

## TUESDAY OWLS LEAGUE RULES – 2023-2024

**GENERAL:** This league shall function in accordance with the applicable sections of the playing rules, Chapter IV, USBC league rules, except as noted in these league rules. In the event of conflict between these league rules and the USBC league rules, the USBC rules shall govern.

**MEMBERSHIP:** This is a mixed, senior, non-smoking league and shall be certified with the United States Bowling Congress. Members must be at least 50 years old. Subs must also be at least 50 years old. We encourage the use of subs to negate the need to post-bowl or pre-bowl games.

**LEAGUE SCHEDULE:** **This** league shall bowl at Arapahoe Bowling Center on lanes 17 through 24. League competition will begin September 05, 2023, and end March 26, 2024. A “No Tap Sweeper” will be held on April 02, 2023, with an awards banquet to follow. Each team will submit one choice for a banquet location. Each person shall have one vote. The location will be decided by the most votes.

**TEAMS:** **Each** team shall consist of three bowlers. At least one member must be of the opposite gender. A legal line-up shall consist of one member from the current roster.

**SUBSTITUTES:** Either gender may substitute for either gender, if the team maintains at least one man and one woman in presence or in absence. **No new subs** will be allowed during the last five weeks of play. Subs will be permitted to bowl in the sweeper if they have bowled at least 21 games during the regular season.

**BOWLING FEES:** **The** weekly bowling fee for regular members is \$14.00. This includes the Arapahoe Lanes lineage fee of \$11.00 and prize fund/league operating fees of \$3.00. The prize fund/league operating fees include \$2.50 for the prize fund plus \$0.50 for the secretary fee. League bowlers are required to pay for the last two weeks by the 5th week. Except for illness or vacation, members are only allowed to be two weeks in arrears. Team captains are responsible for collecting team bowling fees, verifying that the amounts are correct and delivering them to the league secretary by the 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the first game. Because of new banking rules, the secretary will open a bank account in the secretary's name. A monthly statement will be shown to the president to verify funds. The league audit committee may be formed by the league President to conduct an audit of league prize fund/operating fees at least once during the bowling season and prior to one month before the end of the league.

**AVERAGES:** **All** bowlers will establish an average after bowling their first three games. However, in a senior league, if a bowler is unable to bowl three consecutive games, their average will be figured on the number of games they were able to bowl. Vacant positions will use an average of 120 pins for both men and women with a handicap of 100.

**HANDICAP:** **Each** bowler's handicap shall be calculated based on 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220.

**SCORING:** **Absentee** scores will have no deductions. Team standings will be based on a four-point system. One point will be awarded for each game won and one point for the series total. One-half point will be awarded to each team in case of a tie.

**BOWLING OUT (Ref. USBC Rule 106d:** **Bowling** out will be permitted, when necessary, for any one game of a series if both affected team captains agree to allow the bowling out process. Otherwise, the affected bowler shall be designated as a blind bowler for the remainder of that game and subsequent

games. If bowling out is allowed, the player should alternate with other bowlers as they continue to bowl. The player takes a turn on each lane immediately after the previous bowler has finished so progress is not halted.

**PRE-BOWL AND POSTPONEMENTS (Ref. USBC Rule 111):** Pre-bowled or make-up games must be approved by a league officer and the opposing team captain within 48 hours (about 2 days), except in the case of an emergency. The opposing team has the option of bowling on the regular day or with the team requesting the change. The league encourages members to complete pre-bowling within one week or post-bowl within two weeks of scheduled time. Post-bowling or make-up games must be bowled prior to the last two weeks of bowling. Individual unopposed bowling is prohibited. At least two members must bowl for make-up games. Scores should be kept confidential. The opposing team may not see the pre-bowled or post-bowled scores until after they have bowled their games. There will only be a total of four make-ups and/or pre-bowls allowed for the season.

**AWARDS: Individual and Team Awards:** Awards shall be given at the end of the 30-week league season. To receive any individual or team award, a bowler must bowl at least 2/3 (60) of the scheduled games. No one person may receive more than one individual award. Award succession is scratch series, scratch game, handicap series and handicap game. Team awards are valid for teams with one vacancy score. Pre-bowl and make-up scores will be eligible for USBC and league awards. Money from the prize fund shall be allocated for these awards as shown below:

Women's & Men's High Scratch Series – 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$15.00 each

Women's & Men's High Scratch Series – 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$10.00 each

Women's & Men's High Scratch Series – 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00 each

Women's & Men's High Scratch Game – 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$15.00 each

Women's & Men's High Scratch Game – 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$10.00 each

Women's & Men's High Scratch Game – 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00 each

Women's & Men's High Handicap Series – 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$15.00 each

Women's & Men's High Handicap Series – 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$10.00 each

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Team High Scratch Series – \$40.00

Team High Handicap Series – \$40.00

Team High Scratch Game – \$40.00

Team High Handicap Game - \$40.00

**TEAM STANDING AWARDS:** The remaining portion of the league prize fund after allocation of the above awards and league operating fees shall be distributed to each team based on the team's standing at the end of the league session and associated total points won.

**GREATER DENVER USBC BEGINNING AVERAGE: USBC** awards shall be based on the Tuesday Owl's previous season final average for each bowler. If not available, the bowler's highest average from bowl.com shall be used. If that average is not available, the bowler's average after 12 games will be used as the basis for USBC awards for all bowlers.

**PRIZE FUND ALLOCATION FOR BOWLERS WHO DO NOT BOWL THE ENTIRE SEASON:** Bowlers who are unable to complete the bowling season due to medical necessity will be pro-rated their share of the prize money based on their team's points won and number of weeks paid into the prize fund. For all other withdrawals/resignations, USBC Rule 114a, 1b, will apply which states that resigning members must pay league fees for two weeks if the bowler is not replaced within that period.

**ADOPTION OF LEAGUE RULES, PRIZE LIST & ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** A simple majority of the general membership shall be required to adopt league rules, prize list and elect league officers.

**INTERPRETATION OF LEAGUE RULES:** In the event a question arises regarding the league rules, the board of directors will advise and rule on such matters. The board of directors consists of all league officers and team captains or representatives. (Ref. USBC Rule 103).

**AMENDMENTS:** After the league schedule begins, any amendments to the league rules or prize list will require the written consent of every team captain or representative (Ref. USBC Rule 122).

**SNOW DAYS:** In the event of snow, the decision whether or not to bowl would be made by the President, Vice-President and Secretary. The executive staff would call each team captain and they would be responsible for calling the rest of their team.

**NOTE:** Because this is a guaranteed league, we would be responsible for paying Arapahoe Bowling Center even if bowling were cancelled due to snow. Therefore, I'm sure everyone would want to make it up. In the event of this happening, you must call the bowling alley and schedule a time to make up.

Above rules approved at a league meeting held on September 05, 2023.

President – D'Arcy White \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President – Sue Kyle \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary – Marsha Stewart \_\_\_\_\_

Team 1 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_

Team 2 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_

Team 3 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_

Team 4 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_

Team 5 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_

Team 6 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_

Team 7 Capt: \_\_\_\_\_