

Tom Zipay Memorial League

2023-2024 Season

1. League shall be registered with York/Adams USBC under the name of **Tom Zipay Memorial League** With elected officers for president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. Each position along with a captain from each team will operate as the Board of Directors (USBC rule #103a). The length of each officer will be one season (with an election held at the end of the season). Each member of the Board will be entitled to one vote. The reorganizational meeting shall be held not less than two weeks prior to the first night of the new season.
2. The sponsor's fee will be **\$25.00 per team** and must be paid on or prior to the first night of the new season.
3. The league shall bowl on Tuesday night at 6:15 p.m. @ Suburban Bowlerama. The season will consist of 32 weeks of competition. At the completion of all roll-offs, it will be considered the end of the season. **League will bowl August 22, 2023, to April 2, 2024, skipping December 26, 2023.**
4. Teams shall compete for four points each week, one point for each game bowled and one point for total pins, both with handicap. If a tie occurs, each team will receive ½ point. Teams will be split into two divisions and each season will be split into two halves. **If a sub is used for a roll-off or championship match, bowler must have 9 games bowled to be eligible.** Division winners of both halves will roll-off and the winners of each division will roll-off for the league championship. All roll-off will be 3-game matches (total pins w/handicap). If a tie occurs, a tenth frame roll-off (w/handicap) will take place. The league schedule will include a position round in the 16th and 32nd week. Teams will be scheduled against opponents in the same division, according to league standings. If there is an uneven number of teams in the league at the time of a position round, the last place team in the uneven division will end up with the bye, and bowls to earn the points. The league secretary will schedule the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division to bowl on the pairs in the center of the house, with the 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th and subsequent teams in one division bowling to the left (lower numbered lanes, and the teams in the other division bowling to the right (higher numbered lanes). The division will "flip flop" lane assignments for the second position round.
5. When it is determined that two or more teams will be tied for first place during the last night of a half, those two or more teams will have a tenth frame roll-off with handicap on their respective lanes, that same night. Once the winners of both divisions have been determined, the league championship roll-off consisting of 3 games will occur the following Tuesday at regular time. In case of a tie, a tenth frame roll-off will be held.
6. The league's individual men's high average and the individual women's high average awards will not be considered until a bowler has completed 2/3rds of the season.
7. If a bowler arrives late, he may enter the game in progress as long as five frames have not been completed. All frames that were missing can be made up. Any bowler who must bowl out will do so against the bowler who is in the same position on the opposing team's line-up. Team captains may waive this rule if it is a mutual agreement between the two teams.
8. A team consists of 5 members but is allowed a maximum of 8 members on their roster. Floating subs are permitted.
9. Any bowler that is dropped from one team cannot be picked up by another team without the approval of all the team captains.... A minimum of two weeks between the team changes unless otherwise voted upon by the Board of Directors. This bowler will not be eligible for any team prize money from the first team that he bowled for. No new bowler will bowl in this league until a proper USBC card has been submitted to the secretary (with money due). A bowler must be 18 years of age to bowl in this league.
10. Handicap shall be 90% of the difference between the team average and 1200. On the first night of a bowler's new season, his average shall be determined in the following order of preference:
 - a. prior year's average in the league (21 games or more)
 - b. prior year's USBC high book average (21 games)
 - c. highest USBC book average from two years ago (21 games)
 - d. if a>, b> or c> are not availableBowler shall establish average after 3 games.

