junior leagues.
7. Blind Score – For an absent bowler, use their average minus (-) 10 pins.
 - If two regulars are absent and there is only one sub, the regular bowler with the most games bowled is to be used as the blind.
 - If both absent bowlers have the same number of games bowled, then the one with the highest average will be used as the blind.
8. Open substitution is allowed. Roving subs are OK.
9. A tardy bowler has until the last bowler on each team has completed the 3rd frame.
10. A bowler can bowl out with the opposing captain’s permission.
11. Three (3) bowlers must be present by the end of the 3rd frame to constitute a legal lineup or the game is forfeited (follow USBC rules for bowling unopposed). Also, at least **two** members of the original roster must be present.
12. A team can use up to three (3) subs on any night.
13. The league will bowl a 33 week schedule which includes 1 position round each half. On week 33, the 1st and 2nd half winners will bowl for champion trophies/prize money.
14. There is an estimated prize list for each half of the league schedule. There is also a special prize list for Total Overall Points for 1st thru 15th place.
15. In the event of a lane breakdown, the teams shall roll canceled games within ten (10) days. If this occurs on the last night, these games should be made up within two (2) days. All unfinished games to start over. Any team unable to field a legal lineup shall forfeit.
16. If there is a tie for first after week 16 (1st half), week 32 (2nd half), or week 33, there will be a 1-game roll-off that same night. USBC rules to govern when more than 2 teams tie for first.
17. A committee shall be put together for nominations for the George Peters Sportsmanship Award. The person’s name to go on the plaque displayed at Domm’s Bowling Center. The 2018/2019 committee will consist of the following people: Marshall Callan, Mike Callan, Paul Gross, Sylvester Sampson, Dan McIntyre & Sam Capizzi Jr. They’ll ask each team to provide the names of nominees. They’ll then determine which names will be included in the league-wide vote. Each team will then have one vote to determine the winner. Secretary will provide voting documents to Marshall Callan.

18. Secretary/Treasurer office is combined. (\$375.00 salary – based on 15 teams)
19. A bowler shall have rolled 2/3rds of the season to qualify for special prizes. (Only paying regular bowlers qualify.)
20. Any paying regular bowler rolling 700 for the 1st time ever shall receive a trophy if he does not qualify in the High 3 game category.
21. Singles tournament is run on week #33. Only paying regular bowlers are eligible.
22. All bowlers are to be USBC sanctioned (\$21.00). If already sanctioned in another region (e.g., Canandaigua, Bergen, Buffalo), a \$7 sanction fee must be paid to cover Rochester USBC costs. Sanction fees are to be paid the 1st night. If a team knowingly uses an unsanctioned bowler they shall forfeit all the games the bowler was used in. (Captains are to have all bowlers fill out sanction cards. See Jim Gross for blank forms.)
23. Each team to pay a franchise fee of \$30.00 to be held in escrow by Domm's until they leave the league. If a team notifies the league secretary by the last week of the season that they don't plan to return the following season, the money will be refunded to them. After this date there is no refund given.
24. At the end of the season, no more than \$25.00 to be carried on the books. Franchise Fees are excluded.
25. The league President shall keep a check on league funds and report any discrepancies to the league.
26. The league banquet will be held **1 week following the season finale**. The banquet will be on 4/26/19 at Domm's Bowling Center.
27. All captains to be canvassed during the month of March to nominate the person(s) of their choice to run for league office the following season. Entire league to vote in April.
28. The league will donate \$15.00 in the memory of any league member who passes away or if an immediate family member passes away. A fruit basket or equivalent will be sent to a league member ill for more than 6 weeks. (Captain must notify the Secretary.)
29. A team shall not be more than \$180.00 in arrears (2 week's fees). The team must be **below \$181** in arrears **before** the start of the 4th frame of the first game. Otherwise, they will forfeit all points for that night. Secretary to immediately notify the opposing team that they are bowling in a forfeit situation. Teams bowling in all forfeit situations shall follow the USBC rulebook (e.g., must be within 50 pins of team avg in order to win the game).
30. Sponsor fee of \$75.00 to be provided to league Secretary by December 1st. If sponsor fee is not paid before end of season, it will be deducted from prize fund paid to team. (NOTE: The estimated prize list assumed all teams paid a \$75 sponsor fee.)
31. No team award money is in the prize list. All individual awards shall be with handicap (based on a 220 average).
32. Each team shares the duties of selling the league's 50/50 raffle tickets. Team #1 sells the tickets on weeks 1 & 16, Team #2 sells on weeks 2 & 17, etc. League Secretary provides the tickets to each team.

NOTE: The league does not have an official rule regarding whether bowlers should provide a 1-lane or 2-lane courtesy when bowling. However, many bowlers in the league do look for 2-lane courtesy. Bottom line...please be courteous to your fellow league members when on the approaches.