

Friday Night OUT Bowling League: Winter 2009 - 2010 By-laws

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September 11, 2009

President: John Keller

Vice President: Douglas Brooks

Secretary: Margie Anderson

Treasurer: Kiel Snider

I. Officers Elected

A. Election of Officers

The election of the President will take place two weeks prior to the end of the regular bowling season by the membership of the league. The election of the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall take place at the organizational meeting. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

B. Vacancy in Office

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors within seven (7) days.

C. Duties in Office

The USBC rules 102c-102f and 103a-103b describe the duties of office of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; rule 104a describes the duties of Team Captains.

II. Name of League/Establishment/Day of Bowling

A. **Friday Night OUT Bowling League** will be governed by rules and guidelines established by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) as well as these by-laws.

B. **League will bowl at AMF Norfolk**, Norfolk, Virginia.

C. **Bowling will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.**, Friday, September 11, 2009, for ten (10) minutes of practice.

III. Team Information

A. **League will consist of teams** of four bowlers per team.

B. **Teams will be comprised** of any combination of men or women.

IV. Bowling Season Information

A. **The league will bowl 33 weeks** beginning September 11, 2009 and ending May 14, 2010. A 34th week of bowling will be a roll-off among the four teams designated during the regular season. The roll-off will be conducted May 21, 2010.

B. **The league will observe the following holidays: November 27, 2009, December 25, 2009 and January 1, 2010.**

C. **The season will be divided into thirds.** Each third will be 10 weeks with a position round the 11th week. Winners from the three thirds plus the team with the most points (which did not win a third) will participate in the final roll-off. In the event the same team wins more than one third, the team with the second-highest regular season point count will be invited to the roll-off. If the same team wins all three thirds, it will be declared league champion, and there will be no roll-off.

D. **In the event of a tie for first place in the position round**, the tied teams will bowl a one (1) game roll-off with total pin fall (plus handicap) determining the winner. The roll-off will immediately follow the conclusion of the position round. If a tie remains, an extra tenth (10th) frame (with handicap) will continue until a winner is determined.

E. **First place league champions** will be determined by the roll-off. All other standings, beginning with second place, will be based on the overall season record. If there is a tie in any other positions within the standings, the money for the tied teams will be combined and divided evenly among the bowlers on those teams (*Rule 113a*). A tie in the roll-off will be decided in the same manner as a tie in a position round.

V. Type of League

A. The league will be handicapped.

1. **A legal lineup** consists of one team member. *Rule 109a*.

2. **Handicap** is awarded per player, per game.

3. **Handicap will be based** on the formula of 100 percent of the difference between the individual's average and the league scratch score of 220.

4. **The league's vacancy score** shall be 130 with a handicap of 90 pins per game.

5. **The absentee score** for each game shall be the absent member's current average less ten (10) pins. *Rule 105*.

6. **If a bowler is absent** without notice for two (2) consecutive weeks and past due in weekly fees, the bowler shall be dismissed. *Rule 114a*.

7. **Standings will be determined** on a point basis with two (2) points for each game won and one (1) point for the winner of total pins.

8. **All individuals will establish an average** based on the number of completed games in the bowler's first (1st) match as long as at least one game is completed. Otherwise, a vacancy score will be used.

B. Cash Prizes.

1. **The league will be a money league.** A prize committee will be appointed by the President and will be responsible for creating a minimum of three (3) prize lists to be voted on by the Team Captains. The prize list will be selected by majority vote of the Team Captains no later than the fifth (5th) week of bowling.

2. **A single bowler/team that achieves high honors** in more than one category will be presented with one cash prize, and that cash prize will be based on the highest dollar amount or highest merit (handicap over scratch; average-series-game) in that order, in their respective categories (individual or team). For the individual awards, a bowler must have completed two-thirds (2/3) of the total games in the season.

3. **USBC and IGBO recognition awards** will be given in accordance with the USBC rules 50-54b and the IGBO constitution.

4. **Any achievement award for Most Improved** will be presented in accordance with USBC rules. *Rule 54a*.

VI. League Fees

A. Weekly Fees

Weekly fee per bowler will be \$16.00 per week for 33 weeks (total of \$ 528.00 for the full season). The fee breaks down as follows:

Lineage Fee	\$10.35
Secretary Fee	\$ 0.25
Treasurer Fee	\$ 0.25
Awards Program Fee	\$ 0.20
Operating Expenses	\$ 0.20
Prize Fund Fee	\$ 4.75

B. **Awards program money** will not be returned to bowlers unable to attend league-approved events.

C. **Games shall be forfeited** by any team whose members are not current in league fee payments and who are actively bowling. NO PAY=NO PLAY. *Rule 110a.*

D. Membership Fees:

1. USBC Membership, Male:
 - a. \$20.00 fee must be paid the first week of bowling.
2. USBC Membership, Female:
 - a. \$20.00 fee must be paid the first week of bowling.
3. IGBO Sanctioning will be paid for by the league.

E. League Fund-raisers

1. **The Vice President will administer** all fund-raisers.
2. **Proceeds from the fund-raisers will be deposited** into the league account each week.
3. **Proceeds from the fund-raisers will be distributed** as follows: League operational expenses first, then as determined by the Board of Directors.

VII. League Management

A. **The management of the league** shall be vested in the Board of Directors composed of league officers and the team captains (or representatives in case of absence) of each team.

B. **Each member** of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The President shall only vote in the event of a tie.

C. **A quorum** for the Board of Directors to conduct business shall be a majority of its membership.

D. **The league membership** shall elect officers and adopt general governing by-laws.

E. **The following accounting procedures** shall be adhered to:

1. **Each team will receive** a copy of the End of Season League Financial Statement.
2. **All league funds collected** shall be deposited the same day they are received if using in-center banking services.
3. **The President shall appoint an Audit Committee.** Audits will be conducted every three (3) months. *Rule 102c.*
4. **It shall be the duty of the President** to conduct a full financial audit of all league accounts at the conclusion of the league with the understanding that an audit can be called for at any time. A report of these audits shall be available to the league one week after the audit has been completed.
5. **Overdrafts** will be handled according to AMF policy. The house will notify the President of any returned check; the President will, in turn, make arrangements with the bowler for repayment and advise the Treasurer and the house of those arrangements.
6. **Checks will not be accepted** for league fees after Week 30. Checks must be written for the amount of bowling dues only.
7. **In any league-organized event** (banquet, etc.), only those bowlers in good standing will be paid for. In the event any money is left over from league events, the remaining money will be distributed in its entirety as determined by the Board of Directors.

F. **IGBO Representative and alternate.** One (1) IGBO representative and one (1) alternate shall be recommended by the President and elected by the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year. These individuals will represent the league at the national and regional levels. If the IGBO representative is unable to attend a meeting, the alternate will have the option to represent the league.

VIII. Additional Information and Rules

A. **Substitutes** shall not be permitted to bowl during the final regular week or the position round of each third unless the substitute has established an average based on six (6) games bowled during that third. The substitute must also have bowled a minimum of six (6) games per third for a total of eighteen (18) games to bowl in the final roll-off.

B. Pre-bowling and post-bowling

1. **The Postponement Committee** will consist of the Secretary (as chairman), the President, as well as two members to be appointed by the President.
2. **The Team Captain** requesting to pre- or post-bowl should do so at least 7 days prior to the regularly scheduled match in order that the opposing team can be notified. Exceptions may be permitted at the discretion of the Postponement Committee. See Secretary for Request Form.

C. **A tardy bowler** may join a game in progress prior to the rolling of the first ball of the fourth frame of that match. Failure to appear prior to this point in any game will require the use of a blind score or substitute for that individual.

D. **Vacancy Team.** A team bowling the Vacancy Team (if one exists) must win its games. The team cannot bowl more than 40 pins below its team average per game to win points. (A team with a team average of 600 must bowl 560 or above.)

E. **Forfeits.** Vacancy Team rule applies. See *Rule 110b.*

F. **Pacers are allowed.** However, if a pacer bowls in a vacant spot, he or she must pay the lineage (rounded up to the next dollar) to the Treasurer, as the league will be charged lineage by the House.

G. **Bowlers joining a season in progress** will be required to pay all fees minus lineage for weeks missed. This fee will be rounded up to the next dollar.

H. **All rules not covered** by these by-laws shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the USBC and IGBO.

I. **Additional committees may be appointed during the season.**