

GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES BOWLING LEAGUE
ARAPAHOE BOWLING CENTER
2025 - 2026 SEASON - SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.

Starting date: September 7, 2025,
Ending Date: April 26, 2026
Pay-Out, Officers Voting Meeting: May 17, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Meeting: August 24, 2025

President: Rick Behil	303-906-9047	Vice President: Alex Koch	303-847-7645
Sec-Treas: Charlene Williamson	720-936-5101	Sgt-at-Arms: Michelle Riehle	812-552-6429

The Gateway to the Rockies Mixed Bowling League shall consist of 40 teams; the playing strength of each team will be four members, with at least one member of the opposite gender, over the age of 18 years.

Teams can have more than 4 members, not to exceed 6 members. Additional team members may not bowl on any other team. Each team is responsible for its own scheduling and adherence to the gender rule. Teams with additional players are still subject to minimum games to qualify for awards. Pay-outs for teams with additional members will be determined using the number of weeks each member has paid for bowling.

The league will bowl for 32 weeks, beginning on September 7th, 2025.

The league will not bowl February 8th, 2026 – Superbowl or April 5th, 2026 - Easter.

This makes the ending date for the 32 bowling weeks to be April 26th, 2026.

The league will be U.S.B.C. certified. Each member will pay the individual membership fee (\$30.00) unless he or she has previously applied through another certified league or paid their dues on Bowl.com for this bowling season. The league is governed by U.S.B.C. rules and the following league supplementary rules:

1. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS – Are covered by U.S.B.C. Rule 104

- League funds will be held at Key Bank
- Sgt. Of Arms will collect 5th Frame quarters & Late envelope fees
- Team Captains – will collect membership cards and dues and submit to the secretary by the 5th frame of the first game.

2. WEEKLY FEE - PER MEMBER SHALL BE \$20.00

Please make all checks payable to: GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES or GTTR.

- ❖ Fee distributed as follows:
 - \$15.50 Linage
 - \$ 1.00 Sec-Treasurer Salary
 - \$ 3.50 Prize Fund
- ❖ Return Check Policy – All fees incurred will be charged to and paid by the check issuer/member.

3. FIFTH FRAME / LATE ENVELOPE RULES (Quarters)

- Anyone not marking in the fifth frame of each game will pay a quarter (\$0.25). After the fifth frame of the third game, the captain must bring the money collected to the Sgt-at-Arms. The fifth frame pot is to be collected during any pre-bowl & makeup games as well.
- Team Envelopes need to be turned in by the end of the 5th frame of the first game, team(s) that do not turn their envelope in on time will need to pay \$1.00 to be added to the Quarters fund.
- These monies collected will be divided up into unmarked envelopes with random amounts, to be given away on May 10th, 2026. Each team will receive 4 envelopes regardless of any team having more than 4 members. In the event there is a team with less than 4 members, that team will receive an envelope for each member.

4. ABSENT BOWLER FEES

Absentee bowlers must pay their arrearages the first night back. If for some reason there are team arrearages at the end of the league season, it will be taken from that team's prize fund. The basic rule for the league will be **NO PAY – NO PLAY**. If a person cannot pay for their bowling and their team can't come up with their fees, then they do not bowl.

5. ADVANCE PAYMENT

Each member will pay for the last two weeks of bowling on or before the eighth (8th) week of bowling, October 26th, 2025, Advance payment is to protect the league from a bowler who quits without notice and to ensure all checks have cleared the bank prior to payout.

6. HANDICAP - WILL BE 90% OF 220 (Your average subtracted from 220, multiply the difference by 90%)

7. AVERAGES - U.S.B.C. Rule 108

Each bowler will establish their average with the number of game(s) bowled the first-time bowling. Total number of pins divided into total number of games in the first league session. Three games are not required, if a full game is not bowled it will be considered null & void and an absent or vacancy score will be used.

8. POSITION ROUNDS

There will be Three position rounds, Week 11 – November 16, 2025, Week 22 – February 1, 2026, and Week 32 - April 26, 2026.

Position Round 1 will be bowled on week 11 (11-16-25) Lanes 1-40, Positions 1-40.

Position Round 2 will be bowled on week 22 (02-01-26) Lanes 21-40 Positions 1-20, Lanes 1-20 Positions 21-40

Position Round 3 will be bowled on week 32 (04-26-26) Lanes 40-1 Positions 1-40.

This way everyone is at the same advantage.

Position Rounds missed due to A.B.C. closings will not be made up.

9. TEAM POSITION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE 13 POINT SYSTEM

TEAM MATCH POINTS

Team against team.....4 Points

DOUBLES MATCH POINTS

Top pair against opposing top pair.....2 Points

Bottom pair against opposing bottom pair.....2 Points

SINGLES MATCH POINTS

#1 bowler against opposing #1 bowler.....1 Point

#2 bowler against opposing #2 bowler.....1 Point

#3 bowler against opposing #3 bowler.....1 Point

#4 bowler against opposing #4 bowler.....1 Point

TOTAL SERIES POINT.....1 Point

From September 7, 2025, through November 16, 2025, games will be as follows: **TDS**

Game one..... **Teams**

Game two **Doubles**

Game three..... **Singles**

From November 23, 2025, through February 1, 2026, games will be as follows: **STD**

Game one..... **Singles**

Game two **Teams**

Game three..... **Doubles**

From February 15, 2026, through April 26, 2026, games will be as follows: **DST**

Game one..... **Doubles**

Game two **Singles**

Game three..... **Teams**

The **team highest on the standing sheet shall enter their lineup in the scoring system first.**

Lineups can be changed each week if the team desires. Once the Lineup is on the Monitor it will remain the same for that night

10. LEGAL LINEUP - U.S.B.C. RULE 111

- Two members will constitute a legal lineup, which shall be present and ready to bowl at the scheduled time (6:00 P.M.) or the game(s) shall be forfeited.
- When the legal lineup does not include members of the opposite gender, an opposite gender average must be used, or vacancy score must be used when the team does not have full lineup.
- Tardy bowlers forfeit their right to bowl the game when they are not ready to bowl before the third frame is completed by both teams. The tardy bowler may bowl the remaining game(s).

11. ABSENTEES - U.S.B.C. RULE 112

- U.S.B.C. substitutes are allowed, although NO NEW substitutes during the last five weeks or during position rounds. Pacers are also welcome.
- When there is an absentee, the opposing member bowling that absentee must beat the absentee's average, plus handicap, to win that individual match point. If he/ she does not, the absentee's team will be credited with that point.
- Average is used when a member is absent for two weeks. On the third week of absence, 10 pins will be dropped from their average. Unless there is a medical reason or members military absence.
- If each team has an equal number of absentees, they must be physically placed in opposition to each other on the scoring system. **The singles match point will be awarded to the team with the highest pin fall, plus handicap, in the Singles game.**
- If there are two absentees on one team, they shall not be placed together as partners in the Doubles competition. They must be placed with a bowler who is present as their partner, they must be physically placed in opposition to each other on the scoring system,
- When a bowler is absent for two consecutive weeks, without notifying anyone, or paying his/ her dues, said member will be dropped from the league.

12. VACANCY SCORES

When a team is not complete, the vacancy (blind) score will be 100.

13. UNEVEN NUMBER – U.S.B.C. RULE 109d

In the event the league has an uneven number of teams, the opposing team must earn the points by being within 10 pins of their average for singles – 20 pins for doubles – 40 pins for team and 120 pins for totals.

14. PRE BOWLS & POSTPONEMENTS - U.S.B.C. RULE 117

- Pre-bowls and Make up games must be approved by the President or Secretary. If the postponement of a game is requested and approved, makeup games should be scheduled **with the house** at time chosen by the Team Captains involved. The opposing Team has the option of bowling with the postponing team at the rescheduled time.
- Teams can pre-bowl 2 weeks in advance of the regular scheduled date and must bowl make-ups within 2 weeks of the regular scheduled date. **All make-ups must be completed by the end of the day prior to position rounds.**
- **Make up games need to be pre-scheduled with the house by the team requesting the pre/post bowl. Once scheduled with the house, Notify the league secretary of the date/time of the scheduled pre/post bowl.**
- The leagues' Board of Directors or a Postponement committee appointed by The President will vote on all emergency postponements.
- In case of a postponement for the final position round (30th week) postponing team will have 1 week to make up according to USBC Rule 111b.
- All unopposed pre or post bowled games will count towards league prizes but will not be recognized by U.S.B.C. for any honor scores or awards.
- Whenever a team is bowling unopposed, either an officer of the league or an employee of the center must make any score correction. Any unopposed game must be accompanied with printouts.
- A legal lineup for any makeup game shall be any two or more members of a team's regular lineup. When the legal lineup does not include members of the opposite gender, an opposite gender absentee score must be used, or vacancy score must be used when the team does not have a full lineup.

15. ROLL OFF FOR A TIE - USBC RULE 118

- A tie for 1st Place is the only place that will result in a roll off.
- One complete game by each member of each team will be bowled, winner take all. In case of a tie one additional 10th frame will be bowled by each bowler of each team until the tie is broken. One point will be awarded to the winning team.
- Scores do not qualify for special league prizes.
- Games bowled will count towards members individual averages.

16. GAME FORFEITURES - U.S.B.C. RULE 119c

A notice of 48 hours will be required to request a makeup game unless an emergency exists. Any games not made up within the required time (2 weeks or before a position round) will be forfeited.

In the event a forfeit exists, the opposing team must earn the points as in rule 109d.

17. NEW BOWLERS / SUBS

A team may not add new bowler(s) in the last five weeks of the bowling schedule, unless that bowler has an established average within +/- 10 pins of the average of the bowler he/she is replacing.

18. PRIZE FUND

Team position money will be paid by the point system, XX amount of money for XX number of points.

Total number of win points for the league is 8320 (based on 40 full teams) 32 weeks at 260 - win points per night.

Total amount of prize fund will be approximately (based on 40 full teams) \$3.50 per night (160)per bowler x (32)weeks = \$17,820.00. (1 Vacancy currently exists on Team 1 which would lower the total by \$112.00)

A. LEAGUE PRIZES

- To qualify for individual or team league prizes: A member shall have bowled at least two-thirds of the League Schedule or 64 games
- An individual or team can qualify for only one special prize for High Series or Game. When a team or individual qualifies for a prize in each category, the highest payoff will decide which category they will be in. (This does not include high average or most improved.)
- To qualify for Team High Series or Team High Game, all 4 members must be present and bowl.
- No individual will be eligible for handicap prizes until after their 12th game.
- Most improved to be taken from the entering average, as of 21 games.
- Subs are not eligible for awards regardless of the number of games bowled.

B. TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PLACE MONIES

- Handicap will take precedence over scratch and series over game
- 1-2-3 Men Series & Game, Handicap & Scratch
- 1-2-3 Women Series & Game, Handicap & Scratch
- 1-2-3 Team Series & Game, Handicap & Scratch
- Most Improved (man & woman)
- High Average (man & woman)

C. PRIZE FUND COMMITTEE

The Prize Committee shall present a choice of at least 2 plans of how the prize funds shall be distributed within the first 5 weeks of the season. "The entire league membership will vote on the plan(s) presented."

Prize Fund Committee for 2025-2026 is:

Trina Duran Scott Schlut Seth Greenwell

21. FINAL PAYOUT

On May 10, 2026, all money will be distributed. At this time, drawings will be held for the winner(s) of the fifth frame / late envelope monies collected throughout the year. In the event a postponement of the final position round exists, the payout will be extended to the week following the make up being bowled.

22. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee shall consist of 3 persons appointed by the President, to aid in confirming that the books of the league are being kept.

The Audit Committee for 2025-2026 is:

Julie Meyer Anthony Graziano George Markline

I affirm that the above rules were duly discussed, voted on, and passed by a quorum of the members of the GATEWAY TO THE ROCKIES bowling league, on August 24, 2025. These rules were read and approved as amended following U.S.B.C. rules and regulations.

Charlene Williamson / Secretary-Treasurer