

HOMESTEADERS 2025-2026 BY-LAWS
BY-LAWS ARE WRITTEN UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF USBC

HOMESTEADERS BOWLING LEAGUE RULES
ARAPAHOE BOWLING CENTER 303-790-2695
START DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
END DATE: March 23, 2026
BYE DATES: NO BYE DATES -29 weeks

2025-2026 SEASON
PRACTICE: 12:00 PM
BOWL 12:15 PM
PRIZES: MARCH 30, 2026 12:00 PM
OFFICER ELECTIONS, POT LUCK, FUN DAY

President: Lou Rivera –303-947-8681
Vice President: Gabi Orlowski – 303-981-9670
Secretary: Margaret Leiker – 720-837-4165
Treasurer: Ellen Barbato – Land Line: 303-770-3666 / Cell Phone: 303-999-1633
Sgt At Arms: Tom Leiker – 720-837-4165

1. This is a guaranteed MIXED SENIOR HANDICAP LEAGUE

This league is sanctioned with USBC through the local bowling association. Dues will be \$ 30.00. Dues must be paid for the 2025-2026 season before completion of the first series. **A separate check is required, addressed to Greater Denver USBC and/or option is to pay on line @ Bowl.com, click to Join USBC.**

QUORUM FOR LEAGUE AND BOARD MEETINGS is the majority including two officers except for the organizational meeting, where members present constitute a quorum. Absentee and proxy votes are not acceptable. **Only members present are eligible to vote.**

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, refer to USBC Rules

3. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD TO

- a.** Vote to adopt league rules prior to the first week of bowling
- b.** Nominate/Elect the officers at the end of the season

4. THIS LEAGUE WILL BE COMPRISED OF 4 person teams, bowling 3 games per week. 1 point for each team game won, 1 point for team series won, for a total of 4 points. If a team ties for a game or series, each receives ½ point.

- a.** Bowling is for 29 weeks
- b.** A team may be all women, all men, or both men and women
- c.** When a team bowls against a **nonexistent** or a **forfeiting** team, the **team** must bowl at least the team average, less 10 pins per player (40) for a game, and (120) for the team series to earn the points. USBC Rules
- d.** Position round will be held the last week of bowling, 3/23/2026

5. WEEKLY FEES are \$16.00 and must be paid by the end of the first game. **If a bowler is absent, all league fees must be paid upon their return before the bowler is eligible to bowl. Lineage is \$12.00. The secretary shall receive .20 cents and treasurer .30 cents per bowler per week. Prize fund is the balance of \$3.50. Fees for last 2 weeks of the season, \$32.00, must be paid by **10/6/2025****

6. **INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP METHOD will be 90% of 220.** All new bowlers and returning bowlers will establish an average on their first session of bowling, (the first day).
7. **VACANCY SCORE is 120** plus handicap. The vacancy score is used until an individual bowls and establishes a current average.
8. **BANKING-** League funds shall be deposited in an account in the name of the league within 7 days after receipt. Names of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be on the account. The president shall personally verify the league bank balance monthly. The **AUDIT COMMITTEE** shall do an audit twice during the season, no later than the 15th week (15th Dec. 2025) and towards the end of the season (March, 2026). **USBC Rules**
9. **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES** will be reimbursed. Receipts are required.
10. **CAPTAINS** are responsible for the collection of league fees from each of their team members and remitting to the treasurer by the end of the first game. **IF PAYING BY CHECK, CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO HOMESTEADERS.** Captains are responsible for their own team subs. Members must notify their team captain when they are going to be absent. **USBC Rules**
11. **PREBOWLING AND POSTPONEMENTS** will be allowed for teams only. Postponed games will be made up **within 2 weeks of postponed date. Captains must contact the secretary and the bowling center when requesting to pre-bowl or postpone.** No post bowling after the 26th week **March 2, 2026.**
12. **UNOPPOSED BOWLING** will be allowed. Only league awards will be presented if eligible. No **USBC** awards qualify. 300 games earn a **USBC award** only during regular league play.
13. **SALARIES** shall be paid at the completion of the league after final averages have been posted. A written financial report will be given to each member at the end of the season.
14. **LEGAL LINEUP** consists of 2 regular team member.
15. **CLEANING OF BOWLING BALLS** is not allowed during league play; balls must be cleaned prior to the start of the league. Using a dry towel to remove oil during play is permitted. Bowler must use all drilled holes in the ball filled with fingers and thumb at delivery unless prior approval by **USBC.**
16. **TARDY BOWLERS** may bowl the entire game if they are ready to bowl **before both teams complete the 3rd frame of the first game.**
17. **BOWLING OUT** will not be allowed.
18. **LEAGUE POSTPONEMENT** will be granted if the bowling alley is closed. The schedule will pick up where the league left off at the postponement. All members will be notified by their captain or league officer.
19. **ABSENT MEMBERS AVERAGE** plus handicap will be used unless a substitute is obtained. If a bowler is absent more than 2 weeks in succession, then their games will be their average less ten pins each additional week.
20. **SUBSTITUE LIST** shall be maintained by the secretary. Subs are not eligible for league awards. Men may sub for women and women for men. When obtaining a substitute, the substitute does not pay. Pacers are not allowed. Subs are not allowed in a potition round.

21. **MEMBERS QUITTING** must give 2 weeks advanced notice. If a replacement is available at the time, the last 2 weeks fees are refunded. If after one week the last week is refunded.
22. **PRIZE COMMITTEE** must submit a **minimum of 3 prize lists within the 5th week of bowling, 10/6/2025**. The final prize list will be voted on by a league ballot vote, a majority vote will constitute a win, **USBC Rules**

Prize Committee, please figure prize lists to a rounded dollar amount.

23. **AWARDS** In order to qualify for an individual award, a member must bowl 2/3 of the league schedule (58 games) **USBC Rules**
An individual shall be eligible for only 1 award, high average, series, or game. High average takes precedence over individual awards. A team shall be eligible for only 1 award, high series, or high game. When an individual or team qualifies for a prize in each category and are of equal value, the series will be awarded. In all other cases, the prize of the highest value will be awarded. Handicap takes precedence over scratch. In case of a tie for team 1st place, there will be a 1 game roll off. If there is a tie for any other position, the prize money will be combined and divided evenly.

HOMESTEADERS AWARDS GENERATED FROM PRIZE FUND

Team First Place	High Average – men and women
Team High HDCP Series	Individual High HDCP Series - men and women
Team High Scratch Series	Individual High Scratch Series – men and women
Team High HDCP Game	Individual High HDCP Game - men and women
Team High Scratch Game	Individual High Scratch Game-men and women

TEAM CAPTAINS: PLEASE NOTIFY SECRETARY WHEN A TEAM MEMBER BOWLS THE FOLLOWING GAMES FOR AN AWARD

30 CLEAN – NO OPENS IN A 3 GAME SERIES
11 STRIKES IN A ROW – 299 OR LESS
ALL SPARE GAME
7-10 SPLIT CONVERSION
BIG FOUR (4-6-7-10) CONVERSION
DUTCH 200