

Friday Morning Senior Men's League By-Laws 2023-2024 Season

1. The league will be USBC sanctioned and abide by their rules. Subs must have a card. Senior sanction dues are \$22 per man.
2. League will bowl Friday mornings at 10am starting August 25, 2023, and ending April 5, 2024, a 32-week season. ***There will be no bowling on Friday, December 29th.***
3. **During practice, bowlers are asked to only throw one ball at a time.**
4. Tardy bowlers will have until the completion of the fifth frame to enter any game.
5. League dues will be \$15.00 per man per week; \$10.75 bowling fees and \$4.25 prize. **Bowlers are required to pay \$15.00 per week whether you bowl or not.** Any bowler who reaches 2 weeks behind in his league payments will not be eligible to bowl in any subsequent week until he pays at least one week. All league prize fees must be paid in full or will be deducted from the team prize money at the conclusion of the season. An absent bowler is required to make up back league fees within 2 weeks. Pay in full option available and payable by week 2 is **\$480.00.**
6. Teams shall consist of 3 men, 50 or older. Open substitution is permitted; however, a team must have at least one roster player to be a legal line-up. In any roll-off, a substitute may be used but must have an average of at least 9 games bowled in the league. In addition, no regular season roster player from teams other than those in the roll-offs are eligible to sub in the roll-offs. Score printouts are required for any individual or team pre-bowls. If there is no printout of scores or center employee verification, a forfeit of points will be the result. There shall be no pre-bowling for any roll-offs.
7. **If a bowler leaves the league without sufficient cause, he may not return to sub in the league for the remainder of the current season.**
8. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the total of the combined averages of the 3 players and 700, with no limit on the amount of handicap.
9. An absentee score shall be 10 pins off the missing person's average per game, with the handicap calculated using the missing person's average. A vacancy score shall be 150 for handicap and 150 for score.
10. The average used for the first 9 games in the league will be as follows:
 1. Last year's Friday Men's League final average of 21 or more games; if none then
 2. Last year's highest book average of 21 or more games; if none then
 3. Bowl 3 games and then calculate the average.

This rule will be in effect for all regular bowlers and substitutes for their first 9 games.
11. The league shall bowl for prize money. If more than 3 players on a team have paid prize money, it shall be the team members' responsibility to determine a fair distribution of the money.
12. Regular season standings will be based on a four point per match system; one point for each game and one point for total pins.
13. If needed, a league schedule will be proposed by an elected committee and approved by the league board of directors.
14. The league will bowl a split season with 2 halves. The league will be divided into 2 divisions by team number: Division A 1-12 and Division B 13-24. Lane assignments for all position rounds will be made by a blind draw. Four (4) teams will proceed to roll-offs. Any team winning both halves will draw a bye for the 1st week of roll-offs and go directly to the Championship match. Total pinfall plus handicap shall determine the winners of all roll-offs. If a tie exists at the end of any half for the division winner, teams will bowl a 1 game roll-off to break the tie and all teams will bowl on the same pair of lanes with practice (choice of lanes to be determined). Divisional roll-offs will consist of a 3-game match to be held one week after the final week of the regular schedule. League Championship match will consist of a 3-game match to be held the following week. Prize fund payout will follow championship match.
15. To be eligible for an award, a bowler must be a regular paying member of the league and must bowl 2/3 of the scheduled games. Only one individual award per person.
16. Teams not able to bowl a scheduled match must make-up said match no later than the next scheduled week of bowling or forfeit the match. They may also pre-bowl the match. Individuals also may pre-bowl a match, when necessary, but may not post bowl a match. Post bowls for individuals may be granted by league president due to weather conditions. Score printouts are required.
17. League officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Officers may succeed themselves for an indefinite number of terms.
18. In the event of a bye, the team bowling the bye must equal or exceed its own team average, minus 30 pins, to win the point. The same rule applies to a forfeit.
19. The league will utilize Suburban Bowlerama's secretarial and banking service for its records and funds. This service is provided as a part of the bowling fees and is at no additional charge.
20. Any prize money left over at the end of the season will be put in league accounts for next season.

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