

Tuesday Club 50+ Bowling League

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2024-2025 By-Laws

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1. **LEAGUE DETAILS:** The name of the league shall be Tuesday Club 50+ Bowling League, 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 Tuesday afternoons at Arapahoe Bowling Center (ABC) with practice beginning at 12:15pm and bowling to start at 12:30pm. The competition will consist of 3 bowling games each day.

2. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The league board of directors consists of officers of the league and all team captains who will manage the league for the season. Open communication between league members is expected.

3. **TEAM STRENGTH /SCHEDULE:** The league will consist of 26 teams of 4 players and be a mixed league with any combination of men and women. The league will begin on September 3, 2024, and bowl for 30 weeks ending on April 8, 2025, with the fun day and pay out on April 15, 2025. The schedule will consist of one round where all teams will bowl each other team once (25 weeks) and 5 position rounds to fill out the schedule of 30 weeks. The position rounds will be October 8, 2024, November 19, 2024, January 14, 2025, February 25, 2025, and April 8, 2025. The League will not bowl on December 24 & 31, 2024.

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 2024-2025 season is

\$30.00 and must be paid separately from league fees identified in rule # 5 below. 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 2 weeks of bowling shall be paid by the 6th week of the league (October 8, 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 which means that the regular bowler must pay full bowling fees if missing.

6. **AVERGES:** 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. A 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 one game. Late bowlers may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed.

9. **SUBSTITUTES:** Substitutes will be allowed; however, no new substitutes are allowed on position rounds. (When 2 or more bowlers are absent on a day of bowling and the team wishes to have a substitute, the sub must bowl for the absent bowler with the most games bowled. i.e. A has bowled 32 games & B has bowled 50 games the sub must be for bowler B.) It is up to the team using the substitute to decide who will pay the lineage fee.

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 absence 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 exceptions. It is the team captain's responsibility to notify league President/Vice President or the Secretary/Treasurer, if a medical exception is needed before the need arises.

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 points of the team average (or more) 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 awarded 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 make-ups must be bowled as a team and completed within 2 weeks of the regularly scheduled date. 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.

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 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 awards (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 bowlers will be computed after 21 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'll bowl. In 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 a 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 3, 2024, during the initial meeting prior to bowling.