

HEATHER GARDENS '50' BOWLING LEAGUE BY-LAWS 2023-2024

The Heather Gardens 50 Bowling League shall consist of teams composed of 3 bowlers. All bowlers must be approved by the league and must be 50 years of age or older. The league will bowl on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM (practice begins at 9:50) for 30 weeks beginning on September 7, 2023 and ending on April 4, 2024 with a sweeper and awards on April 11 (if we choose to do so). There will be three position rounds taking place on weeks 10, 20 and 30. There will be no bowling Thanksgiving November 23. Any weeks canceled during the season due to inclement weather will be added to the end of the season.

The league will not be sanctioned with the "Greater Denver United States Bowling Congress" (USBC) but will comply with the rules of mixed leagues established by said organization unless modified by the Board of Directors, comprised of the officers and the team captains.

FEES: The cost of weekly bowling is \$15.00. This breaks down as follows: Bowling alley fees \$11.00 per bowler/per week including tax plus secretary/banking fees \$.75 totaling \$11.75. \$15.00 minus \$11.75 equals \$3.25 for prize money per series/per bowler.

The first week of bowling, each bowler will pay \$15.00 plus \$30.00 to cover the last two weeks of bowling. The additional \$30.00 is due within the first three weeks of bowling.

Checks should be payable to "**Arapahoe Bowl**".

All bowlers will pay \$15.00 each week. The bowling alley has elected to make our league guaranteed. This means we pay the same amount when absent as when we bowl. If a prolonged absence is anticipated, a bowler may withdraw from the league and return later with the average they left with.

Fee envelopes must be delivered to the league secretary/treasurer as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the third frame of the first game.

FUNDS: League funds will be deposited with the Arapahoe Bowling Center league prize fund account. The signatures of two officers will be required for all withdrawals.

HANDICAP: The handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 200.

AVERAGES: The current year's beginning average will begin with the first three games bowled in the 2023-2024 season.

LEGAL LINEUP: Teams must have a minimum of one bowler on the lane ready to bowl at the start of any game. One regular team member will constitute a legal lineup.

ABSENTEE SCORES: The absent bowler's current average shall be used. A team with only two regular bowlers shall use a vacancy score of 120 plus handicap of 80 in lieu of the third bowler.

SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS: Each team may utilize either rostered or floating substitute bowlers if they choose, but no more than three people can bowl each week.

Rostered Subs – dedicated to one team.

Floating Subs – available to fill in for any team.

General practice is that the absent bowler will pay the weekly fee if a substitute is used. However, our league allows each team to make the final choice if the absent bowler or the substitute will pay the weekly fee. Equitable distribution of team awards can also be determined by the team captain if substitutes are asked to pay.

NOTE: If your team uses subs a lot, you may consider having the sub pay the lineage portion and the regular bowler pay the prize fund portion (\$11/\$4 split). If you do choose this option, please submit the regular \$15 and settle the difference amongst the bowlers, ... to simplify for our Secretary.

PRE-BOWL AND MAKE-UP BOWLING: Either option is available under the following conditions:

- can only be done as a team, not as individuals,
- subject to lane availability (NOTE: lane availability is VERY limited and first come first served), and

- must be completed within two weeks of the original bowl date.

FIRST DAY ABSENTEE: If a regular bowler is absent the first day of bowling, a vacancy score of 120 plus handicap of 80 shall be used.

TARDY: A bowler must be on the lane ready to bowl before the last bowler on either team completes the third frame.

POSITION ROUND TIES: Tiebreaker will be total pins. Ties for the league championship will be decided by bowling one full game.

AWARDS: Bowlers must bowl 2/3 of total games to qualify for awards. Bowlers can win one award in addition to either High Average or Most Improved. Awards prioritized by scratch over handicap and series over game.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If Aurora Public and/or Cherry Creek Schools are closed due to weather conditions, the league will not bowl.

OFFICERS:

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