

FRIDAY EXPRESS BOWLING LEAGUE 2024-2025 BY-LAWS

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- 1. LEAGUE DETAILS:** The name of the league shall be Friday Express, referred to as the "league" elsewhere throughout these by-laws. This league is a senior league, all members must be 50 years of age or older at the beginning of the league. The league will bowl on Friday afternoons at Arapahoe Bowling Center (ABC) with practice beginning at 12:15pm and bowling to start at 12:30pm. Competition will consist of 3 games of bowling each day.
- 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The league board of directors consists of the officers of the league and all team captains who will manage the league for the season. Open communication to league members is expected.
- 3. TEAM STRENGTH/SCHEDULE:** The league will consist of 24 teams of 4 players and be a mixed league with any combination of men and women. The league will begin on September 6, 2024 and bowl for 29 weeks ending on April 11, 2025. The league will not bowl on October 25, 2024 (corporate party), November 29, 2024 (the day after Thanksgiving), and December 27, 2024. The league will not bowl on October 25, 2024 because there is a corporate Halloween Party that will use the high end numbered lanes of the center. In exchange for this non-bowling day, the company holding the party will give the league \$500 to place in our prize fund for awards. Because there are 24 teams, we will bowl one round (each team bowling all the other 23 teams). To fill in the schedule, there will be 6 positions rounds held on the following dates: Oct 4, Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 31, Mar 7 and April 11. There will be an optional no-tap tournament on April 18 after final payout of the league awards.
- 4. SANCTION:** The league will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). All bowlers, including substitutes, must be sanctioned with

USBC before they can bowl in the league. The sanction for the 2024-2025 season is \$30.00 and must be paid separately from league fees. Please make payment to ABC.

5. **FEES:** The weekly fee to be paid by each member is \$16.00 per bowler with \$12.00 for lineage to ABC, \$.75 for secretary/treasurer fee and \$3.25 for prize fund. The last two weeks of bowling shall be paid by the 6th week of the league (October 11, 2024). Bowlers may not be more than 2 weeks in arrears. A bowler must give 2 weeks' notice if they must quit the league. This is a guaranteed league; therefore, bowling fees are required to be paid even if regular member is absent. If there are questions, please contact Tyson Lundquist, Secretary/Treasurer.
6. **AVERAGES:** Averages will be established on the first day of bowling regardless of the number of games bowled.
7. **HANDICAPS:** Handicaps shall be 90% of the difference between the individual's average and 220. Handicap will be computed after the first day of bowling and applied to the games bowled that day.
8. **LEGAL LINE-UP:** Legal line up shall consist of 1 regular bowler and must be present by the end of the 3rd frame of any game. Late bowlers may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed.
9. **SUBSTITUTES:** Substitutes will be allowed; however, no new substitutes can be used on position round. Substitutes do not have to pay to bowl; however, the regular bowler must ensure league fees are paid. Substitutes must replace the missing individual with the most games bowled in this league. If there is a tie in the number of games bowled between two missing regular bowlers, the substitute must replace the bowler with the highest average.
10. **ABSENT BOWLERS:** In the event a bowler is absent, and the team has a legal line-up, the absent score will be the bowler's average with full handicap. An absent score can be used for 3 consecutive weeks. Beginning the 4th consecutive week, the absent score will be the regular bowler's average minus 10 pins unless due to medical exception. For medical exception, Arapahoe has a new form that must be completed. See Rule 5 above with

regard to bowling fees. Teams are encouraged to use a substitute when possible.

11. **VACANCY:** The vacancy score shall be 120 per game, with 90 pins handicap. A vacancy is used when a team does not have a full line-up of 4 bowlers.
12. **FORFEIT:** In the event of a forfeit, the team present must bowl within 40 pins (or more) of their team average to receive the win for that game. Points not won for failing to bowl the minimum score will not be credited for the team that forfeited.
13. **STANDING POINTS:** A total of four points will be award each week as one point for each game and one point for total pins.
14. **PRE/POST BOWLING:** Pre-bowling and post-bowling are permitted and must be scheduled in advance with the bowling center. All pre-bowling and post - bowling must be bowled as a team. Post-bowling must be completed within 2 weeks of the regularly scheduled date and all pre-bowl and post-bowls must be completed prior to the next position round. Only pre-bowls are permitted on position rounds. All games bowled in a pre-bowl or post-bowl shall count for league awards; however, due to USBC Rule will not count for USBC awards. When pre-bowling or post-bowling is needed, it is the team captain's responsibility to notify the President, Vice-President or Secretary/Treasurer in writing (email, text or written correspondence) to ensure it is documented to prevent any miscommunication.
15. **AWARDS:** The President will solicit at least 3 members of the league for a prize committee to present at least three prize lists for the league to consider. All members of the league will have a vote on the prize lists presented. The Vice President of the league will work with the prize committee to present the prize lists by the 6th week (October 11, 2024) of the league. Separate awards for men and women will be presented. Bowlers must bowl at least 2/3 of the league's scheduled games to be eligible for individual awards and only one award may be earned for an individual award (except for high average and most improved). As this is a handicap league, handicap awards shall take precedent over scratch awards. Handicap awards will be computed after 12

games have been bowled. Most improved bowler will be computed after 12 games and compared to final average at the end of the league.

16. **BYE TEAM:** When bowling against a bye team (if the league has an uneven number of teams), the team must bowl within 40 pins (or more) of the team average to win the points. The team is the sum of the averages of the bowlers who bowled. In the case of a tie, the team wins the points (points are not split).
17. **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND FINAL STANDINGS:** League Champions will be determined by standing after final position round based on total points. There cannot be a tie for first place; therefore, in the event of tie for that position, there will be a one game roll-off. Other tied positions will be combined and the award divided equally between the tied teams.
18. **Any rule not covered herein shall be covered by the USBC rule book for the current season.**
19. **These league rules were adopted by the league membership on September 6, 2024 during the initial league meeting prior to bowling.**