

**Monday Night League
Rules and Regulations
2023 – 2024 Bowling Season**

The following are the rules and regulations for the Monday Night League for the 2023-2024 season. The Monday Night League shall be a USBC sanctioned league with members 18 years of age or older. There will be twelve teams in the league.

1. The league officers are:
 - ♣ President Rick Hannebaum
 - ♣ Vice-President Dave Brown
 - ♣ Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Nieman

2. Each bowler pays \$16.00 each week. The fee breakdown is:
 - ♣ \$10.75 Bowling
 - ♣ \$ 4.25 Prize Fund
 - ♣ \$ 1.00 Split-the-Pot (Sold on Lane 5 each week)

3. The total cost of bowling per team is \$80.00. Money envelopes are to be turned in to the treasurer by the fifth frame of the first game.

4. A team sponsor fee of \$40 is due by the start of bowling on Week #3.

5. The league bowls a 34-week season. Final standings are determined by Total Wins then Total Pins.

6. The season begins on **August 21, 2023**, and ends on **April 8, 2024**. The Tournament & Banquet Night will be **April 15, 2024**.

7. The league bowls every Monday at 6:40 p.m. with practice beginning at 6:30 p.m.

8. The league will bowl three (3) Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. These dates are December 27, 2023, January 3, 2024, and January 17, 2024. To help accommodate bowlers with Wednesday commitments – bowlers unable to bowl on a Wednesday will be allowed to bowl out on their own prior to the session being bowled.

9. An account will be opened at one of the local financial institutions where league funds will be deposited each week.

10. The president and treasurer shall sign for all withdrawals and the president shall verify the balance each week.

11. A bowler who does not have an average from last year in the league will use last year's highest book average. Bowlers without a previous book average will establish a new average the first night of bowling. Handicap will be established on the actual number of games bowled regardless of the number, be it one, two, or three.
12. A bowler with an average from last year's league (21 games minimum) will use that average to determine his handicap the first three (3) night he bowls in the league. The new handicap will be used beginning the fourth night he bowls.
13. Team rosters consist of 6 bowlers. Any 3 of those 6 bowlers constitute a legal lineup for that team and may only bowl with the designated team. Teams needing additional bowlers beyond their legal lineup can choose from a list of roving subs. It is the team captain's responsibility to confirm the roster on the standing sheet and score sheet is correct for his team.
14. Roster changes can be made as follows:
 - ♣ Additions can be made until the six (6) bowler roster is filled. This can be done until the 18th week of the season.
 - ♣ After the six (6) bowler roster is filled, changes can be made if a majority of the team captains sign a change sheet. This procedure is allowed until the 18th week of the season.
15. Any roster changes that occur during weeks 19 through 34 must be approved by ALL team captains.
16. Any roving subs bowling in the position round (week 34) must have bowled 12 games prior to starting the position round.
17. A bowler is allowed to bowl out the third game of a series provided both team captains involved approve the bowl out.
18. When a team bowls with less than five (5) bowlers the absent bowler's score will be 180 and no handicap for each bowler.
19. The handicap for the league will be 100% of 220. The maximum handicap allowed will be 65 pins per game.
20. A four (4) point scoring system will be used. One (1) point for each game won and one (1) point for total pins.
21. A team with a legal lineup of at least three bowlers will be allowed to bowl and use absentee scores for the other bowlers.
22. If a team does not have a legal lineup by the end of the fifth frame of the game, the team will forfeit the game. In case of emergency the Rules Committee may waive this rule.
23. When any games are declared forfeited under the rules, the team present and not at fault must bowl within 10 pins per bowler of their scratch average (within 50 pins of the team's scratch average) to win the point for the game. Teams failing to meet this minimum will receive no points for the game (or games).
24. A tardy bowler will be allowed to bowl after the first game is started, providing the opposing team has not completed the fifth frame. The bowler must be present and ready to bowl. Otherwise, an absentee score (180 and 0 handicap) will apply for that game. No make-up frames will be allowed, although the tardy bowler may begin bowling at the start of the next game.

25. If a team cannot bowl on a given date, the opposing team captain and the league president must be informed within 48 hours before the date. The teams may bowl blind if a common date cannot be arranged. A neutral party designated by the board of directors will observe both teams. The board of directors and the team captains may waive this rule in case of emergency. Games not bowled on a scheduled league night must be made up within one week of that date and at the convenience of Oxford Lanes.
26. The board of directors will act as the rules committee. The board shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and team captains. Only a team captain or acting team captain may bring a grievance to the committee. If a quorum of the committee is not present, a decision will be withheld until a quorum is available.
27. Awards will be distributed as follows:
- ♣ Awards for the following will be given:
 1. High Series – Scratch 48 Games to qualify
 2. High Game – Scratch 48 Games to qualify
 3. High Series – Handicap 48 Games to qualify
 4. High Game – Handicap 48 Games to qualify
 - ♣ A bowler is eligible for only one award, either scratch or handicap. If a bowler is eligible for more than one award, scratch is first, and handicap is second for the award.
 - ♣ Most improved and high average are separate awards. They are given in addition to series and game awards. To qualify for these awards a bowler must bowl 68 games.
28. Expenses will be paid first. Awards will be distributed for the team and individual achievements. The remaining prize money will be distributed by team place. If a bowling fee is not paid, the fee owed will be subtracted from that team's prize fund before it is given out. A committee that is appointed by the president will determine the distribution of the prize money.