

Sunday Night Football League Bylaws 2025-2026

1. This is a mixed league. A team may consist of 4 bowlers of any combination. No team may bowl with less than two regular bowlers. No one under the age of 18 (as of August 1st) may participate in this league (safe sport issue).
2. Handicap will be 90% of 820. The score for an absent bowler will be that bowler's average minus **15 pins**.
3. The starting time will be 6:00pm. Please be prompt. If bowlers are not there by 6pm, **do not wait**. If they arrive after the fifth frame, take an assigned score for that bowler for that game.
4. Each bowler will pay \$21.00 per week (\$16.50 bowling fee and \$4.50 prize fund). Pay in full option available till 2nd week of bowling, \$672. All payments will be paid at the front desk.
5. League will start September 7, 2025, and last until May 3, 2026 (32 weeks). Roll off and money payout will be one week after the conclusion of the league. Dates are subject to change if there are snow cancellations. **League will skip December 28, 2025, February 8, 2026, and April 5, 2026.**
6. Bowlers having subs must still pay the entire weekly fee. If you do not bowl and do not have a sub, you still pay. Teams forfeiting games must also pay the bowling and prize fees.
7. Team captains are responsible for subs on their teams. The league secretary can provide a list of known subs phone numbers. All subs must be members of the USBC to bowl. Team captains must secure a membership card from the secretary or the front desk and ensure that all subs are sanctioned. All sanction fees (\$22) must be paid on the first night of bowling.
8. There will be floating subs. A team must have at least two regular bowlers for a legal lineup. **A vacant bowler will be a regular bowler. 150 for average and for game score will be used. One (1) regular bowler and an absent/vacant for legal line up (i.e., no more than two (2) subs).**
9. If a league member has resigned, two weeks' notice must be given. Weekly league fees, including bowling and prize funds, shall be paid by the resigning member for the two weeks if the position is not filled. If you fail to do so, your name will be turned over to USBC and you could lose your membership.
10. **If your team wishes to pre-bowl or postpones a match, you must contact the captain of the opposing team at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled match.** If all efforts have been made to contact the opposing team captain and you cannot do so, contact a league officer or the bowling center. **Pre-bowled matches are encouraged** when you know you will not be there on a regularly scheduled night. Postponed matches must be made up within one week of the scheduled time (must be made up before the regular league time). You must make reservations with the bowling center (make reservations early – lanes are sometimes hard to schedule). **Individuals may pre-bowl only (no post bowling). (Exception for emergency issues, post bowling will be permitted.)**
11. League awards will not be given for scores pre or post bowled.
12. Team captains will be responsible for watching the overhead. Even lane teams will keep the recap sheet.
13. If one team wins both halves, they will be declared the league champions, and the second-place winnings will be split between the second-place teams of each half. If a roll off is necessary, the roll off will be decided by total pins. League will pay for all roll-offs. Subs used in the end of the season roll-offs must have at least a 15-game average within the Sunday Night Football League. **A tenth frame roll-off will be used if 2 or more teams are tied at the end of any half for 1st place.**
14. No bowler may receive more than one individual award; no team will receive more than one team award. Each bowler must complete 2/3rds of the total games to qualify for individual awards (60 games). Games bowled as subs do not qualify for awards.
15. Practicing on either one or both assigned lanes for the evening will be prohibited **one hour prior to league time (5pm)**. Any bowler bowling on his/her lanes during this time will not be allowed to bowl in the league that evening and will be required to take an assigned score for all three games. No subs will be allowed to replace anyone caught bowling on their assigned lanes.

16. Cancellation of bowling due to bad weather will be decided by league officers by 3pm.
17. Bowlers may not be more than one week behind in paying for their weekly league fees. Any bowler who falls behind for more than two weeks will cause the team to forfeit any subsequent games until they are fully paid. Payments must be made in full weekly fee increments. No partial payments will be accepted.
18. No new subs will be allowed during the last three weeks of each half. **First half, none after November 30, 2025, and second half, none after April 12, 2026.** Any sub needed during this three-week period **must have an established average of at least three games within the Football league.**
19. Forfeits: the team forfeiting will automatically lose four points. The opposing team will then revert to the **Bye** rule (22) to determine points won.
20. The board of directors will make all decisions for the league. The board consists of all team captains and the league officers for the season:
 - a. President – Jackie McClellan 717-424-5490
 - b. Vice President - Doug Horner 717-891-9976
 - c. Secretary/treasurer – Mandy Morton 717-848-1632 ext 298 (Suburban)
21. All league members will be responsible for keeping all non-bowlers (including children) out of the bowling area (tile floor area). Smokers must follow house rules concerning smoking.
22. **Bye:** All teams bowling the “bye” must beat their team average minus 40 pins to earn a point for that game. The team average for the “bye” will be the four bowlers’ averages for that night.
23. Average used for first 3 weeks of bowling (9 games) will be as follows:
 - a. Last seasons average in this league of 21 games, if none
 - b. Highest book average of 21 games, if none
 - c. Determined after 3 games are bowled.

REVISED DURING 8/25/26 MEETING