

## **The Closers Bowling League**

### **League Rules 2017-2018**

1. The Closers Bowling League shall be certified with the Columbia USBC Association. The league shall be a mixed league consisting of 14 teams with a playing strength of 4 players. The league will bowl on Mondays for 28 weeks commencing on August 21, 2017. The league will not bowl on December 25, 2017 or January 1, 2018. All scheduled matches will start at 6:30 p.m.
2. The league shall be managed by the Board of Directors which consists of the league officers and team captains. The league members shall elect the officers and adopt the League Rules.
3. Weekly league dues are \$15.00 per bowler of which \$11.15 covers lineage and \$3.85 to be placed in the league treasury. Weeks 29 and 30 (last 2 weeks) shall be paid by the first Monday of November (11/6/17). Teams with a vacant position(s) are responsible for paying \$3.85 a week for each vacant position(s) on team to league treasury.
4. League fees must be paid by each member each session. A bowler behind more than 2 weeks in paying fees will not be allowed to bowl until fees are paid in full.
5. The USBC membership fee- \$23.00 per bowler- is required to participate in league and must be paid before completion of the bowler's first series.
6. Team rosters will be limited to 8 members per team. New bowlers cannot be added to the roster the final 4 weeks of the season without board approval.
7. A minimum legal lineup of 2 players must be present before the 1<sup>st</sup> frame of each game. Regular members and substitutes count toward a legal lineup.
8. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up.
9. When bowling in a known forfeit/BYE situation the team must bowl at least the team average less 10 pins per player to earn the points.
10. Handicap for the league is to be based on 90% of 220.
11. A bowler's absent score (blind) is to be based on their average minus 10%.

12. Teams having an incomplete roster (vacancy on the team) will use a score of 140 for the vacant position which shall be used for the basis of determining handicap.
13. A team or any number of team individuals may pre-bowl with games completed before the scheduled bowling. Post-bowling will only be allowed for extenuating circumstances.
14. Postponement of the entire league due to adverse weather shall be determined by the league officers who will notify AMF and team captains at least 2 hours before the scheduled bowling. Team captains are to notify their team members before the scheduled bowling time.
15. Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with 1 point awarded for each game won and 1 point awarded for the high team series (total 4 points) in each match.
16. To determine the winner of any play-off for first place position, a three game series shall be bowled under the same conditions as played during the regular season. An extra 10<sup>th</sup> frame (roll-off) shall be used if tied at the end of the play-off series.
17. The Secretary/Treasurer's salary shall be free bowling for the season and will not be paid until the completion of the season and final averages have been submitted to the Association Manager.

Current USBS rules shall be used for any rules not addressed or covered under these adopted rules.

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Mondays – 6:30 p.m.

Bowl – 28 weeks (with 2 position rounds)

Starting: August 27, 2017

Ending: March 25, 2018

Not bowling: ~~Labor Day~~ – Christmas Eve – December 24, 2017

New Year's Eve – December 31, 2018

14 teams:

1. Total Eclipse
2. Bowl Chit
3. Here for Beer
4. WWW.G
5. Within Striking Distance
6. Shooters
7. Honking Walnuts
8. McCray Trucking
9. Grumpy Old Men
10. Time to Spare
11. Pocket Pokers
12. All Starz
13. Booyah
14. Bowling 4 Bacon