

VFW BOWLING LEAGUE RULES

2023-2024

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1. The VFW Bowling League shall be certified with the United States Bowling Congress Columbia, Mo. The league shall consist of teams with a playing strength of five (5) players. The league will bowl on Thursday for 34 weeks commencing on August 17, 2023. All scheduled matches will start at 6:30 pm.
2. The league shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which will consist of the League Officers and the Team Captains. The league members shall elect the Officers at a meeting before the distribution of league awards. A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and decision making for the league.
3. The weekly fee to be paid by each bowler is \$23.00, of which \$14.10 covers lineage and \$8.90 to be placed in the league Treasury. Week 34 shall be paid by the first Thursday of February (2/1/2024)
4. The secretary/treasurer's salary shall be equal to the weekly cost of bowling times the number of weeks bowled and will not be paid until the completion of the season, when the financial statement has been approved and final

averages have been submitted to the Association Manager.

5. The league dues shall be paid each bowling night. The team captain will be responsible for the payment of the team's fees to the secretary prior to 7:00 pm. If a bowler's fees are four weeks behind, they can't bowl until the unpaid fees are paid in full.
6. A sponsor fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the Sec./Treas. by the 5th week of the season (9/14/2023). The sponsor fee will be added to the prize fund.
7. Each team, known as a franchise, will be held by the team captain that is in good standing with the Board of Directors and cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause. The captain must notify the Sec./Treas. of their intent to remain a franchise for the following season by May 1st, Failure to do so may result in the reassigning of their franchise spot on the league. The Board shall settle any disputes pertaining to the franchise sponsorship and/or leadership (Captain).
8. An account shall be opened in a bank under the leagues name in which the leagues funds shall be deposited within a week of receipt. Withdrawals will need two (2) officer signatures and the statement will go to the league president to verify the leagues bank balance monthly to ensure full USBC league bonding requirements.

9. Prior to the start of the season, the president shall appoint a committee of three (3) members to draw up a prize list. Each member shall INDEPENDENTLY submit a proposed prize list. The prize lists will be voted on by the team captains. If one of the prize lists receive a majority of the votes, it will be approved. However, if none of the lists get a majority of the votes, the one with the lowest votes will be set aside and the two remaining will be voted on. If one of those receive a majority it will be adopted. If we still don't have a majority, it will be sent back to committee to start the process over. The prize list must be approved by a majority of the team captains and a copy of the list be distributed within five weeks after the start of the season.
10. Prizes are awarded for team and individual scores and consist of four groups: scratch series, scratch game, handicap series, and handicap game. No team or individual can win more than one prize. If the value is the same, the scratch will be awarded. Any ties shall be shared equally in the prizes for the places involved. Any individual that receives the most improved award is also eligible to receive another award from one of the above 4 groups awards. A bowler must have bowled at least 64 games to qualify for the individual awards. A bowler or franchise that withdraws during the season without board approval forfeits any money paid into the league.

11. Bowlers will use averages established in this league from the previous season based on 21 games or more for the first 3 nights of bowling. A bowler (not qualifying with 21 games last season in this league) must bowl three games the first night they bowl to establish an average.
12. The team handicap shall be 90% and shall be based on the difference between the team average and a scratch figure of 1100. Individual handicap will be the difference of average and 90% of 220.
13. Captains will turn in a roster to the Secretary at the start of the season. Rosters will be limited to ten (10) players. **All bowlers must be at least 18 years of age.** New bowlers cannot be added to the roster the final 6 weeks of the season without board approval.
14. A legal line up must include at least three (3) members of the team roster before 6:45 pm or a forfeit shall be declared for that game. If a roster has less than 5 bowlers that have bowled in this league this season, a vacant score of 150 shall be used and shall be used as the basis for handicap. If a bowler arrives before 6:45 pm they will be allowed to make up the frames missed. If a bowler arrives before the end of the 3rd frame of either the 2nd or 3rd games, they may make up the frames missed in that game.

15. Absent scores will be determined by the average of any bowler from the roster less 10%.
16. Requests for pre-bowls shall be filed with 2 officers and the opposing team captain, (except those caused by emergency). Opposing team will continue to bowl as scheduled. Notification shall be made at least 24 hours in advance of the pre-bowl. Pre-bowls must be done as a team; individual pre-bowl scores will not count. Post bowling will only be allowed for extenuating circumstances and approved by the Board.
17. Postponement of the entire league due to adverse weather shall be determined by the league officers at least 2 hours before the scheduled bowling time and notify AMF and team captains to notify their teams 2 hours before the scheduled bowling time.
18. When a game is declared forfeited, the points will be awarded to the team that is present provided they have complied with rule 110C (The team must bowl at least the team average less 50 pins).
19. Standings shall be determined on a point basis system. 1 point awarded for each game won and 1 point for the team with the higher series for a total of 4 points.
20. Any ties shall be shared equally in the prizes for the places involved. If the tie is for 1st place team, a one game team roll-off will be played for the championship.

21. Position rounds will be used in weeks 17 and 34.
22. In the event during the night of bowling it is necessary to move to another pair of lanes, each bowler may have one ball on each lane as shadow bowling without scores.

CURRENT USBC RULES SHALL BE USED FOR ANY RULE NOT ADDRESSED OR COVERED UNDER THESE ADOPTED RULES.