



# Sample Adult League Rules

**NOTE:** The following is a set of league rules, which may be adopted by completing the blanks and providing copies to each team. Other options may be available as provided in the rules outlined in Chapter 4 of the USBC Playing Rules book. Other rules may be added, but cannot in any way conflict with USBC Rules.

The \_\_\_\_\_ League will bowl on \_\_\_\_\_ (day of week) at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of bowling center). The league will have a scheduled starting date of \_\_\_\_\_ and a scheduled ending date of \_\_\_\_\_ and will participate for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. The league will not bowl on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_.

**OPTION:** *The schedule will be divided into \_\_\_\_\_ (halves, thirds, quarters). If there are an unequal number of weeks, the extra week will be placed in the last segment.*

**Rule 1.** The league board of directors, which consists of the officers and team captains, shall manage this league. The board of directors/full membership (select one) adopts the league rules. (Refer to USBC Rule 122.)

Position	Name	Home Phone	Work Phone
President			
Vice President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Sergeant-at-Arms			

**Rule 2.** The league will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ teams with a playing strength of \_\_\_\_\_. Rosters will be limited to \_\_\_\_\_ members per team.

The names of players, as well as any changes in the roster during the season, are to be reported by the team captain to the league secretary before a player competes.

**Rule 3.** League fees, which must be paid by each member each session, shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_ of which \$\_\_\_\_\_ covers the cost of bowling, \$\_\_\_\_\_ is for the secretary/treasurer's salary, and the balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be placed in the league account. Games shall be forfeited by any team whose participating members are not current in league fee payments. The secretary's salary shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule.

**Rule 4.** The team franchise (team spot) is held by the team captain. The captain must notify the league secretary of the team's intention to retain the franchise for the next season by \_\_\_\_\_ (date). (Refer to USBC Rule 104b.)

**Rule 5.** An account will be opened in the name of the league and deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt. Withdrawals from the account may only be made with the joint signatures of at least two officers as designated by the league board of directors. The league president shall verify the account monthly.

**Rule 6.** A prize list, drawn up by a committee appointed by the league president, must be submitted for approval by the league board of directors/full membership (select one) within five weeks after the start of the schedule. (Refer to USBC Rule 117a.)





All league members must bowl at least 2/3 of the league's scheduled games to be eligible for individual league prizes or awards. (Refer to USBC Rule 117b, Item 2a).

Special individual/team high series and game prizes shall be awarded on a scratch/handicap basis.

**Rule 7.** Entering averages of all players shall be determined in the following order:

- a. Average established in this league last season, based on 21 games or more.
- b. Highest average from the previous season in any USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
- c. Current average from another USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
- d. Bowlers who do not have a qualifying average outlined in items a-c will establish their average the first session they bowl.
- e. The maximum entering average per team is \_\_\_\_\_ (delete if this does not apply).

**Rule 8.** The league will determine wins and losses on a handicap / scratch basis (select one). Handicap will be \_\_\_\_\_ % of the difference between a bowler's average and a scratch figure of \_\_\_\_\_. (The scratch figure should be higher than the highest average in the league and shall not be limited unless otherwise provided by league rule.)

**Rule 9.** The USBC Membership fees required to participate in the league are as follows:

Men \$\_\_\_\_\_ Women \$\_\_\_\_\_

The league will be certified through USBC. Adult membership fees must be paid before completion of the bowler's first series.

**Rule 10.** The league will consist of:  Males only       Females only       Males and Females

Substitutes will/will not be permitted to participate in the league (select one).

Pacers will/will not be permitted to participate in the league (select one).

A substitute or replacement may be a male/female/male or female (select one). (Refer to USBC Rule 107c, Item 6.)

**Rule 11.** The minimum legal lineup of \_\_\_\_ players must be present before the completion of the first frame of each game. Regular members and substitutes (unless league rules provide otherwise) count toward a legal lineup. (Refer to USBC Rule 109a for minimum legal lineup provision.)

**Rule 12.** When bowling in a known forfeit situation or scheduled against a non-existent team, the team must bowl at least the team average less 10 pins per player to earn the points. (Refer to USBC Rule 110c, Item 2 and 104d.)

**Rule 13.** Absentee and vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. Handicap will be figured on the average of absent member. The absentee score will be the absent member's average minus 10 pins. (Unless otherwise provided by league rule.)

Teams having an incomplete roster (vacancy on the team) will use a score of \_\_\_\_\_ for the vacant position, which shall be used for the basis of determining handicap. (Refer to USBC Rule 105d, Items 1a and 1b.)

**Rule 14.** All postponement requests must be approved by the postponement committee/league board of directors. In the absence of a postponement committee, the league board of directors is responsible for making decisions on all prebowl/postponement requests.





Teams may request to bowl unopposed before or after a regularly scheduled match. All requests must be made through the league prior to the league start time except for emergencies. Procedures outlined in Rule 111a-g must be followed. (See USBC Rule 111b for information regarding emergency postponements.)

**Rule 15.** A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided \_\_\_\_ frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up. (Refer to USBC Rule 109c.)

**Rule 16.** Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with \_\_\_\_ point(s) awarded for each game won and \_\_\_\_ point(s) awarded for the high team series in each match.

**Rule 17.** If a team or individual must withdraw from the league during the season, two weeks' notice and sufficient reason must be given in accordance with USBC Rule 114a.

