

**2015 - 2016
Town & Country Ladies League Rules**

1. The League shall begin Tuesday, September 1, 2015 and consist of a 30-week season with the last night on March 29, 2016 with one Holiday (December 29, 2015). Teams shall draw for lanes at the league meeting.
2. The League shall consist of eight (8) teams with a minimum of five women on each team. A team roster shall consist of no more than seven members. There will be roving substitutes
3. A legal lineup shall consist of three (3) regular team members ready at start time.
4. The league starts at 6:30 p.m. A player shall be considered too late to bowl in the first game if she is not present and ready to bowl no later than the end of the 3rd frame. It shall be the team captain's job to enforce this rule. If a bowler is going to bowl the second game, the bowler must be ready to bowl at the start of that game. If the bowler is not ready, the bowler absentee must be used.
5. The first night's handicap shall be based on last year's average if one exists for this league of 21 games or more. Handicap is established by taking the teams average, subtract this amount from 1000 and multiply the difference by 90%. If any player is establishing a new average the team handicap cannot be decided until the new bowler has bowled 3 consecutive games all bowled on the same night.
6. No new bowler to the league for this season shall be allowed to bowl in the last round of bowling (except in the case of an emergency, which shall be approved by the league's executive board.) Week 23.
7. Points shall be given each night for games won plus a fourth point for total pins. In case of a tie each team will receive one-half of the point normally rewarded.
8. A vacancy score shall be 120. A blind score shall be figured at the absent bowler's average minus 10 pins. Handicap shall be figured using vacancy or the absent bowler's average. (USBC Rule 105E2). The absentee score of the player with the most games is used for the other player. If two absentee scores are needed after the substitute is in place, the absentee score of the absentee with the next highest number of games is used and when two absent members have the same number of games, the lower absentee score is used. (See CAQ 118d/1 for cap information.)
9. A Team bowling unopposed must bowl within 50 pins of their team average to win the point.
10. Each woman will pay \$14.00 per night for bowling. The breakdown is:
 - Lineage \$10.50
 - Prize Fund \$3.15
 - Secretary Salary \$0.35The secretary shall not be paid until the end of the season and the final average sheet has been completed and turned into the City Association manager.
11. If a team does not have a full lineup, the team will be responsible to contribute to the prize fund until a full team is created. Extenuating circumstance4s must be approved by executive board.
12. The last night of bowling shall be paid by November 3, 2015. Each team member is responsible to the league to make sure that her fees are paid each night.
13. If a bowler does not pay for 2 consecutive weeks, she will not be able to participate in league play for the second night. Absentee bowlers must pay for the night missed in advance or on the next night present to bowl. When a member's check is returned because of insufficient funds, the treasurer should contact the member and insist on a cash payment for the amount of the check plus any service charges incurred. No further checks will be accepted and the player will be notified that league fees can only be paid in cash.
14. If league fees are not delivered to the secretary by 7:15 p.m., per cell phone time, and continues to be delivered late, after the third time the League Board will address the situation.
15. There shall be a sponsor fee of \$50 for each team. This shall all be put into the prize fund. The first place team has the option of a trophy or cash prize,

16. All sponsorship fees shall be paid to the secretary within 3 weeks after the league starts.
Non-refundable.
17. The prize list shall be posted within 5 weeks after the league starts. The prize committee will submit 2 or more options for cash awards in various categories to be approved by league members.
18. Handicap award shall be figured after a 21 game average is established. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled 2/3 of the total games in the league (60).
19. No bowler shall win more than one individual award.
20. Most improved award shall be figured from last year's average in this league. New bowlers are figured on her first 21 games. USBC award does not eliminate a bowler from receiving a league individual award.
21. If a tiebreaker for first place is necessary, it shall consist of a 3-frame roll off and is to be bowled the final night of bowling. Total pins bowled determine all other tied position standings.
22. The signature on the checking account card shall be: President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, requiring two signatures on a check request. The President, Vice-president and Secretary/Treasurer shall be bonded.
23. Postponements and pre-bowled games shall be governed by USBC Rule 111a.b.c.d.e.f.and g. Line-up must consist of team roster bowlers. Roving subs will not be used during pre/post bowling. Absent bowler score of bowler on roster with most games must be used to complete a full team.
24. If road conditions so warrant, the board of directors and team captains can decide to postpone the league. The bowling alley may also request this. The Secretary will notify the lanes by 4:00 p.m.
25. Only the league members shall be allowed in the bowling area. In case of any questions, the board of directors shall mediate any problems.
26. League bowlers shall not sit or stand on the stairs blocking access to other bowlers
27. Any questions concerning rules will be decided by the rules committee based on its interpretation of these rules and USBC playing rules. Any complaints following approval of these rules must be in writing.
28. With 30 weeks of bowling and 8 teams, the season will consist of 4 rounds of bowling with 2 position nights, one midway through the season and one on the last night of bowling. The payout of awards and prizes will be made the following week.
29. If a situation arises with one of the bowlers or someone who is with a bowler, or between two bowlers it should be handled in the below order:
 - a. The team captain(s).
 - b. The Sergeant at Arms.
 - c. One of the League officers
 - d. The bowling alley managementIf the situation does not resolve, it may be put to the Board to resolve.

USBC RULE 17b- pg 16: Improper Conduct

An individual can be charged with the following violation(s):

1. Engaging in improper tactics or conduct in connection with the game of bowling including, but not limited to, physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.
2. Penalty: Membership may be suspended or denied to anyone who is involved in a violation of this rule. Leagues may also remove the individual following the provisions in Rule 115a or Rule 115c. **NOTE:** A complaint may be filed only in the current season or the season immediately following the alleged violation. The complaint shall be in writing and detail the charges against the member(s) and the USBC rule(s) involved. The complaint shall be signed by the person(s) making the charges and filed with the USBC Headquarters.