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PURCHASING MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

2008—2009 RULES AND REGULATIONS

LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RULE 103)

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF THE OFFICERS AND TEAM CAPTAINS. THE BOARD SHALL GOVERN THE LEAGUE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

1. **A CAPTAIN MAY NAME ANOTHER TEAM MEMBER TO ACT AS THE TEAM REPRESENTATIVE AT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS.**
2. **EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE WHETHER AN OFFICER OF THE LEAGUE, A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE OR BOTH.**
3. **A SIMPLE MAJORITY (>50%) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.**

TEAM ROSTERS

A TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF FOUR (4) BOWLERS. A TEAM MAY HAVE **UP TO SIX (6)** ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ON THE ROSTER TO INSURE THAT FOUR BOWLERS WILL BE PRESENT FOR ALL SCHEDULED GAMES. NO ADDITIONS TO ROSTERS MAY BE MADE WITH (3) WEEKS REMAINING IN A ROUND.

LEGAL LINE-UPS

1. A LEGAL LINE-UP SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST TWO (2) BOWLERS AND SHALL INCLUDE ONE (1) WOMAN ~~OR~~ **AND ONE (1)** MAN.
2. **A VACANCY DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS A LEGAL LINE-UP.**
3. A FULL TEAM CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) BOWLERS. IF (3) BOWLERS ARE MEN, THE FOURTH BOWLER MUST BE A WOMAN. IF (3) BOWLERS ARE WOMEN, THE FOURTH BOWLER MUST BE A MAN.
4. IF TWO BOWLERS ARE MEN, A WOMAN'S AVERAGE MUST BE USED AS THE BLIND. IF TWO BOWLERS ARE WOMEN, A MAN'S AVERAGE MUST BE USED AS THE BLIND.

AWARDING OF POINTS

ONE POINT WILL BE AWARDED FOR EVERY GAME WON. AN ADDITIONAL POINT WILL BE AWARDED TO TOTAL PINS.

FORFEITS

IF ONE TEAM FAILS TO APPEAR AS SCHEDULED, THE SCHEDULED TEAM PRESENT MUST BOWL AND WILL BE AWARDED POINTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) SUBTRACT 10 PINS FROM THE AVERAGES OF THE BOWLERS PRESENT
- 2) ADD ALL AVERAGES AND RECORD THE TOTAL ON SCORE SHEETS. THIS TOTAL (SCRATCH) MUST BE EXCEEDED TO WIN THE GAME.
- 3) FOR TOTAL PINS, MULTIPLY THE TOTAL OF ALL AVERAGES BY 3. THIS TOTAL (SCRATCH) MUST BE EXCEEDED TO WIN TOTAL PINS.

ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES

AN ABSENTEE (BLIND) BOWLER IS DETERMINED BY THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF GAMES BOWLED BY ANY BOWLER NOT SCHEDULED TO BOWL. IF A WOMAN IS THE ABSENTEE AND NO OTHER WOMEN ARE PRESENT TO BOWL, THE ABSENTEE BOWLER MUST BE A WOMAN WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF GAMES BOWLED.

AN ABSENTEE' SCORE IS DETERMINED BY SUBTRACTING 10 PINS FROM THE CURRENT AVERAGE. THE ABSENTEE'S HANDICAP IS NOT AFFECTED. VACANCY SCORE IS USED IF A TEAM DOES NOT HAVE A FULL ROSTER OF FOUR (4) BOWLERS. THE VACANCY SCORE IS 140.

HANDICAPS

THE HANDICAP FOR THE LEAGUE IS 80% OF ~~200~~220 APPLYING TO ALL BOWLERS. A BOWLER'S HANDICAP IS CARRIED OVER TO THE CURRENT SEASON IF THAT BOWLER WAS A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF GAMES BOWLED.

A NEW BOWLER'S HANDICAP IS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) DETERMINE AVERAGE BY ADDING THE 3 GAMES DIVIDED BY 3.
- 2) SUBTRACT THE RESULTING AVERAGE FROM ~~200~~220
- 3) MULTIPLY THIS DIFFERENCE BY 80% . THIS IS THE NEW BOWLER'S HANDICAP.
- 4) THE MAXIMUM HANDICAP IS ~~75~~95.

PRE-BOWLING

BOWLERS MAY PRE-BOWL IF THEY KNOW THEY WILL BE ABSENT SO THAT THEIR SCORES WILL BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED.

BOWLERS WHO INTEND TO PRE-BOWL MUST INFORM THE LEAGUE SECRETARY OF THE DATE THIS WILL TAKE PLACE. THIS IS REQUIRED SO THAT THE OPPOSING TEAM CAN BE NOTIFIED.

ALL BOWLING FEES FOR PRE-BOWL ARE TO PAID AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOWLING NIGHT.

PRE-BOWLING IS NOT ALLOWED FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND.

ENTERING AVERAGES

ENTERING AVERAGES FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT SEASON WILL BE BASED ON THE FINAL AVERAGES OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON. THIS WILL DETERMINE THE BEGINNING HANDICAPS FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

AVERAGES AND HANDICAPS FOR NEW BOWLERS IS EXPLAINED ABOVE UNDER "HANDICAPS". NEW BOWLERS MUST BOWL A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) GAMES TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT ENTERING AVERAGE FOR THE SEASON.

TARDY BOWLERS

TARDY BOWLERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOWL IF THE FOURTH FRAME OF THE GAME IN PROGRESS HAS NOT COMPLETED. IF FOUR (4) FRAMES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, THE BOWLER MAY BOWL THE REMAINING GAMES. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AT YOUR ASSIGNED LANES ON TIME.

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PLAYOFFS

ROLLOFFS WILL BE HELD AMONG ALL ROUND WINNERS ONE (1) WEEK AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF REGULAR SEASON AS FOLLOWS:

1) THE LEAGUE CHAMPION WILL BE DETERMINED BY TOTAL PINFALL AMONG ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN THE ROLLOFF

~~2) IF THERE ARE (3) DIFFERENT ROUND WINNERS, A WILD CARD TEAM WILL BE DETERMINED AS A 4TH TEAM. THE WILDCARD TEAM IS NON-ROUND AND IS DETERMINED BY MOST GAMES WON OVER (3) ROUNDS.~~

~~2) IF A TEAM WINS (2) ROUNDS, THEY WILL BOWL THE WINNER OF REMAINING ROUND FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.~~

3) IF THERE ARE AN ODD NUMBER OF ROUND WINNERS, GREATER THAN ONE, A WILD CARD TEAM WILL BE DETERMINED. THE WILDCARD TEAM IS A NON ROUND WINNER AND IS DETERMINED BY MOST GAMES WON OVER THREE (3) ROUNDS.

[EXPLANATION: THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR MATCHUP SO THAT NO TEAM BOWLS ALONE. OUR RULES ALLOW FOR A TIE AT THE END OF EACH ROUND. WE COULD THEORETICALLY HAVE THREE (3), FIVE (5) OR EVEN SEVEN (7) TEAM PARTICIPATE IN THE ROLLOFF.] REFER TO RULES 113 AND 120 FOR GUIDANCE. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE CAN HAVE MORE THAN THREE (3) TEAMS IN THE PLAYOFF UNLESS WE HAVE A TIE BREAKER AT THE END OF EACH ROUND SUBJECT TO RULE 120.1

4) IN THE EVENT THAT ONE (1) TEAM WINS ALL THREE (3) ROUNDS, THEY WILL BE DECLARED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

5) IN THE EVENT OF A TIE SCORE AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) FRAMES WILL BE BOWLED TO DETERMINE THE CHAMPION. IF A TIE STILL REMAINS, AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) FRAMES WILL BE BOWLED UNTIL A CHAMPION IS DETERMINED.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

TEAM AWARD

TROPHIES OR AN EQUIVALENT AWARD IN VALUE TO THE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE ROUND WINNERS OTHER THAN THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. ANY ADDITIONAL TEAM AWARDS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATAGORIES:

- 1) HIGH SCRATCH AVERAGE, SERIES, AND GAME (MEN & WOMEN)
- 2) HIGH HANDICAP SERIES & GAME (MEN & WOMEN)
- 3) MOST IMPROVED BOWLER (MEN & WOMEN)

ALL BOWLERS MUST HAVE BOWLED AT LEAST 45% OF THE TOTAL SCHEDULED GAMES FOR THE SEASON (45% OF 99 GAMES = 44.5 GAMES).

Issues for Discussion:

One vote per team

Can we have a tie in a round?

How long can a team bowl without a women on the roster?

How long can a person bowl without paying?

Four meal tickets per team for the banquet. Meal tickets can be traded/shared?

Do we want a negative average? How about 90% or 100% of 220?

Do we need to include a line about following USBC rules?

Do we want to pay the treasurer? Free Bowling for the treasurer or acting treasurer for that night?

Board of Directors

The board of directors, the governing body of a league, is comprised of officers and team captains. The board makes decisions on all league matters, including adoption of league rules and prize fund and election of officers, unless the league's rules provide for the members to be involved.

Each board member is entitled to only one vote, whether a team captain, officer or both.

- ★ President also is entitled to vote on all issues before the board.
- ★ A quorum is a majority of the board for business transactions unless league rules state otherwise.