

2025-2026 TUESDAY SENIORS BOWLING WINTER LEAGUE CONSTITUTION (voted on 2 September 2025)

Rule 1 – Schedule – The Tuesday Senior Winter League shall be sanctioned with the USBC (League Sanction Application Form # 701924). The league shall bowl at Cypress Lanes on Tuesday afternoon @ 1:00 pm for 32 weeks, commencing on September 2nd 2025 and will end on April 28th 2026. No bowling on the 23rd and 30th of December and on 17 February (Fat Tuesday). There will be 2 position rounds, week 16 and week 32. **Payout of prize fund will be on May 5th 2026 at 12 noon.**

Rule 2 – Management – The management of this league shall be vested in the board of directors, which shall consist of elected officers and team captains. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The membership shall adopt league rules and elect league officers.

Rule 3 – Fees – The amount to be paid each session by each bowler shall be **\$13.00** of which **\$8.00** will be for lineage, **\$0.75** for the Secretary/Treasurer, and the remaining **\$4.25** to go to the league prize fund. Team Captains shall be responsible for the collection of team fees and the team shall be responsible for all vacancies. Team shortages will be taken out of that teams prize winnings. Team captains should turn in money envelopes to the league treasurer by the fifth frame of the first game. The **last 2 weeks** of bowling are due by **week 6** of the schedule, which will be **October 7th 2025**. Bowling is not allowed after **3 weeks** on non-payment without prior approval. A \$30.00 service charge will be assessed on all returned checks.

Rule 4 – League funds – An account is currently opened in the name of the league at Whitney-Hancock Bank, in which all funds shall be deposited weekly and verified monthly by the league President. Joint signatures of at least two elected officers will be necessary to make withdrawals.

Rule 5 – Prizes – The President shall appoint a prize list committee of at least 3 members, who are not officers, to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by the board of directors and be distributed to the team captains within 6 weeks (October 7th) after the start of the league. Subs are not eligible for league awards. Individual high game and series may be awarded in both handicap and scratch categories for both men and women, however, no individual can qualify for an award in both categories. All awards must be paid equally or handicap must be of greater value. A player qualifying for an award in both categories shall receive only the prize of the greatest value. High team game and series scratch and handicap may be awarded, with no team to win more than one award. Priorities in awards are high series handicap, high series scratch, high game handicap, and high game scratch. All handicap awards and most improved will start after the bowler has completed 21 games. All bowlers must have completed at least **2/3** of the schedule as a regular member to be eligible.

Rule 6 – Entering Averages - Senior league bowlers will establish averages after the first 3 games.

Rule 7 – Handicap – The handicap shall be 100% of the scratch score of 210 for each bowler. The team handicap for each scheduled match will be the total of the individual handicap of the players in the lineup.

Rule 8 – Team Rosters – Teams will be limited to 5 bowlers. Anytime changes are needed, they must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new member bowls. This includes all persons who bowl in other leagues with current USBC membership. Any member listed on a team roster can only bowl for that team.

Rule 9 – Substitutes – A list of substitutes shall be maintained by the league Secretary. Anyone can sub for a regular team. During the **last 2 weeks** of bowling and position rounds, subs must have previously bowled a minimum of 9 games and be within 10 pins, higher or lower of the person they are subbing for.

Rule 10 – Withdrawals – Any bowler or team wishing to withdraw from the league must give a 2-week notice and pay 2-weeks fees unless replaced. Bowlers withdrawing without proper notice will be subject to disciplinary action by the league and possible suspension from USBC.

Rule 11 – Legal Lineup – A minimum lineup must include 2 players from the team’s current roster. A minimum legal lineup must be present at the start of each game. Frames missed may be made up. The bowler is tardy when the anchor bowler on both teams have completed 4 frames.

Rule 12 – Absentees and Vacancies – Absentee scores shall be the absent bowlers average minus 10 pins. The absentee bowler with the most games will be used. If two members have the same number of games, the highest average will be used. The handicap shall be the actual average of the absent bowler. Vacancy scores shall be 120 pins with a handicap of 90. After the 2nd week (**September 16th 2025**) a vacancy will be treated as an absentee and shall be average minus 10 pins per game. Each team is responsible for paying the full amount of fees.

Rule 13 – Forfeitures – When a game is declared forfeit, the team present shall bowl as if the game is being contested. The present team shall be awarded the points provided the team bowls a minimum of their team average minus 40 pins. **Any team or team member which is 3 weeks behind in league dues will also forfeit those games.**

Rule 14 – Postponements – A committee shall be appointed by the elected league officers to determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement. In the event a postponement is needed, except in the case of emergencies, the committee will be notified at least 4 hours in advance. All makeups must be made within 2 weeks after the postponement is granted, or as determined by the committee. When making up (post or pre bowling) and shadow bowl is complete, once the first throw is attempted for score if a team walks out (quits) for any reason other than an emergency or injury all games to include series are forfeited. Note that if an emergency or injury occurs and that team can still field a legal line-up they continue on bowling or else forfeit. Teams have no choice of lane assignment or lane condition house puts out. All makeups must be made at Cypress Lanes.

Rule 15 – Bowling unopposed – A team may bowl unopposed or pre-bowl. The team bowling before, or after the scheduled league match will not be eligible for USBC honor scores, but scores will count for league standings.

Rule 16 – Position Standings – Standings shall be determined on a point basis with 2 points awarded for each game won and 1 point awarded for series. Ties will split the points. Total pins with handicap will decide ties for position matches.

Rule 17 – Playoffs – A one game playoff shall determine the winner of a playoff for 1st place on a pair of lanes selected by a draw. An extra 10th frame shall be bowled if a tie after the game. All playoffs must be done after the last day of bowling. Teams involved in a playoff for 1st place can agree not to bowl and be co-champions. All ties after final position will be decided by total pins except 1st place. They must decide if they will split the winnings prior to starting the match.

Rule 18 – Emergencies – The league Secretary will attempt to contact the Team Captains if any emergency cancels bowling.

Rule 19 – Etiquette - No bowler will have more than 2 bowling balls on the ball return at one time during league play. Bowling towels will not be placed on another bowlers ball and will be removed from ball return each and every time after you complete your turn. Repeat violations will result in that bowler being disqualified for the day and receiving a score of zero.

Rule 20 – Lane condition Designation – Standard/House condition.

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