

Tom Zipay Memorial Bylaws 2025-2026

1. League shall be registered with York/Adams USBC under 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 at least two weeks before 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 26, 2025, to April 7, 2026 skipping December 30th of 2025.**
4. Teams 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 into two halves. **If a sub is used for a roll-off or championship match, bowlers 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-offs 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 2/3 of the season.
7. If a bowler arrives late, he may enter the game in progress if five frames are not 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 has 5 members, but a maximum of 8 is allowed 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...At least two weeks between the team changes unless otherwise voted on 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. The 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 is not available, then the bowler shall establish his average after 3 games.

THIS RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ALL REGULAR AND SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS FOR THEIR FIRST 9 GAMES IN THE NEW SEASON.

11. **Any absent bowler will receive an assigned score of their average less 10 pins.** That bowler's established average will be used when calculating the team average. This rule can only be used for two bowlers per team on any given night.
12. Each team captain will be responsible for ensuring league payments are paid at the front desk by everyone on their team by the third frame of the first game. Team captains are responsible for any money due to the house through the contract between Suburban Bowlerama and Tom Zipay Memorial League.
13. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to complete all information on a recap sheet and verify that it is correct with his/her signature in the opposing team's section. **The team on the right lane completes the recap.** Completed recap sheets must be taken to the counter after the match has concluded.
14. The president and/or secretary will be informed 24 hours prior to any postponement request. It should also be noted on the recap sheet for the match between the two teams that were scheduled to bowl. Such postponements must be agreed upon between the two captains. This match must be made up within seven days of the scheduled match. The secretary will be informed upon completion of the match.... with the recap sheet and all money involved turned in at the front counter. A complete postponement (due to weather) will extend the season by said number of weeks. For current information...call Suburban Bowlerama (717-848-1632, follow instructions to get the counter). A decision will be made by 3pm, by the league president.
15. Bowlers are not allowed to practice on the pair of lanes that they are scheduled to bowl on that night. Any bowler doing so will be disqualified from bowling in league play that night.
16. Any team dropping out of the league must be replaced before the next scheduled night of bowling. If this occurs, all points won and lost will be inherited by the new team. If this does not occur, all points that were won by the team dropping out will be voided and all money involved will be divided equally between all teams. All teams scheduled to bowl the team dropping out will be in a 'bye' situation. That team must bowl within 50 pins of their team average (for each game) to receive the point (within 150 pins for total pin fall).
17. To settle any disputes, a team captain may request a meeting of all team captains. The dispute will be settled by a majority vote. The president will vote only to break a tie. Any request for a meeting must be presented to the secretary within one week of the dispute's date and time.
18. If a major breakdown occurs, and the match cannot be completed on another pair of lanes that night, the teams involved have two weeks to reschedule and finish the match. If a knockdown week occurs the following week, the unfinished match should be completed within that week.
19. Cost of bowling per bowler per week is \$22.00; \$16.50 bowling and \$5.50 prize. League prize money will be deposited in Suburban's bank account for Leagues, TSM Bowl LLC, with funds deposited weekly.
20. If a bowler does not pay his league and bowling fees for two weeks, he is suspended from participating in league competition until such arrears have been taken care of.
21. League shall be governed by USBC rules as amended by these by-laws.
22. **Individual pre-bowling will be permitted, no post bowling.**

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