

Bennett's Electrical Services Fall Monday Match Play Bylaws 2026-2027

1. The league will bowl Monday nights at 6:15pm, with practice starting at 6:05pm. **During practice, 1 ball per person, please!**
2. Teams will consist of four (4) bowlers in any combination. No one under 18 (as of August 1st) may participate in this league (safe sport issue).
3. A legal line-up will consist of 1 regular bowler, except for position and roll-offs, you must have 2 regular bowlers.
4. The late bowlers will have until the end of the 5th frame to catch up. Absentee scores will be used for the game(s) missed. If a bowler arrives after the 5th frame, he/she may bowl the next two games.
5. Bowling out will not be permitted unless a team captain or league officer is contacted.
6. The league will have a 19-point system based on handicap. There will be 1 point for each player game and 2 points for each team's handicap game and 1 for grand total.
7. Handicap based on **90% of 240 per bowler**.
8. The league will consist of **three thirds**. ***Eight (8) teams will bowl in the roll-offs. If a team wins more than one (1) third, an additional wild card team will be added. Wild card team(s), not winning a third, will be determined at the end of the season by most points won. A Regular bowler from the league, cannot sub in the roll-offs.***

First Round Format:

- o Each division's 4 teams bowl 3 games. Each team bowls 1 game against each of the other 3 teams.
 - **Scoring per game (same as regular season)** is 1 point for each individual win and 2 points for total team win
 - **Bonus Point:** 1 additional point awarded to the team with the **highest total pins** across all 3 games.
- **Division Winner Determination:**
 - o Team with the **most accumulated points** after 3 games is the **division winner**.
 - o They advance to the **Championship Round**.
- **Seeding for Remaining Teams (3rd-8th):**
 - o Based on **total points won** in the first round.
 - o **Ties are not broken;** place money is split evenly.
 - **Tiebreaker for 1st Place Only:** If 2 teams are tied there will be a 1-game match using regular season format.
 - **If more than 2 teams are tied** there will be a 1-game match. Highest score from each position earns the point (same format).

Championship Round

- **Participants:** 2 division winners
- **Format:** Bowl 3 games using the **regular season scoring system**.
 - o **Tiebreaker (if tied in points after 3 games)** there will be a 1-game roll-off. Same format, but **total pins only count for 1 point**.

9. The league will bowl **33 weeks** starting on Monday, August 24, 2026 and ending April 19, 2027. The league will not bowl Labor Day (9/7), or the week between Christmas and New Years (12/28/26). Roll-off dates to be determined.
10. Entering averages will be the average established in this league from last season based on 21 games. All new bowlers without a Monday Match Play average of 21 games will use the previous season's USBC highest book average of 21 games or more (youth avg is acceptable). Anyone without a book average will establish an average the first night of bowling. **Entering average** will be used for the first 9 games bowled, and then the actual average will be used.
11. An absentee score will be 20 pins less than the absentee bowler's average. Handicap will stay the same. In the event there is not a regular bowler, a vacancy score of 120 will be used, with handicap based on 140.
12. The league will use floating substitutes. Subs will establish their average based on rule eleven (11).
13. Substitutes and regular bowlers must have **9 games bowled to be eligible to bowl in each of the thirds position weeks and must have 18 games in this league to be eligible to bowl in roll-offs.**
14. Bowling costs will be \$27.00 per bowler per week, \$17.50 bowling and \$9.50 for prize funds. Bowler will be responsible for paying for USBC cards (\$22). League fees will be paid at the front desk. **Pay in full option is \$891.00, payable by week two.** If paying with credit card, a 2-week payment is due. Bowlers 2 weeks or more behind in league fees will have any points won - entered as "unearned" instead. Bowlers may not participate, have a sub, pre or post bowl till fees are paid to date.
15. If there is a tie for a third, there will be a 1 game roll-off, using the 6-point system to determine the winner. In a tie, total pins with handicap will determine the winner. This also applies to wild cards and roll-offs.
16. Any team bowling a bye (or forfeited team) must come within 10 pins of his/her average and the team comes within 40 pins of their team average to win the points.
17. Teams requesting make-up matches have up to 1 week after scheduled match to make-up. The team must notify the opposing team captain or a league officer at least 48 hours in advance. This also applies to pre-bowling. Emergencies must be actual emergencies. **(No individual pre-bowling permitted.)** There will be no pre-bowling for position weeks and roll-offs.
18. The league management shall be vested in the board of directors, consisting of the team captains and league officers. A majority vote shall decide all votes.
19. League officers will determine the cancellation of snow days. Notification will be given to the center by 3pm and calls should be placed there. Also visible on social media.
20. The odd lane enters their lineup first; the even lane records the scores on the recap sheet.
21. **All prize money** will be paid out at the end of the season (date to be determined).
22. USBC cards must be filled out the first night of bowling, even if dues have been paid through another league. Captains are responsible for assuring that all substitutes fill out a card the first night they bowl and return it to the secretary. Dues are \$22 for men and \$22 for women.
23. Any abuse of house equipment will result in disciplinary action; up to and including removal from the league. Offender's points are lost for that night and handled as unearned.
24. USBC rules govern anything not covered by the league bylaws.

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