

PURDUE STAFF AND STUDENT BOWLING LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. ADMINISTRATION

- a. The league's Board of Directors consists of the league officers and the team captains or representatives appointed by the team captains. It has jurisdiction in any matter that pertains to the league.
- b. All bowling shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) as amended by the league.
- c. MAAB (Mike Aulbys Arrowhead Bowl) is authorized to collect lane fees and bowling prize money as determined by the current budget.

2. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Eligible bowlers – Responsibility for using only eligible bowlers' rests on the team captains, however the Rules Committee has final jurisdiction.

- a. Team members and substitutes eligible to bowl include: employees, immediate family members of employees, students, spouses/partners of employees and students, alumni, and retirees. Former Purdue employees bowling with the league as of August 2008, are eligible to continue bowling with the league. All bowlers must be 18 years old or older.
Exception --- Special Circumstance Clause: This clause allows the captains/officers of the league to vote on the eligibility of a particular bowler before the first night of bowling (i.e. before the season starts) with discussion and approval.
- b. Team rosters are limited to **ten** regular bowlers, which must be listed and filed, subject to amendment, with the secretary. Any roster changes must be made through emailing league officers for changes. Each team must have 2 bowlers from the roster to count toward a legal lineup. If not the game is forfeited.
- c. Bowlers, who are not members of a regular team, may be listed as substitutes, available to bowl with any team, but not with more than one team a week. Once a bowler bowls for more than one team, that bowler becomes a league substitute bowler (not a team substitute) for the remainder of the current season.
- d. Once a bowler is removed from the roster and put on the general sub list, that bowler has to stay there the entire season.
- e. No bowler is eligible to bowl in the last 6 games of the season, unless he/she has already bowled at least 6 games in that current season. Any team using an ineligible bowler shall forfeit the game or games so bowled.

3. USBC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS (Formerly Sanctioning) - Currently League is not sanctioned.

USBC membership requirements – The Purdue Staff and Student League shall be sanctioned as a ‘closed mixed’ league, and the following USBC rules apply. A 50 membership count is minimum requirement.

- a. Membership fees will be collected from current team size whether it is a 4-person team or 5-person team. (Example: 5-person team would necessitate 5 memberships.) Extras on the team may apply for membership.
- b. Teams having members, who already have a membership in another league, may deduct those bowlers from the above requirement.
- c. Remaining bowlers with no USBC membership in this league or any other, are considered sanctioned under a “blanket sanction” provision. This means that league members are sanctioned, but only in the Purdue Staff league and that they are not eligible for the same USBC awards as the rest of the league. However, they may not participate in any other USBC leagues or USBC tournaments, without first becoming a USBC member.

4. COMPETITION

a. Scoring

League ranking shall be determined by counting two points for each game won, and two for high set. In case of ties, one point is given to each team.

b. .Playoffs

When a tie occurs for the championship,

- i. First Place will go to the team with the highest Pin total with Handicap.
- ii. If there was a 3-team tie for first, the remaining two teams split the cash awards and trophies for 2nd Place using the sum of 2nd and 3rd place monies.
- iii. If any teams are tied for 2nd place, once the first-place team has been determined, the cash awards & trophies shall be equally divided between the teams involved using the sum of 2nd and 3rd place monies.
- iv. In all other places, if ties exist based on points, cash awards shall be equally divided between those teams.

c. Position Nights Position nights may be scheduled as approved by the Board of Directors. If two or more teams are tied for any position, the tie breaking procedure shall be based on highest total pins first. If the teams have the same number of pins, then the team with the highest points in head to head past meetings determines the upper position.

d. Determination of Averages, Handicaps, etc. All team competition shall be determined by actual pins bowled, plus a handicap.

- i. Averages – Old Bowlers: Bowlers who bowled at least six games in the preceding season, use last year’s average for their first six games, after which a current year’s average is established.
- ii. Averages – New Bowlers: New bowler’s averages will be calculated after the end of three games. However, if the bowler bowls less than

three games, his/her average for the night will be the average of the game(s) he/she bowls. This established average will be the average used next time he/she bowls.

iii. Averages – Absent (Blind) Bowler: (See USBC rule 105)

If a team has a absent bowler, the average used to determine the handicap shall be the highest Averaged bowler on the team roster who is not present, minus 20 pins. Exception – You will use a vacancy score of 140 in the case not enough team members at start of season only until position is filled (or their sub bowls -then it becomes absent bowler.

iv. Individual Handicap:

Handicap is determined by subtracting the bowler's average from 230 multiplied by 90 %. (Printed sheets are available from the secretary.)

v.. Team Handicap:

Is determined by totaling the team's individual handicaps together.

e. Unopposed Bowling, Failure Of Team To Appear: Bowling unopposed will be allowed under the following circumstances and as described below in League Rules f – iii.

i. If there are an uneven number of teams in the league, the team that is scheduled against the 'nonexistent' team shall bowl unopposed. If

bowled

at the scheduled time, the bowling is eligible for league prizes.

ii. If a team fails to appear, the other team shall bowl unopposed unless the league officers rule that the team was absent due to an emergency.

iii. If no emergency is declared, the absent team shall forfeit and the other team shall bowl unopposed. This bowling will be eligible for league prizes and USBC awards.

iv. If the league officers rule that the team absence was due to an emergency, the League Rule f – iii applies except that the team bowling at the scheduled time will be eligible for league prizes. Absent team that bowls at another time is NOT eligible for league prizes.

v.. If bowling the 'non-existent' team or an absent team who has forfeited, the team bowling unopposed must bowl at least their handicapped averages less 10 pins/game/bowler, in order to earn game and set points.

f. Postponed Games / Pre-bowled Games

Matches may be pre-bowled or postponed in accordance with the USBC rules (Rule #111) amended as follows:

i. Postponement must be arranged 48 hours in advance. Postponed games shall be bowled before the next schedule bowling night. If a position match is postponed, the match shall be bowled within seven days. Postponed matches are not eligible for league weekly prizes.

ii. Pre-bowled matches are eligible for league weekly prizes.

iii. A postponed match may be bowled unopposed if agreed to by the

captains, except position night matches shall not be bowled unopposed. Winning games and set shall be determined by comparing the scores.

iv. These postponed games (iii) are not eligible for league weekly prizes. 'Unopposed' matches must be bowled before the next scheduled bowling night. Bowlers may pre-bowl individually in this league up to 4 times/season.

5. PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

- a. Cash prizes shall be listed by the current budget. No team or individual shall receive more than one prize per week and season prize. If two prizes are won, only the higher prize or the set prize shall be received.
- b. Season prizes for individual high single games and for high individual set prizes shall be awarded for scores with and without handicap. Weekly high individual set prizes shall be based on scores with handicap and weekly high individual games without handicap.
- c. To be eligible for individual season awards or prizes, a bowler must have bowled at least half of the scheduled games, and have paid the prize money fees. For the USBC award for greatest improvement, this requirement applies also to the preceding season (USBC rule book). For more information on USBC awards, see the USBC rule book via hardcopy or online through bowl.com. This award will be by certificate only.

6. TEAM CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Collecting bowling fees and Taking to the counter to a Center representative.
- b. Captains are to secure team substitutes as needed.
- c. Any claim for protested games must be made, verbally and/or by email, to the President, who will contact the league officers within 24 hours.
Then a determination will be made, if not, the process will continue with the team captains to make a determination before the next bowling week.
- d. All matches must start promptly at the time scheduled. A team must start bowling if at least two members are present, and any tardy bowler may catch up provided they begin before five full frames are bowled by each team.
- e. The team captains shall notify the league secretary and the lane manager and opposing team captain if a match is going to be pre-bowled or postponed.
- f. Explain league rules and proper bowling etiquette to all new team members, along with reminding old team members just the same.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL LEAGUE BOWLERS

- a. Notify your team captain of any impending absences.
- b. Be on time for the start of bowling and ready to bowl once practice is over.
- c. Wear proper bowling shoes.
- d. Use your own ball or select an alley ball that is not being used by another bowler.
- e. In general, use proper bowling etiquette. If in doubt, please ask.