

BowlerMaxx Nitehawks League 2023-2024 Season Rules

1. The name of the league will be **BowlerMaxx Nitehawks League**. The league will be certified by the USBC. *No one under the age of 18 (as of August 1) may participate in this league (safe sport issue).*
2. Management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of league officers and team captains. Board of directors shall adopt all league rules.
3. League shall elect officers prior to the conclusion of the season. All officers shall assume office on August 1st of the current season.
4. Each team will be responsible to pay a \$20 sponsor fee by the 3rd week of bowling.
5. **Cost of bowling** each week per bowler shall be **\$23.00**; \$15.50 bowling and \$7.50 prize. League will utilize Suburban Bowlerama's secretary and treasurer services at no additional cost to the league. A prize fund will be provided to the league as part of this service. Pay in full option is \$736.00. Pay in full option to be paid by week #2. All league fees will be paid at the front desk. **If paying with credit card, 2 week payment please.**
6. **Entering averages:**
 - a. A bowler will use the average established in this league from previous season based on 21 or more games.
 - b. New members entering this league shall use their highest USBC book average from the previous season based on 21 or more games.
 - c. Once an average has been determined, a bowler must use that average for the first 9 games bowled in the current season.
 - d. If a new bowler does not have a previous season average, his/her average will be established at the conclusion of league play for that night with no minimum number of games required.
7. **Handicap** shall be 90% of the difference between 1200 and the combined averages of the five bowlers on each team. If at any time during the season, a team averages over 1200, the total number of pins over 1200 will be given to the opposing team as additional handicap.
8. **Rosters** should be turned in by the team captain to the league secretary by the 3rd week of bowling. Rosters may consist of 10 members. New bowlers cannot be added to a roster in the final three weeks of each half.
9. **Substitutes** are permitted in this league. Substitutes may be added to a team, if a vacancy occurs on their team.
10. **A minimum legal line-up** must consist of at least three bowlers from a team's current roster. A minimum legal line-up must be present at the end of the fifth frame of each game.
11. In the event of a "bye" in the schedule, the team present must bowl as though the game was actually contested and shall complete one frame on one lane before starting the succeeding frame. In order to receive the point for each game, the team must bowl within 50 pins of their combined scratch average. In the event of a forfeiture, team will revert to the "bye" rule above. Members of the team forfeiting the game(s) shall be allowed to bowl. Scores will be included in the league records and qualify for all league and USBC individual awards.
12. Absentee scores shall be allowed, when a team has a legal line-up, but less than a full line-up. **The absentee score shall be the absent bowler's average less 15 pins (20-21 season).** The absent bowler's current average will be used to determine the team's handicap. **The vacancy score shall be 120 for score and handicap.**
13. **All postponements due to weather** shall be a joint decision between the league president and center secretary by 3pm. **Postponements** by teams shall be granted provided that the league president and opposing team captain have been notified one week in advance. The postponed match must be made up within one week of the scheduled match. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture. In the case of an emergency, the team captain shall contact the league president at the earliest opportunity. Averages as of the date the match is bowled shall be used to determine handicap for the postponed match. Team captain shall obtain a computer print- out of the match bowled for the league secretary.

14. **Bowling unopposed** is strongly discouraged and not allowed in most cases. Approval to bowl unopposed as a team shall be granted only after every effort has been made to make up the match in accordance to rule #13.
15. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided five (5) frames have not been completed. Any frames missed may be made up.
16. The league will bowl on Wednesday for 32 weeks. League will start August 30, 2023, and end April 10, 2024. **League will not bowl Wednesday, December 27th.** All scheduled matches shall begin at 6:10pm. **During practice, 1 ball per person, please!** The league will include a position round in the 16th and 32nd week. Teams will be scheduled against opponents in the same division, according to the league standings. If there is an uneven number of teams in the league at the time of the position round, the last place team in the uneven division will bowl against the bye to earn points. The position round will begin in the center of the house with one division bowling to the left (lower numbered lanes) and the other division bowling to the right (higher numbered lanes). The divisions will “flip flop” lane assignments for the second position round.
17. **Standings will be determined on a 4 point system**; one for each game and one for total pins. At the end of each half, a first place winner will be determined. If a tie exists at the end of a half, a 3 game roll off will occur to break a tie. Averages at the time of the roll off shall be used to determine handicap for the roll off. Team prize money shall be determined at the end of the season combining wins from both halves. All prize money to be distributed according to the prize list provided. If the same team wins both halves in a division, it shall be declared the winner of the division and will advance automatically to the championship match. After both division winners have been determined, the championship match will occur the following Wednesday at regular league time. If teams are tied for a position in the standings (other than first), the prize money will be divided equally among the teams involved.
18. Roll offs will consist of 3 games. **Team with the most total pins will determine the winner of any roll off.** Lane assignments will be determined by the league secretary. In the event of a tie in any roll off, an extra tenth frame with handicap shall be bowled to determine the winner. Scores bowled in the roll offs will be counted toward individual averages. Scores bowled will qualify for USBC awards. League will pay for all roll offs.
19. Any dispute not covered by the above rules shall be ruled upon by the board of directors based on applicable USBC rules and regulations. The president may call special meeting of the board of directors to resolve any disputes or protests at his/her discretion.

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