

BOWL- A-MANIA MONDAY NIGHT BOWLING LEAGUE BY-LAWS

2017-2018

- 1) There will be a minimum of five (5) bowlers and a maximum of ten (10) bowlers per team.
- 2) Every team can call upon another team's bowler to fill in on a given night if that team will not have enough bowlers to fill the roster for the night. All bowlers are eligible to bowl no matter what their average is. Team captains are responsible to contact the team captain of another team prior to the scheduled week a bowler is needed to make necessary request. In case of emergency on any given night, a team can request any pool bowler that is present if that bowler would like to fill in for the evening. Bowler is responsible to pay for dues for that evening for the team he bowls for. A bowler is not eligible to bowl for a team if that team is bowling against his own team. No bowler can fill in with a certain team more than six times per season. No pool bowlers are allowed during the roll-offs.
- 3) The third week of bowling all rosters will be presented to the secretary with the correct spelling of the first and last names of each bowler. New bowlers added to the rosters after week 20, unless a hardship occurs, must be approved by all team captains and bowl the following week. If a dummy situation occurs, the bowler will be able to bowl immediately.
- 4) A new bowler with no league average will bowl in the first position and his average and handicap will be figured at the end of the match that night. A bowler currently with an in-house average from another league will be able to use that average the first night of league play. That average needs to be verified by posted stats or by other leagues secretary.
- 5) Team captains will determine the line-up each night with the lowest average bowler first and so on down the line-up with the highest average bowler positioned last. Current posted averages (excluding percentage points) will determine the line-up and any average ties will be determined by the captain. If a dummy score is used, it will be listed first in the line-up.
- 6) Last years final average will be used the first three nights of bowling. After a bowler has bowled nine strings of bowling in the current year, his average will be established from the strings bowled in the new year and his new average will be used from that week forwarded accumulating each week from strings bowled.
- 7) A dummy score of 85 will be used for a vacant bowler and the dummy score cannot take a point but will be handicapped for the team totals of each string and the grand total only. In the event that a team bowls against a team with a dummy score(s), it does not take the point automatically. A bowler is required to bowl within 5 points of his average to win the point or no point will be awarded to either team.
- 8) Dummy to dummy will result on no points being awarded to either team.
- 9) Bowling will start the first Monday after Labor Day and will start at 6:30 pm with all bowlers present to bowl in their spot in the order. If a bowler is not present to bowl by 7:15, or by the end of the first string, the team will take a dummy score for all three strings. The captain will reposition his line-up accordingly with the dummy score in the first position. Bowlers should inform their team captain if they will not make it by 7:15 as early as possible so line-ups don't need to be changed unnecessarily. All dummy strings must be paid for by the team.
- 10) The league secretary, on the day of bowling, will post the league standings and stats. Scorekeepers are responsible to indicate any dummy scores as well as to record correct and accurate scores.
- 11) Each team is responsible for paying in full for bowling each week. The cost per bowler is \$15 and \$75 per team. Any unpaid money due the league will be taken from the owing team's prize money.

- 12) A twenty(20) point system will be used for scoring, with one(1) point per bowler for each individual string and one(1) point for each team total for six(6) points available per string. Two(2) points will be awarded for total team pin fall of the three(3) strings including handicap at 90% bowler vs bowler.
- 13) In the event of a bowler to bowler tie or a team string total tie, the winner of the next string takes the point. If a tie on the third string total occurs, the grand total winner takes the point. If individual bowlers should tie on the third string, the point will be determined by the three string total plus any handicap for each string added. In the event all is tied after the handicap has been added, a two(2) box roll-off (with no handicap) will determine the winner. If bowlers remain tied, they will continue to bowl one(1) box at a time until there is a winner. The two (2) boxes will be bowled after the final boxes of the final bowlers. One (1) point will be awarded each team in the case of a tie in the team total pin fall after three(3) strings. **In the case of a tie on the third string and the team totals are also tied, the anchor bowlers from each team will bowl two(2) boxes to break the tie. If the tie remains after two boxes, the bowlers will bowl 1 box at a time until the tie is broken.**
- 14) Cash prizes will be awarded at the banquet as indicated on the attached sheet. A bowler may accept only one (1) major individual cash prize, with the next highest bowler in that category to receive the prize not accepted. There will be a Sponsor's Trophy for the team that finishes in first place for the thirty week season. In lieu of trophy, a team may chose a \$100 cash prize instead. The top six teams will be awarded cash prizes for the season.
- 15) A team member must bowl a minimum of fifteen (15) weeks to be eligible for any team prize and fifteen (15) weeks, 45 strings to be eligible for high game and/or series. A bowler must bowl at least twenty (20) weeks, 60 strings, to be eligible for high average, most improved and percentage winner. A bowler must bowl ten (10) weeks, 30 strings, to be eligible for the roll-offs.
- 16) A bowling season will consist of twenty-seven (27) regular nights and three (3) position nights. On position nights, the highest seeded team (1 vs. 2, 3 vs. 4 etc.) in the year to date standings will pick the lanes they choose to bowl on.
- 17) The roll-off will consist of the top eight (8) teams. The first place team vs. the eighth place team, second place team vs. seventh place team, third place team vs. sixth place team, and the fourth place team vs. fifth place team.
- 18) These matches will take place the following Monday after the end of the regular season. The winners of each match will move on to the second round with the highest remaining seeded team playing the lowest seeded team and so on. The winners of the second round will continue on to the championship game. Teams 9 and 10 will not make the roll-off and will be awarded a season participation only prize.
- 19) In the event of a tie at the end of the season, for a spot in the roll-off, top to bottom, the following tie-breaker system will be used: (1) winner of head-to-head matches, (2) total points all matches between the teams tied, (3) team with the highest total pin fall plus handicap for the season. In the case of a three or more team tie for a place in the standings for a money position and roll-off implications, all teams results against the other teams involved, (only regular season matches counted), will be totaled with the team with the most total points finishing the highest seed, with the others following.
- 20) In the roll-offs, the highest seeded team has their choice of lanes to bowl on in each match. Bowling will continue one string at a time until one team wins 11 points total. Total pin fall will not break a 10-10 tie.

- 21) If a match during the roll-off ends in a 10-10 tie, there will be a one (1) string roll-off with handicap to determine the winner. The winner will then be determined by a man-to-man match, with handicap, with the team **winning the most points** of the five (5) possible individual points being declared the winner. No team totals will be counted. **In the case of a 1-1 or 2-2 tie after the completion of the fourth string occurs, the anchor bowlers will bowl 2 extra boxes to break the tie. If still tied, the bowlers will continue to bowl 1 box at a time until a winner is declared. In the case of a 2-2 tie in the fourth string, the bowlers who tied during the fourth strings will bowl 2 boxes apiece, no handicap given, until there is a winner.**
- 22) In the event of a lane breakdown, regular season, or circumstances where a match cannot be bowled, the make-up match must be bowled before the next regular scheduled bowling night. The make-up match will start from the beginning using and five(5) team members. If two full strings have been completed, the match must be completed that night, using lanes that become available as other teams finish their matches.
- 23) In case of an injury to a bowler or emergency that causes that bowler to leave, his spot will remain on the line-up that evening, with that bowler getting a score of 5 pins below his average for all remaining strings that evening. The bowler who is bowling against that bowler, has to win the string, with handicap to win the point. The bowler who left, will be eligible to win his point if the opponent does not beat the score. If bowler has to leave before completing a string, his incomplete string is replaced with a score of his average less 5 pins
- 24) In the case of a power outage, results for the night will be the last completed string by all teams plus a 2 point bonus given to the team with the highest pin fall including handicap for a total of 8 points for the night. If the power outage happens before all teams complete the first string, the night will be cancelled and re-scheduled the next week and the schedule changed to reflect said changes. No action will be taken for 30 minutes or the time it takes to assess the situation regarding the outage.
- 25) No pre-bowling will be allowed
- 26) During the thirty week bowling season, there will be cash prize awards given for the top 5 high over average for the three string scratch totals each night. Awards will be given out during the banquet. (see attached sheet for pay outs).
- 27) All by-laws voted and passed at the pre-season annual mtg. cannot be changed during the regular season.
- 28) The league secretary will conduct all league meetings and appoint committees that are needed to handle all problems, or get together with league officers and/or captains to settle disputes. At the banquet, nominations and voting of officers for the coming season will be conducted.
- 29) League salaries are Treasurer \$400, Secretary \$400
- 30) In case of snow, Mike Pelczar will consult with state and town road agents to assess the road conditions and forecast to consider weather bowling should be cancelled. At that time, before 2 PM, a decision will be made and team captains will be e-mail so they can contact their team members of the decision to cancel.