

The Strike Outs

Sunday Bowling League

2026-2027



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GENERAL INFORMATION: This league will bowl on Sundays at 6:00pm (with practice beginning 10 minutes prior) each week for 32 weeks, beginning on Sunday, September 8, 2025, and ending on Sunday, April 26, 2026. **There will be no bowling on the following Sundays: December 27, 2026, and March 28, 2027.** *In the event of inclement weather or other emergency, the league officers will make the decision whether we will bowl. If the choice is to cancel, those games **will be made up** on Sunday, March 28, 2027, (Easter) first, with other date(s) to be selected by the officers.* The following league rules have been adopted.

TEAMS: Teams will consist of 3 members per team. Two-member teams with a vacant spot are permitted until such time an additional bowler joins the league.

LEGAL LINE-UP: One (1) team member constitutes a legal line-up. A legal line-up must be present by the start of each game, or that game will be forfeited.

LATE BOWLERS: A late bowler may enter the game provided the opposing team has not completed the 3rd frame of that game. Bowlers arriving after the completion of the 3rd frame will need to wait for the next game to join. A bowler's absent score will be used for the late game(s). No additional practice time is given to the late bowler(s).

FORFEITS: There will be no automatic wins. A completely absent team will forfeit and lose every forfeited game. The present team must bowl and beat the absent team's average score minus 10 pins per bowler plus handicap, if any, (a.k.a., their blind scores) in order to win each of the games.

COSTS PER WEEK: The total cost of bowling per bowler per week shall be \$25.00.

Lineage	\$17.50
Banquet	\$2.50
Prize	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total	\$25.00

Each bowler is responsible for paying the weekly league fees by check (made to Suburban Bowlerama), cash, or credit/debit card at the front desk when they arrive. The center, as acting treasurer, will record each payment; however, it is still the responsibility of each team's captain to assure that all team members' dues are paid and current. A list of those bowlers whose dues are not current will be provided by the center to the officers and team captains.

Returned checks shall be assessed a \$50.00 service fee. This fee plus the weekly league dues must be paid in cash or by credit/debit card before the bowler may resume playing. Once a bowler bounces a check, they will no longer be permitted to pay by check for the remainder of the season. If the bounced check fee is not paid once the bowler is notified, the bowler may be immediately suspended from the league.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a guaranteed league. If you are absent, you are still responsible for missed fees upon your return. Preplanned absences should be paid prior to the absence.

SANCTION FEES: As this is a USBC sanctioned league, all members of this league must also be USBC sanctioned. The USBC Adult Standard membership sanction fee is **\$22.00**. This is a one-time annual fee and must be paid on or before the bowler's first week of play. If paying *on* the first week of bowling, the center asks that this fee be paid in cash. This can also be paid ahead of time by going to membership.bowl.com. Consequently, the cost for the first week of bowling is \$47.00 (\$25.00 weekly league dues + \$22.00 USBC membership fee)

ARREARS: All bowlers are to be paid up to and including the current week. If any bowler knows in advance they will be absent from any week(s), they are to be paid up to and including the current week plus those week(s) they will be absent. **NO** bowler can be in arrears for more than two (2) weeks [three (3) weeks including the current week]; if so, that bowler (or substitute) **will not be permitted to bowl** until the arrears are paid **completely**, and the bowler's blind score will be used. Once any bowler reaches three (3) weeks in arrears [four (4) weeks including the current week] that bowler will be removed from the team lineup, will not be permitted to return for the season, and will be ineligible for league awards. Team captains will be notified of such arrears.

AVERAGES: A bowler's prior year average will be used first, or, if none, the "Highest Average" in any USBC league in which a bowler competes in one season will be used for the first 3 games bowled [Rule 108(c)]. If a bowler has no average, their average will be based on the total pin fall for the first three-game set bowled in this league.

HANDICAP: Each bowler's handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 225.

STANDINGS: Weekly team scoring will be on a 4-point basis. One (1) point for each game bowled and one (1) point for total pin fall. In the case of a tie, the point will be split between the teams.

ABSENTEE SCORE: If a bowler is absent, an absentee score (blind) is used. An absentee score is ten (10) pins below the bowler's average. Example: 150 average $\square 150 - 10 = 140$ used as absentee score.

VACANCY SCORE: The vacancy score shall be 125 and may only be used when a team has a legal lineup.

PREBOWLS: Prebowling is allowed on an individual or team basis prior to 5:00 pm the Friday before the Sunday you will miss, except for position round weeks (weeks 16 & 32). It is not the league's responsibility if the center misplaces prebowl scores. Therefore, it is recommended that bowlers contact an officer with their prebowl scores. Pre-bowling is subject to the availability of lanes per the bowling center's schedule. Prebowling **MUST** be paid for **no later than the week of the bowler's return**, or else the bowler will no longer be permitted to prebowl. **NO postbowling will be permitted, except in emergency situations as determined by the officers.**

SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS: Substitutes will be allowed. No substitutes will be allowed to bowl during position round weeks (weeks 16 & 32). A substitute must have completed at least nine (9) games within **this league during this season** to bowl the last two non-position weeks of each half (weeks 14 & 15 and weeks 30 & 31). The absent bowler (**NOT** the substitute) is responsible for that week's fee. All substitutes are required to be USBC sanctioned **prior** to bowling.

RESIGNATION: A league member who wishes to resign from the league must give 2 weeks' written notice to the league Secretary. The resigning member is obligated to pay any back fees as well as covering the 2-week notice period. Since the league is divided into two halves, the bowler is only eligible for prize money for a fully-completed half. All other prize money is forfeited. If the bowler has pre-paid for the full season, the lineage portion (\$17.50 per week) cannot be reimbursed.

LEAGUE AWARDS: A bowler must be in good standing to be eligible for any league awards. Awards will be issued on an individual basis, each member receiving one-third of the allotted prize for their team. Prizes for bowlers who have quit or are ineligible **will not** be divided among remaining team members. In the event of a first place tie, there will be a best 2-out-of-3 game roll-off. In all other ties, the monies will be divided equally between all teams tied.

PROTEST: If a protest or dispute has been called for any reason, bowling must stop, and it must be settled or pursued at that point, not when the frame(s)/game(s) have been completed.

**Anything not covered above will be governed by the league officers first.
If no result, we will refer to the USBC Handbook.**