

# TABS Bowling League

## By-Laws 2023-2024 Season

### September 5, 2023

**Arapahoe Bowling Center: 303-790-2695, 6850 S. Dayton St., Greenwood Village, CO 80112**  
**President: Nancy Lauth 303-877-3670 Treasurer: Sandy Hughes 303-699-4546**

#### Definition

TABS is a Non-Sanctioned and Guaranteed league. A guaranteed league means that TABS is required to pay the Arapahoe Bowling Center \$11.00 for all listed team members, bowling or absent, each week. Questions not answered by the rules below, will defer to the USBC playing rule book for the current year. Officers will decide or present to the league unusual matters not covered in these by-laws.

#### Officers/Elections

Officers are President and Treasurer. Nominations and elections are held before the end of the bowling season, with individual voting by private ballot.

#### Schedule

The league will bowl on **Tuesdays** for **32** weeks, beginning **September 5, 2023** and finishing **April 23, 2024**. The year will be divided into 2 separate 16-week seasons, Fall and Spring. The league will not be bowling on the following dates: December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2024. **Warm-ups start at 12 noon. League play starts at 12:15 p.m.** No snow days will be called. Teams not able/wanting to bowl on a snowy day will have two weeks to make up the games or points will be forfeited. Exception: if make-up is less than two weeks before position round, it must be done before position round day.

#### Team Rosters

Teams are composed of 4 members. If a team member quits, the individual team is responsible for finding a replacement, or a vacant bowler score (120) will be used. No replacements on that 4-member team are allowed the last 2 weeks of each half of the scheduled bowling season.

**Five-member team roster:** The 4 bowlers who start week 1 are the "established team bowlers." A fifth bowler may be added to a team roster for no less than four weeks and must pay the \$14.00 fee each week she bowls. If an established team bowler is gone for a number of weeks and wishes to remain on her team roster, she will be responsible for the weekly fee of \$14.00 if the 5<sup>th</sup> bowler fails to pay for the week(s) she is scheduled to bowl. Team prizes will be based on a four-member team.

#### Pre-Bowl/Post-Bowl

One bowler of the 4-person team must be present to bowl on any given week. Exception: 2 bowlers must be present to bowl on position round day (Week 16 and Week 32). If there is no one available from your team to bowl on the designated league bowling day, the team can either pre-bowl, or post-bowl within two weeks to make up the game. Exception: if make-up is less than two weeks before position round, it must be done before position round day. If a team does not bowl the make-up games, the points will be forfeited. **Arapahoe Bowling Center requires reservations for pre/post bowling times. Pre-bowls must pay the treasurer before you pre-bowl because the treasurer must pay for your bowling on the designated Tuesday date you would normally bowl.**

#### Late Arrivals

Bowlers arriving after completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame will receive their average for that game. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

#### Average/Handicap

Any Bowler will establish her average the first week of bowling, regardless of the number of games bowled. Bowlers will receive a handicap equal to 90% of the difference between her average and 180. VACANT bowlers will have an average of 120.

#### Substitutes

Substitute bowlers are allowed and encouraged. The substitute pays the \$11.00 lineage fee, and the league bowler pays the \$3.00 prize fund fee. If the league bowler has already paid for that day, she can negotiate with the substitute to pay her the \$11.00 lineage fee.

#### Vacant Score

A vacant score is 120 per game, with a handicap of 54.

## Absences

If a bowler is absent for 6 consecutive weeks or less, her average will be used, and she is responsible for paying the weekly ABC lineage fee.

With absences of 7 or more consecutive weeks, consideration will be given by ABC and league officers to put the bowler on VACANT status and eliminate the weekly lineage fee.

If an absent bowler wants to remain eligible for league prize money and has bowled 48 games (full year) or 24 games (half year), she is responsible for the league weekly prize fund/treasurer fee. The President, Treasurer and ABC will have the authority to decide in other situations that might occur. The last two prepaid weeks of bowling cannot be used for weekly payments.

## Bowling on the wrong lane:

Our league allows for the error to be corrected.

## Bowling Fees

Make checks payable to **TABS**. The weekly bowling fee to be paid by each member is **\$14.00**. The weekly fee is broken down as follows: **\$11.00** ABC Lineage fee, **\$0.50** Treasurer Fee, **\$2.50** Prize Fund. A President's fee of \$200.00 is paid at the end of the year. Non-refundable bowling fees for the last two weeks (weeks 31 & 32) must be paid by week 3 of the season, or scores bowled that third week will be zeroes. If you know you will be absent, please pay in advance, because we have to pay ABC whether you bowl or not. If a bowler is absent, all her missed weekly bowling fees must be paid, including the date she returns, or her scores will be zeros until fees are caught up.

Any bowler joining on week 17 or later must pay the non-refundable bowling fees for the last two weeks (week 31 & 32) by her third week, or scores bowled that third week will be zeroes.

## Bank Account

Out of the net fees collected, \$25.00 will be reserved in the TABS free checking account at the end of the season in order to maintain a minimum balance and ensure that the TABS account will remain open during our off-season. A minimum of 2 people must be on the banking institution's signature card. A signatory cannot write a check to herself. Any member of the league can request to see the bank statements by notifying the Treasurer. In the event of the league dissolution, all funds in the bank will be distributed evenly among the active bowlers.

**Prize Fund/Treasurer Fee (\$3.00)** is part of the \$14.00 weekly fee. Any bowler joining after the start of the season (week 1) must pay the prize fund/treasurer fund of \$3.00 per week from the start of the season (week 1). This ensures that all bowlers will have paid the same amount into the fund to qualify for the full season prize award.

Any bowler joining after week 17 must pay the prize/treasurer fund of \$3.00 per week from week 17 to qualify for the half-season prize award.

## Prize Fund:

The prize fund amount is determined after paying the required ABC lineage fees, subtracting the Treasurer's and President's fees and incidental expenses, and leaving a reserve fee of \$25.00 in the bank account. All prizes will be paid by check. Bowlers need to have bowled **48** of total eligible games (96) to qualify for full-year individual prize money awards. Bowlers who resign after week 16 and bowlers joining week 17 or later must bowl **24** games of the total eligible games (48) for the half-year individual prize money awards.

Prizes are as follows:

- Team Place Awards: First half (Fall) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Second half (Spring) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Team Achievement Awards are awarded for the full season as follows: Team High Handicap Series, Team High Handicap Game, Team High Scratch Series, and Team High Scratch Game (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place).
- Individual Achievement Awards are awarded for the full or half season as follows: High Handicap Series, High Handicap Game, High Scratch Series, High Scratch Game, High Average, and Most Improved Average. (The starting average for most improved bowler category is established after 12 games of bowling.) (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

Handicap scores will take precedence over scratch scores. Series takes precedence over games.

An individual bowler is eligible for only one individual achievement category award. A team is only eligible for one team achievement category award. In the event of a tie for league 1st place, total handicap pins will decide 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In the event of a tie for 1st place team series or 1st place team high game, the money for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be divided between the two teams.

A prize committee may add to but not delete these established categories. All awards must be verifiable.