

HEATHER GARDENS '50' BOWLING LEAGUE BY-LAWS 2025-2026

The Heather Gardens 50 Bowling League shall consist of teams composed of 3 bowlers. All bowlers must be approved by the league and must be 50 years of age or older. The league will bowl Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM (practice begins at 9:50) for 30 weeks beginning September 4, 2025, and ending on April 16, 2025, with a sweeper and awards on April 24 (if we choose to do so). There will be three position rounds taking place in weeks 10, 20 and 30. There will be no bowling on Thanksgiving November 27, Christmas Day December 25 nor New Year's Day January 1. Any weeks canceled during the season due to inclement weather will be added to the end of the season or possibly canceled from the schedule.

The league will not be sanctioned with the "Greater Denver United States Bowling Congress" (USBC) but will comply with the rules of mixed leagues established by said organization unless modified by the Board of Directors, comprised of the officers and the team captains.

FEES: The cost of weekly bowling is \$16.00. This breaks down as follows: Bowling alley fees \$12.00 per bowler/per week including tax plus secretary/banking fees \$.75 totaling \$12.75. \$16.00 minus \$12.75 equals \$3.25 for prize money per series/per bowler.

In the first week, each bowler pays \$16.00 plus \$32.00 for the last two weeks of bowling, with the \$32.00 due within three weeks. If you do not complete the season and cannot find a substitute, your \$32.00 is forfeited.

Cash, Checks should be payable to "Arapahoe Bowl", or Credit Cards can be used the 4% fee will be charged to the payor.

All bowlers will pay \$16.00 each week. The bowling alley has elected to make our league guaranteed. This means we pay the same amount when absent as when we bowl. If a prolonged absence is anticipated, a bowler may withdraw from the league and return later with the average they left with.

Fee envelopes will be collected by Tyson each week. Please have your funds ready as soon as possible, but **no later than the end of the third frame of the first game**. If there is no payment for two weeks bowling will not be permitted.

FUNDS: League funds will be deposited with the Arapahoe Bowling Center league prize fund account. The signatures of two officers will be required for all withdrawals.

HANDICAP: The handicap shall be 100% of the difference between the bowler's average and 200.

AVERAGES: The current year's beginning average will begin with the completion of the first day of bowling, regardless of the number of games completed.

LEGAL LINEUP: Teams must have a minimum of one bowler on the lane ready to bowl at the start of any game. One regular team member will constitute a legal lineup.

ABSENTEE SCORES: The absent bowler's current average shall be used. A team with only two regular bowlers shall use a vacancy score of 120 plus handicap of 80 in lieu of the third bowler.

SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS: Each team may utilize either rostered or floating substitute bowlers if they choose, but no more than three people can bowl each week.

Rostered Subs - dedicated to one team.

Floating Subs - available to fill in for any team.

General practice is that the absent bowler will pay the weekly fee if a substitute is used.

NOTE: If your team uses subs, the league bowler still pays the weekly \$16.00 in the envelope as usual. You may consider having the sub pay the lane portion of \$12.00 to you. This will be agreed upon between the league bowler and the sub. There will be no change to pay weekly to simplify it for our League.

PRE-BOWL AND MAKE-UP BOWLING: Either option is available under the following conditions:

- can only be done as a team, not as individuals,
- subject to lane availability (**NOTE:** lane availability is VERY limited and first come first served) and **mustt** be completed within two weeks of the original bowl date and prior to the next position round.
- Pre-bowl and make-up bowling results do not qualify for league recognition and awards.
- Pre-bowl and make-up bowling **MUST BE SCHEDULED WITH ARAPAHOE BOWL.**

FIRST DAY ABSENTEE: If a regular bowler is absent the first day of bowling, a vacancy score of 120 plus handicap of 80 shall be used.

TARDY: A bowler must be on the lane ready to bowl before the last bowler on either team completes the third frame. If not, that bowler's average will be used for that game. **No exceptions.**

POSITION ROUND TIES: Tiebreaker will be total pins. Ties for the league championship will be decided by bowling one full tie-breaker game.

OTHER POSITION ROUND RESTRICTIONS - No pre-bowl, make-up bowling or new subs allowed for a position round.

AWARDS: Bowlers must bowl 2/3 of total games to qualify for awards. Bowlers can win one award in addition to either High Average or Most Improved. Awards prioritized by scratch over handicap and series over game.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If Aurora Public **AND/OR** Cherry Creek Schools are closed due to weather conditions, the league will not bowl.

If the schools are on a break and we deem the weather is unsafe, we will contact the team leaders who will get in touch with you.

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