

FRIDAY NIGHT EDITION 2025-2026 BYLAWS

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This league shall be known as “Friday Night Edition” and is USBC sanctioned. The league shall consist of approximately **40** teams, with a playing strength of **5** members, consisting of a mix of men and women and requiring a minimum of **1** member of each sex.

The league shall bowl on Friday for **31** scoring weeks starting **09/05/2025** and finishing **04/24/2026** and a paid season ending fun night week **#32 05/01/2026**. There will be no bowling on the day following Thanksgiving 11/28/2025 and the day following Christmas 12/26/2025. Due to a bowling alley conflict, there will also be no bowling on 01/30/2026 in exchange for a \$1,000 contribution to our prize fund for the inconvenience.

Practice starts at **6:15 pm** and league play starts at **6:30 pm**.

There are **2** position rounds, weeks **#15 12/19/2025** and **#31 04/24/2026** – barring any cancellations for weather delays. Position rounds will line up backwards with 1st and 2nd place on 39-40.

Management of the League

The league Board of Directors, which consists of the league officers and team captains, shall manage the league. A quorum for Board meetings is majority of the Board. The Board of Directors shall determine any league rule challenges.

League Fees

League fees are **\$22.00**; breakdown as follows: **\$16.50** lineage, **\$.75** secretary/treasurer fee, and **\$4.75** to the prize fund.

Each member is responsible for the weekly fees even when a substitute is used. There are no arrears unless a bowler is absent and there shall be **NO** partial payment of league fees. If a bowler is behind **2** weeks in league fees they may not be permitted to bowl until all fees are caught up.

Teams without a complete roster must pay the full weekly fee for each vacant bowler rostered to the team.

Bowling fees for the last two weeks shall be paid by the completion of week **#5 10/03/2025**.

Prize Fund, 50/50 and 5th Frame

The league officers will put forth at least 3 prize fund options by week **#6 10/10/2025**. The winning prize fund will be voted by league majority.

There shall be a 50/50 drawing weekly with 50% going to the winning ticket and 50% going to the prize fund. An estimation of the season’s 50/50 income will be included in the prize fund options. All extra monies collected will be paid out on the season ending fun night. The league shall appoint an individual or committee, that does not include officers, to run the weekly 50/50.

EVERY bowler who does not strike or spare (opens) in the **5th** frame of **EACH** game shall pay **\$.25** to the bank that is provided to each set of lanes. Team captains shall monitor these funds, and the funds will be paid out on the season ending fun night.

Sanction Fees

Everyone who bowls in this league must be sanctioned with USBC. If not already sanctioned, bowlers must pay the sanction fee the **first** night they physically bowl. The current USBC membership fee is **\$30.00 (\$15 National / \$2 State / \$13 Local)**. It is the responsibility of the team captain to verify that all bowlers, including substitutes, are sanctioned or points are subject to forfeit.

Secretary/Treasurer Fees

The Secretary/Treasurer's fees shall be paid at the completion of the league, after the final average sheets have been furnished to the Greater Denver USBC.

Banking

An independent local account has been established in the name of "Friday Night Edition". Funds shall be deposited weekly, and fees paid via check written on this account. The league President or Vice President shall verify the balance monthly.

Averages

Bowlers will enter the 2025-2026 season with their Friday Night Edition average of 21 games or more from the 2024-2025 season and will carry this average for the first 12 games. Any bowler without an FNE average shall establish their league average on the first series of bowling, regardless of the number of games bowled. New bowler handicap shall be computed after the first bowler's series and applied to games in that series and to the next series in which they compete.

The handicap allowance shall be **90%** of the difference between a bowler's average and a scratch figure of **240**.

The vacancy score shall be **140** with a **90** handicap.

Team Composition

Teams will be limited to 8 rostered players and must consist of at least 1 member of the opposite sex and with at least 1 member of the opposite sex scoring each week. Rostered bowlers cannot bowl with other teams.

Legal Line-up, Absent Bowlers and Substitutes

A minimum of **2 team members** is required to constitute a legal lineup. There must be a score for at least one male and one female each week. Vacancies cannot be used to meet minimum number lineup requirement.

Absent bowlers should notify their team captain when they are not going to bowl. The bowler's current average with handicap will be used if a substitute does not bowl. A bowler's blind average cannot exceed 240. If the absent bowler has an average above 240, a 240 blind score will be used.

Substitutes, defined as any bowler not affiliated with a single team but instead eligible to bowl with any team in the league, are allowed in this league. Only USBC sanctioned substitutes will be allowed to bowl in this league. Substitutes are not eligible to bowl the week prior to or on position nights, only rostered bowlers with an established average may compete.

Pacers are not allowed to bowl in the league.

A bowler's average may be used without penalty for 3 consecutive weeks; on the **4th** week the absent bowler's average is used, the average will be lowered by a flat **10** pins until that bowler returns. The average does not drop 10 pins per week.

Player Withdrawal or Medical / Hardship Exemption

Any bowler needing to withdraw from the league must give two weeks' paid notice. [The house requires a form to be completed and signed for their records.]

Bowlers who will be absent for several consecutive weeks may appeal to the league officers for an injury/medical/hardship exemption. This exemption will prevent the 10-pin penalty to the absent bowler's average but does not eliminate the bowler's weekly fee.

Tardy Bowlers

If a bowler arrives before the anchor bowler of the opposing team completes the third frame, the tardy bowler shall be allowed to make up the missed frames and bowl the remainder of the game; otherwise, the bowler's average and handicap shall be used for that game.

Pre-bowls or Postponements (Make-ups)

The league shall permit a team to bowl unopposed during league play.

Teams wishing to pre-bowl should notify the secretary/treasurer in advance and pre-bowls shall be limited to **2** weeks prior to the scheduled league night.

Team Captains must provide advanced notice to a League Officer or the bowling center should the team need to postpone. Points are subject to forfeit if advance notice is not provided. All make-up games must be completed within **2** weeks after the scheduled league night and prior to position round (whichever time period is shorter) or the points will be forfeited.

All pre-bowls and make-ups shall be done as a team (not individually) and must be scheduled with the bowling center not the secretary/treasurer. Reservations are required as walk-ins may not be accommodated. There is no guarantee of lane conditions or bowler's courtesy when a team bowls outside the scheduled league time. Pre-bowls and make-ups are not eligible for association awards but are eligible for league awards.

Position rounds may only be pre-bowled. Position rounds cannot be post bowled unless the Board votes that an emergency exists.

Vacant or Absent Teams

If the league has an uneven number of teams, so that one team will be bowling unopposed each week, the team must bowl within 50 pins of their current team average to win the point. This is known as the 50 Pin Drop rule and will be used to score any team bowling against an absent team as well. The points will be corrected once the absent team bowls the make-up games.

Team Standings

Team standings shall be determined on a point basis, with 2 points awarded for each game won and 1 point for total series, for a total of 7 points per night.

The bowling center will keep and be responsible for the weekly league standing sheets which will be posted on both arapahoebowl.com and leaguesecretary.com.

League Champions will be determined by standing after the final position round based on total points. There cannot be a tie for 1st place so, in the event of a tie, there will be a one game roll-off. There will be no other ties, instead total pins plus handicap will be used to rank team placement.

Team Withdrawal and Replacement

In the event a team withdraws from the league, there will be a Board of Directors vote regarding the handling of points. If a replacement team joins, the replacement team shall assume the team number of the original team and there will be a Board of Directors vote as to handling points awarded to the replacement team.

Prizes and Awards

Team Awards

This league will award prizes for the High Handicap and Scratch series and game scores for the season.

Team handicap scores will be counted towards league prizes beginning with scores bowled after the completion of **12** team games.

If a team qualifies for more than one season game and/or series prize, the team may receive only 1 award. Prizes will be awarded with handicap taking precedent over scratch and series over game. In the event of a tie, the

teams involved will occupy the same place in the standings (Example: If a tie for 1st and 2nd place, the two teams will occupy 1st and the next eligible team will be in 3rd place)

The team prize monies will be dispersed in 5 equal amounts and if there is any additional division to be made, it shall be managed by the team captain.

Individual Awards

This league will award individual prizes for the High Handicap and Scratch series and game scores, High Average and Most Improved Bowler awards separated by sex.

A bowler must bowl **two-thirds** of the season, **62 games**, to be eligible for Individual awards.

Individual handicap scores will be counted towards league prizes after the completion of **12** games or starting with each bowler's 13th game.

Each bowler may receive only 1 series or game award. Prizes will be awarded with handicap taking precedent over scratch and series over game. In the event of a tie, the players involved will occupy the same place in the standings. (Example: If a tie for 1st and 2nd place, the two bowlers will occupy 1st and the next eligible award will be in 3rd place)

Substitute bowlers are not eligible to receive league prizes but are eligible for association awards.

*Majority vote passed adoption of these by-laws Friday, **August 15, 2025.***