

# Tuesday Night OUT Bowling League: Summer 2022 By-laws

Adopted June 7, 2022

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## I. Officers Elected

### A. Election of Officers

Officers from the previous Winter session preside over the summer session. 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 defines the duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Team Captains.

## II. Name of League/Establishment/Day of Bowling

A. **Tuesday 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., Tuesday, June 7, 2022, for ten (10) minutes of practice.**

## III. Team Information

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

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

## IV. Bowling Season Information

A. **The league will bowl 10 weeks** beginning June 7, 2022 and ending August 9, 2022.

B. **The league will observe the following holidays: None.**

C. **The season will be a straight season.** Week 10 will be a position round.

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

E. 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.

## V. Type of League

### A. The league will be handicapped.

1. **A legal lineup** consists of at least one regular team bowler.

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

3. **Handicap will be based** on the formula of 90 percent of the difference between the individual's average and the league scratch score of 220.

4. **The league's vacancy score** shall be 120 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.

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

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 (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 two (2) 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 fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) 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/IGBO recognition awards** will be given in accordance with the USBC rules and the IGBO constitution.

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

## VI. League Fees

### A. Weekly Fees

Weekly fee per bowler will be \$15.00 per week for 10 weeks. The breakdown is as follows:

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| Lineage Fee    | \$ 13.50 |
| Secretary Fee  | \$ 0.25  |
| Treasurer Fee  | \$ 0.25  |
| Prize Fund Fee | \$ 1.00  |
| Total          | \$ 15.00 |

B. **All league fees are to be paid in full no later than week 8 (July 26th).**

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.

### D. Membership Fees:

1. USBC Membership, Male and Female
  - a. \$12.00 fee must be paid the first week of bowling.

### E. League Fund-raisers

1. **The league will conduct** the following fund-raisers: 50/50. Other games may be added.
2. **The Vice President will administer** the fund-raisers.
3. **Proceeds from the fund-raisers will be deposited** into the league account each week.
4. **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 funds collected** shall be deposited as soon as possible.
3. **The President shall appoint an Audit Committee.** One audit will be conducted.
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.** The President will make arrangements with the bowler for repayment and advise the Treasurer of those arrangements.

## VIII. Additional Information and Rules

A. **Substitutes** shall not be permitted to bowl after Week 8.

### B. Pre-bowling and post-bowling

1. **The Postponement Committee** will consist of the Secretary (as chairman), the President, as well as one member and one alternate to be appointed by the President.
2. **The Team Captain** requesting to pre- or post-bowl must do so at least 7 days prior to the regularly scheduled match. See Secretary for Request Form. Exceptions to the 7-day notification may be allowed in cases of emergency and at the discretion of the Postponement Committee.

C. **A tardy bowler** may join a game in progress prior to the rolling of the first ball of the sixth frame of that match; missed frames may be made up. Failure to appear prior to this point in any game will require the use of a blind score 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 20 pins below its team average per game to win points. (A team with an average of 400 must bowl 380 or above to win its points.)

E. **Forfeits.** Vacancy Team rule applies.

F. **Pacers are allowed.** However, if a pacer bowls in a vacant spot, he or she must pay the lineage only 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. **No new teams may join the league after week 2.** New teams will have two weeks from the join date to make up missed games or they will count as losses. The draw system will be used to choose an opponent for comparison. The exception to the second week rule is if a vacancy team exists, in which case a new team may take over the existing record of the vacancy team. New bowlers are responsible for payment of all league fees for the missed weeks.

I. **Delay of game. A five-minute break (maximum)** may be taken between games. No breaks will be permitted during a game already in progress, except for emergencies.

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

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