

Thursday Night Mixed Winter Bowling League Constitution 2025-26

1. **SCHEDULE:** The Thursday Night Mixed Winter League will be certified by USBC and will bowl on Thursday at 7 PM at Cypress Lanes. The league will bowl 35 weeks starting September 4th, 2025 and ending May 21st. 2026. The league will not bowl on November 27, December 25 and December 31st. Two position matches will be included, week 18 and the end of the schedule.
2. **MANAGEMENT:** The management of this league shall be vested in the board of directors, which shall consist of the officers and team captains. The officers are the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The board of directors shall adopt league rules and the membership shall elect the officers.
3. **FEES:** The fees to be paid each night shall be \$25.00, of which \$11.00 is lineage, 50c each for the treasurer and secretary and the remaining \$13.00 going into the prize fund. In the case of a blind, the team is responsible for collection of fees of the absent bowler. In the case of forfeit games, the absent team is responsible for arrearage of fees. Any team or individual quitting without the approval of the board of directors will forfeit this money. Team shortages will be taken out of that team's prize winnings. The last 2 weeks of bowling shall be paid by the 4th week of the schedule. All fees shall be collected by the team captain and presented to the treasurer by the fifth frame of the first game. Charging is not allowed without prior approval. A \$25.00 assessment fee will be charged for any returned check.
4. **LEAGUE FUNDS:** An account shall be opened in the name of the league in which funds will be deposited weekly and verified monthly by the president of the league. The president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary will have signature cards at the bank. Joint signatures of at least two elected officers will be allowed to make withdrawals.
5. **PRIZES:** The president shall appoint a prize list committee of at least three members to draw up a prize list. The prize list should be approved by the board of directors and distributed to each team captain by the fifth week of the schedule. A bowler must have bowled 2/3 of the schedule games to qualify for individual awards. Ties for all other positions shall split the money equally.
6. **AVERAGES:** Bowlers will use entering averages established in this league from the previous season for their first nine games bowled and bowlers with no league average will use their highest previous season's book average based on 21 or more game and new bowler's will set averages by bowling a three game series their first night.
7. **HANDICAP:** The handicap shall be 90% of a scratch figure of 220 for each bowler. The team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individual handicap for the players in the lineup with no limit.
8. **TEAM ROSTERS:** Teams will be limited to 6 bowlers per team. Report changes to the secretary of the league. Roster bowlers can only bowl with their team and must have at least 9 games bowled with said team to bowl on positions rounds and roll-offs.
9. **SUBSTITUTES:** A list of substitutes shall be maintained by the league secretary. Anyone can sub for a regular member. During the last 2 weeks of bowling or any position rounds or roll offs, a subs average cannot be higher than 10 pins of the absent bowler's average and must have bowled 9 or more games in this league. No new subs will be allowed to bowl during position rounds.
10. **LEGAL LINEUP:** A minimum legal lineup must include at least 2 players from a team's current roster and must be present by the start of each game. For teams without a full roster, 1 bowler would constitute a legal lineup.

11. **TARDY PLAYERS:** A tardy player who arrives late may enter the game provided 4 frames have not been completed. Frames missed may be made up. The bowler is tardy when the anchor bowler on both teams have completed the forth frame.
12. **ABSENTEE and VACANCY SCORES:** The absentee score shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less 10 pins plus handicap of the absent bowler. The vacancy score shall be 120 with a handicap of 90. Each team is responsible for paying the full amount of league fees for all vacancies. Teams must pay the full amount of a vacancy (\$20.00) after 4 weeks.
13. **POSTPONEMENT and BOWLING UNOPPOSED:** The president shall appoint a committee of at least 3 members to determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement. In the event a postponement is needed, except in the case of an emergency, the postponement committee shall be notified at least 24 hours in advance. All makeup games must be made up within 3 weeks of the postponement or games will be declared forfeited. When a game is declared forfeited or a team bowling unopposed, the team present shall bowl as if the game is actually being contested and must bowl within 40 pins of their team average. All makeup games must be made up at Cypress Lanes.
14. **POSITION STANDINGS:** Standings shall be determined on a point basis, with two points awarded for each game won and one point for high team series in each match. Total pins handicap will decide ties for position matches. In case there is a tie for first place at the end of the schedule, a one game roll off shall be bowled with total pins handicap determine the winner. An extra tenth frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie to determine the champion. The team listed in first place the last night of bowling will draw for lanes to be used in the roll off from those used during league play and will be bowled that night. Teams can decide if they would rather be declared co-champions instead of bowling. Ties for other positions shall split equally. If on the last night of bowling the first place team has locked up the league, that team will bowl the last place team and all other team will move one lane over, second place bowls the third place team, forth bowls fifth place and so on and so forth.
15. **PROTESTS:** Protest must be filed in writing to the league secretary prior to the next scheduled date of bowling after the series in which the incident or possible infraction occurred has been bowled. The board of director's decision may be appealed to the local association. Members of teams involved in protest will not be allowed to serve on the committee for their protest hearing and the majority of the board will constitute a quorum.
16. **EMERGENCIES:** The league secretary will call all team captains if any emergency cancels bowling.
17. **USBC RULES:** USBC rules shall apply for any condition not specially covered in the league constitution of rules.

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Thursday Night Mixed Winter Bowling League Prize Fund 2025-26 Season \$ 44,180.00

1. 4500.00	9. 1600.00	17. 1228.00
2. 4000.00	10. 1400.00	18. 1224.00
3. 3000.00	11. 1340.00	19. 1220.00
4. 2500.00	12. 1280.00	20. 1216.00
5. 2000.00	13. 1260.00	21. 1212.00
6. 1900.00	14. 1240.00	22. 1208.00
7. 1800.00	15. 1236.00	23. 1204.00
8. 1700.00	16. 1232.00	24. 1200.00 = \$41,700

Team Prize Money

High Handicap Series	300.00	High Scratch Series	300.00
2 nd Hi Handicap Series	150.00	2 nd Hi Scratch Series	150.00
High Handicap Game	200.00	High Scratch Game	200.00
2 nd Hi Handicap Game	100.00	2 nd Hi Scratch Game	100.00 = \$1,500

Individual Prize Money

Women		Men
60.00	Hi Handicap Series	60.00
45.00	2 nd Hi Handicap Series	45.00
60.00	Hi Scratch Series	60.00
45.00	2 nd Hi Scratch Series	45.00
50.00	Hi Handicap Game	50.00
35.00	2 nd Hi Handicap Game	35.00
50.00	Hi Scratch Game	50.00
35.00	2 nd Hi Scratch Game	35.00
65.00	High Average	65.00
45.00	Most Improved	45.00 = \$980.00