

Rainbow League

2023-2024 Season By-Laws

I: Schedule

- A. The Rainbow League shall be sanctioned with the USBC through the Ann Arbor Bowling Association and shall consist of approximately 12 teams with the playing strength of three bowlers each, (any combination of men/women). The season consists of 30 weeks, split into two 15-week halves, starting on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 and ending on April 17th, 2024.
- B. League practice begins at 7pm and league scoring begins promptly at 7:15 pm every Wednesday commencing the first Wednesday after Labor Day with exceptions for holidays being subject to a league vote.
- C. There will be no bowling on November 22nd. and December 27th.
- D. Two position rounds will be included in each half season. The position round shall be the 7th and 15th week of each half of the bowling season.
- E. April 17th, 2024, will be the fun night, league championship roll-off, and league payouts. The league's Championship Roll Off is where the first half and second half winners bowl against each other to determine the league champions. The entire league will have a doubles tournament.
- F. If the same team wins both halves, they shall automatically be the Rainbow League Champions for that season. No roll-off will be necessary, however fun night doubles tournament will still take place.

II: League Management

- A. The Rainbow League Board of Directors consists of the following and is determined for the next year by a league member vote at the end of each bowling season.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2023-2024 Season</u>
President	Anthony Beasley 503-975-4697
Vice-President	Mike Tran
Secretary/Treasurer	Matthew Linden treasurer@a2bowling.com
Sergeant at Arms	John Wasyl
IGBO Rep.	Anthony Beasley
- B. Each team shall have a Team Captain, appointed by each team. The Team Captain represents the team as a league officer.
- C. The Board of Directors Sergeant at Arms will hear any grievances and determine what actions, if any, are necessary, they will work with the Board of Directors and determine if a league vote is required for such actions.
- D. If for any reason a member of the Board of Directors either resigns their position or quits the Rainbow League, nominations for a new member will take place by the second week of the vacancy. If the position is vacated after the twenty-fifth week of the season, the Board of Directors may appoint an individual to fill the position if they feel one is necessary for the remainder of the season.

III: Team Rosters

- A. Each team shall consist of 3 regular bowlers. A team roster may contain a maximum of 5 bowlers, made of up of any combination of men and women.
- B. All members shall be at least 18 years of age.
- C. A team must have at least **one-member present** at the start of league scoring, no later than **7:15pm sharp**, to be considered a legal line up for that team. Also see section IX regarding Forfeits.
- D. Subs are not allowed to bowl or join on position rounds. (7th and 15th week of each half.)
Subs are not to be used in place of a vacant bowler.
- E. Late bowlers must be ready to bowl by the end of the 3rd frame of the current game. They are allowed to make up the frames missed. If they arrive after the end of the third frame, they are not allowed to bowl that game and the team must take that members average for that game.
- F. Any bowler arriving too late to bowl in the 1st and 2nd game shall NOT be allowed to bowl in the 3rd game.
- G. No new bowlers can be added to a team roster on position nights.

IV: Bowlers Rules

- A. Bowlers shall be on time and ready to bowl at 7:15 pm. If a bowler or team is running late or will miss, they are to contact the team captain, a Board of Director member, or the bowling center by the time that bowling starts.
- B. Performance or behavior that disrupts or delays the bowling schedule is NOT permissible without the expressed advanced approval of the Board of Directors, and the bowling establishment.
- C. **Smoking Policy:** Smoking is only permitted outside of the bowling center in areas designated by the bowling center. League policy states that smoking is permitted only before bowling, during a 5-minute break between games, and after the last game of bowling has completed. Please be respectful of time and ask the opposing team before leaving for a smoking break.

V: Bowling Dues:

- A. Each bowler is responsible to pay \$18.00 per night for each week of League bowling for a total of \$56.00 per team per week for 30 weeks. The bowling center manages the league lineage and prize fund.
- B. Any bowler who gets 3 weeks behind (\$48.00) shall be denied bowling until they are no longer in arrears.
- C. The last two weeks of the bowling season must be paid in advanced, with the payment due by **March 27, 2023**
- D. No personal checks will be accepted after the 27th week of bowling.

- E. Substitutes: The Rainbow League allows substitutes (“subs”) as filler for absent bowlers.
 - 1. The sub must be USBC Certified on the first night that they bowl with the Rainbow League. The USBC Certification fees for subs is \$25.00.
 - 2. Subs pay bowling dues of \$8.00 per week that they bowl.
 - 3. Subs are not allowed to bowl or join on position nights or to fill in a Vacant position.
 - 4. Subs are not part of any year end pay outs.
 - 5. Subs can be part of any Fund Raising that the league holds, such as 50/50.

VI: Sanction Dues

- A. The Rainbow League is sanctioned through the USBC through the Ann Arbor Bowling Association. Each bowling member must be sanctioned to bowl with the league. Each bowler is responsible for paying their sanction dues through the league. Fees are \$25.00 for both men and women are due the first night that the bowler bowls. Fees are not refundable if the member quits the league.

VII: Averages

- A. To determine your beginning average for the League, use the following list that applies:
 - 1. A current verified 2022-2023 book average, 21 game average from any sanctioned league or one of the following yearbook averages 21/22 or if not then 20/21, if not then 19/20.
 - 2. If a bowler does not have an average from the previous four years, the average shall be established after the first night of bowling.
 - 3. All averages will be re-calculated after the first 6 games have been bowled on this league.
- B. Rainbow League uses a Team handicap. This is calculated by totaling averages of all 3 bowlers on each team. The larger number subtracts the smaller and 90% of the difference goes to the team with the lowest total.

VIII: Absentee Score

- A. An absentee score is to be used when a member is absent, and a substitute is not used. Absent bowlers are required to pay (\$18.00) for nights missed.
- B. The absentee score for each game shall be the absent member’s current average of 9 or more games. If fewer than 9 games have been bowled, the absent bowler’s entering average will be used. When there are additional members on a team’s roster, and an absentee score is needed, the average of the absentee with the next highest number of games shall be used. When two absent members have the same number of games, the higher absentee score shall be used.
- C. An incomplete team shall use a vacancy score of 150.

IX: Forfeits

- A. A team shall forfeit if it does not have a legal lineup at the start of league scoring. (Unless the Team has notified the League Officers of their absence prior to the start of League scoring)
- B. Any team which owes more than \$96.00 will not be allowed to bowl or win points until TOTAL AMOUNT IN ARREARS has been brought up to date.
- C. A team bowling against a team that has forfeited points for any reason does not automatically win the points. It will be considered the same as bowling a blind team and must bowl within 30 points of its team average without handicap to win the points.
 - If a team bowls a blind team, they must bowl within 30 points of their team average without handicap to win points.

X: Postponements and Pre-bowling

- A. Pre-bowling and postponements must be pre-arranged with the League President and Secretary.
- B. In case an emergency postponement is needed, a team member must notify the bowling center (Lodge Lanes) no later than 7:00pm on the evening of bowling. In addition, please attempt to contact the League President or Secretary.
- C. Bowling of postponed games must be completed within two (2) weeks of the scheduled bowling date, or up to five (5) days before the next position round, whichever occurs first. A team that cannot make up the postponed games by this deadline may forfeit those points.
- D. Any team that pre-bowls or is making up postponed games must have a legal line-up at the time of their scheduled games. Bowlers are not allowed to *individually* pre-bowl or make-up scheduled games separate from the team. All three (3) games of the match must be bowled consecutively.
- E. Subs or new bowlers are not allowed to Pre or Post bowl with a team.
- F. Each team is responsible for planning pre-bowl or make-up postponed games, and scores verified by the bowling center staff. If a team pre-bowls or is making up postponed games on the same night as the scheduled league play, those games must be bowled on a different pair of lanes. A member of the Board of Directors should be informed of the pre or post bowl plans.

XI: Year End Awards

- A. The league pays out on a team per point system. The dollar amount per point will be determined by the Board of Directors at the end of the bowling season. The amount is determined by the amount in the league's prize fund, and any additional Fund-Raising monies that may be moved

from the league's general fund into the prize fund. (The league will vote on the move of any monies from the general fund into the prize fund.)

- B: Any team or individual that quits the league without informing the Board of Directors or that owes league dues will forfeit any monies due for points earned up to the point of when they quit the league.
Any bowler that quits before the end of the first will not earn any prize money at the end of the bowling season.
Any bowler that quits the league in good standing after the end of the first half will be paid out at a pro-rated rate of the current prize fund at the time that they quit. Prize to be paid at end of year, not the time of the actual quit.
Teams do not earn prize money for Vacant bowlers.
Subs do not earn prize money.
- C: The end of year per point payout to each team is paid out to everyone based on the points earned per person, unless that team indicates that the payout be team based only.
- D: To qualify for any of the individual awards, a bowler must bowl at least two thirds (60 of 90) games of the season.
- E: Special awards consist of men's high scratch game, men's high handicap game, women's high scratch game, women's high handicap game, men's high average, and women's high average, most improved averages men's and women.
- F: Bowlers cannot win more than one individual-based special award. Teams cannot win more than one team-based special award.

XII: Special items

- A: Secretary/Treasurer Fees:
The league members pay \$.25 per week from the weekly dues to the Secretary/Treasurer.
This fee is paid out of the Prize Fund on weeks 15th and 30th.