

CHRISTIAN BOWLING FELLOWSHIP

BY-LAWS 2025/2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

WE ARE A NON-SANCTIONED LEAGUE

RULE 1 - MANAGEMENT:

The management of this league shall be vested in the Executive Board, which shall consist of the League Officers and Team Captains, who shall adopt the league rules and by-laws. *The entire league's members shall elect subsequent year's officers at the conclusion of the existing season, preferably at the bowling banquet.*

- The officers shall be:
 - The President, who shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, and who shall assume the responsibilities of the chief executive officer of the League during his/her term;
 - The Vice President/Treasurer, who shall assist the President and who shall act as President, upon his/her absence, to conduct the business of the League, and oversee the organization of the annual bowling banquet. Treasury duties include receiving bowling fees from all Team Captains; disburse funds as directed; keep accurate account of all funds and deposit all moneys according to Rule 3; produce periodic reports of account balance and activity as directed by and for the President.
 - The Secretary, who shall keep minutes of all Executive Board meetings and who shall (independently and/or in conjunction with the bowling establishment) maintain the statistical information concerning scores, averages, handicaps and team and individual standings;
 - Special event's planning will be shared by the current League Officers or their designated representative, who shall be responsible for coming up with and implementing events for the purpose of fund raising and entertainment for the benefit of the League. They will be responsible for working closely with the bowling center or applicable entities to accomplish this.

RULE 2 - FEES:

The amount to be paid by each bowler, each night, shall be \$26.00, of which \$16.50 shall cover the cost of the bowling including the applicable entertainment tax with the balance \$9.50 to be

placed in the League treasury. If for any reason the bowling establishment temporarily would not require full payment of the guaranteed amount per any remaining funds will be placed in the League treasury and disbursed according to Rule #4. *Team Captains will be responsible for the collection of the teams' bowling fees and to ascertain that there are no fees in arrears, unless authorized by the bowling league officers. The fees will be turned in to the Treasurer by the sixth frame of the first game.*

- Anytime during the season if a bowler is in the arrears, for more than two sessions, the Treasurer shall inform the President of the situation. The officers will determine if the bowler will be allowed to continue bowling or be dropped from the roster if the fees are not brought current by the next scheduled bowling date.
- Any bowler dropped due to non-payment of fees shall not bowl with the league again until all late fees are paid in full. This applies to any delinquency of fees in the current season as well as any previous season. Any exceptions must be agreed to by the Executive Board.

RULE 3 - LEAGUE FUNDS:

An account shall be opened, and be maintained, in the name of the League with US Bank into which all funds shall be deposited. There shall be a minimum of two officer signers on the account, however, only one league officer need sign for withdrawals. Each year when the new officers have been elected the officers should review the signature rights of the account and make changes if necessary. Only current members of the elected officers of the league may be signers on the account.

RULE 4 – AWARDS:

The President will appoint a committee or another League Officer to oversee the obtaining and presentation of awards. The President, in conjunction with the Treasurer, will determine the magnitude and extent of the awards and budget for the banquet.

- To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must compete in and complete a minimum of two-thirds of the total scheduled games as a regular team roster member. (30 games)
- A bowler shall be awarded for only one individual award, unless category exceptions are made by the committee or League Officer with a maximum of two awards per individual. If a bowler should be eligible for more than one individual award, the achievement may be acknowledged without an award given.
- The award list shall include, but not be limited to:
 - First place team (based on season high percentage, win/loss ratio);
 - Individual high average, male and female;
 - High scratch game; High scratch series; male and female;
 - High handicap game; High handicap series; male and female;
 - Most improved bowler, male and female; (as determined in Regulation #11);

NOTE: Any additional awards may be determined by the committee or League Officer, annually, depending on approved budget.

RULE 5 - ENTERING AVERAGES:

- For new league members a member's average will be established based on his/her first three full games bowled in the current season. This may require more than one session of bowling if three games are not bowled concurrent on the same night.
- For returning league members who established an average in the prior season, this average will be their starting average in the new season and for the first 6 games of bowling.

RULE 6 – HANDICAP:

The handicap allowance shall be 100% of the difference between each individual's average and 230 scratch score.

- New league members will have handicaps computed after the first complete series (3 games) in which they have competed, to be applied on the games in that series (usually the first week) and on the next series in which they compete. Thereafter, the handicap will be based upon current average which takes into consideration the continuing weeks/games bowled.

RULE 7 - TEAM ROSTERS:

The League Officers will establish a roster of teams. At the President's discretion teams may be based, as closely as possible, on the mean average of the bowlers who have indicated their intention to bowl or returning teams may be allowed to return intact. Averages will be determined by using the previous year's average, except for new bowlers who will establish average as above, (5a and 6 a).

- To limit excessive absences on a team, due to travel together or other group related events, no more than two immediate family members (living in the same household) may be on the same team. The roster committee for teammate selection may consider special requests.
- Rosters and teams will be limited to four bowlers; each team shall include at least one female or one male, within the limits and dictates of the league's roster. The League Officers may make exceptions to this rule.
- Officers will make every effort to keep teams established from prior year(s) together. Team Captains must inform the officers of changes to the roster immediately.
- No one may bowl with more than one team within the League without the approval of the

Executive Board.

- Minimum age of bowlers in the League will be 12 years, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board. ***Signed parental consent is required for anyone under 18.***

RULE 8 – PACERS/SUBS

A pacer shall be defined as a bowler, bowling in any series, who has not been named on a team's roster. When a pacer is used, his/her score can be entered on the score sheet (to establish his/her average should they bowl in the future as a regular member). However, their score will not count for that team's current night of bowling nor in the league statistics; for scoring purposes they will both be treated as a pacer only. The regular member's average and handicap will be used during the series i.e.; (just as in an absence, see Rule #12) so that official statistical scoring against the other team is obvious during play. Pacer owes the league \$16.50 for bowling; this does not cover membership fees.

Since Pacers do not pay into the league's prize fund, they are not eligible for the league's awards or annual banquet. No substitution bowlers are allowed.

RULE 9 - LEGAL LINEUP:

One bowler from a team's roster must be present to take their normal turn or the game will be forfeited; ***there are no make-up games in this league.*** Start of game shall be defined as the delivery of the first ball by the first scheduled bowler of either team. A tardy bowler (see Rule #10) may not be used to satisfy this legal lineup requirement. The Executive Board has the option to overrule this requirement on an individual basis.

RULE 10 - TARDY AND ABSENT BOWLERS:

A tardy bowler shall be a bowler who arrives after the beginning of bowling but who is ready to bowl *prior* to the conclusion of the *third* frame of the opposing team. Team members shall not intentionally delay their bowling to consume time to permit a longer lapse for a tardy bowler to arrive. An absentee shall be defined as a bowler who arrived and is ready to bowl *after* the conclusion of the opponent's *third* frame or who is not present for any or parts of any game in the series. Tardy members may bowl in the games in which they arrive in time for *before* the third frame has been completed. Captains are not to request permission of the opposing team captain to permit an absentee to bowl for record outside of these guidelines.

RULE 11 – POSTPONEMENTS:

No team postponements will be permitted. In case circumstances should dictate, the President may declare a postponement of league bowling and shall notify the team captains. Rescheduling shall be worked out with the bowling establishment.

RULE 12- ABSENTEE/VACANT INDIVIDUAL SCORES:

Such scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal line up but less than a full line up at the start of any game in a series. The absent score shall be the average and the handicap of the absent member.

When a team does not have enough bowlers on its roster for a full lineup (including the first night) a vacancy score of 125 with a handicap of 105 shall be used.

****If a bowler is gone due to an excused absence (*) three weeks in a row that bowler will forfeit ten (10) pins from their average that night for scoring purposes. (*) *(Exceptions may be made for illness and injuries if officers have been notified)*** Any bowler who is gone for a third week unexcused will be dropped from the roster immediately. A bowler may be reinstated if approved by the league officers and all missed bowling fees are brought current.

RULE 13 - FORFITURE & VACANT TEAM SCORING:

- **If a team is bowling against an absent team**, the team bowling must bowl with in (20) pins of their own team's average plus handicap, per game, to receive any points won, (referred to by the bowling ally as the "Drop" Rule). The absent team forfeits their games either way.
- **If a team is bowling against a vacant team**, the team bowling must bowl within (20) pins of their own team's average plus handicap, per game, to receive any points won, (referred to by the bowling alley as the "Drop" Rule).

RULE 14 - POSITION STANDINGS:

Standings shall be determined on a 4-point basis, with one point awarded for each handicap game and one point for the high team handicap series of each match.

RULE 15 - SEASON TIES AND PLAYOFF:

A position tie for first place shall be declared if two or more teams have identical percentage win to loss ratio. In such an event the total pin-fall, including handicap, for the year shall determine the league champion. In the event they are still tied, a total of pins plus handicap in a series of three games shall determine the winner of any playoff for first place. A pair of lanes, to be selected by draw, shall be used. An extra complete frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the playoff series. If necessary, subsequent extra single frames will be bowled until a winner is determined.

- When more than two teams are tied for first place, the Executive Board shall determine the basis of a playoff.

- Playoffs will be scheduled by the Executive Board, keeping in mind the necessity of completion of the playoff prior to the award banquet.
- Playoffs may be utilized between Divisions if the league is large enough to warrant Divisions during regular season play. In this event the initial playoff would be between Divisions, by position. Then if there are any ties the above playoff rule will be followed.
- Make-ups or pre bowling will not be allowed.

REGULATIONS:

- The Christian Bowling League has a contract with Arapahoe Bowling Center approved for the 2025/2026 season as follows:

- Bowling is scheduled to begin September 13, 2025, scheduled on alternating Saturdays for 16 sessions.

The League shall strive for an even number of teams with four bowlers on each team; It will be a non-sanctioned league.

- All bowling will start promptly as scheduled with the goal being to end the league play in approximately 2½ hours. Teams playing longer than the regulation time (not due to fault of alley problems) may have to end play and allow the last frames to be scored at each player average (this would affect both teams). If a team believes that an opposing team is consistently holding up play and have not been responsive to requests to prepare for timely play, an officer of the league should be notified immediately before averages have to be used.
- All bowlers shall exercise normal bowling courtesies. If two adjoining alley bowlers are in their approaches at the same time, the bowler to the right shall have the opportunity to bowl first. Use caution; be careful not to distract adjoining bowlers. In most cases, do not assume your approach position until the adjoining bowlers have delivered their ball. Excessive approach time is extremely distracting to other bowlers and therefore should be kept to a minimum. Bowlers should be ready to assume their approach as soon as it is vacated by the previous bowler.

- Team members shall select a team captain, no later than the second scheduled series. Results of such selection shall be given to the League Secretary.
 - **In the event a bowler will be absent, his/her team captain should be notified 24 hours before bowling time, if possible. The member is liable for the total fee.
 - **A blind score for a team member may be used for the maximum of three consecutive nights of bowling (with the third night's score being reduced by 10 points). A vacancy score shall apply thereafter (fourth consecutive absence and beyond) until a replacement team member is added to the roster. Exceptions per Executive board approval (see rule 12).
- Team members should file complaints or grievances with their team captain, who in turn shall request resolution with the Executive Board.
- Official scores shall be entered neatly on the official forms provided by the bowling establishment and returned to the League Secretary immediately following the conclusion of the series; after both team captains have signed in the appropriate places acknowledging the forms have been completed accurately. NOTE: vacancy/blind/absentee and pacers scores shall be appropriately marked for the Secretary's attention. (To the right of the bowler's name and left of the scoring columns, use the following designations: "V" for vacancy, "B" for blind, "ABS" absent, and "P" pacer (non-member). (Due to COVID all is electronic at this time and no scoresheets are currently distributed)
- No bowler may bowl who has delinquent fees unless permission is granted from the Executive Board.
- The schedule will be on a complete cycle basis, with appropriate position scheduling as desired or necessary.
 - No roster changes will be allowed on a position night(s). The roster for the previous week's game will be used.

- All scores bowled by the team members who are present during a forfeited match will count toward awards and averages.
- Last year's average for established league members may apply to the determination of team rosters and for the determination of the "Most Improved Bowler Award".
 - Awards (see rule #4) for the "Most Improved Bowler" shall be that bowler who bowled in the immediate previous season, who has the largest net increase from his/her previous season average to the current season.
 - Excess treasury balance (excepting a small permissible surplus) shall be disbursed to defray the cost of the annual banquet and awards for current league members only. This includes bowlers who have competed in two-thirds of the season. Those who bowled less than two-thirds will have their banquet pro-rated to the cost of the meal. A member who cannot attend the banquet may not be reimbursed or transfer his/her ticket.
 - CBF League members will obey the league policy of no intoxication from alcoholic beverages during league bowling times. Infractions that disrupt bowling and/or solicit complaints from other members may be reason for dismissal from the league.
 - The League will abide by the rules and regulations of the Christian Bowling League (CBF). In the event a rule is not covered, the rules of the USBC, Inc. will apply. The CBF rules will have precedence in the event of conflicting rules. The Executive Board shall resolve any discrepancies.
 - A quorum shall be considered a majority of the Executive Board.

Note: Any changes may be determined by a committee or League Officers.