

**SUNDAY MONEY MIXED: 2026-2027 SEASON
LEAGUE RULES & BY-LAWS**

League President	Jimmy Walker	
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The league bowls 36 weeks beginning on Sunday, August 2, 2026, and will end on Sunday, April 25, 2027. With the Payout, No Tap, Playoff's on Sunday, May 2, 2027. The league will bowl on Sundays with practice beginning at 5:50 pm and league play beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be no bowling on December 27, 2026, and March 28, 2027. *Super Bowl Sunday on February 14, 2027, league will start early with practice at 12:30pm.* The management of this league will be vested in a Board of Directors, which will consist of the officers and captains. The league will be affiliated with USBC, and their rules will prevail with the following adopted rules:

League Dues – CASH ONLY (no checks or cards accepted – per the league)

- Sanction Fee – Each bowler is required to purchase the USBC Sanction card the FIRST DAY OF BOWLING. The cost is \$29.00 per card. This is only paid one time per season.
- Captains will be responsible for collecting league dues for his/her team and turning it into the secretary/treasurer by the end of the FIFTH (5TH) FRAME OF THE FIRST (1ST) GAME.

Each bowler will pay	\$28.00 per week.
Lineage Increase	\$14.50
Prize Fund	\$13.70
Secretary/Treasurer	<u>\$.80</u>
	\$28.00
- Bowlers may not be more than 1 week behind on league dues. If a bowler is 1 week behind, the next week \$56.00 must be paid in full to cover the previous and current week. If not paid, the bowler cannot bowl until it is paid in full and will receive their absent score.
- Any team joining the league after the 3rd week will pay the prize fund and secretary fee for each week missed - \$14.50 per person per week. The team will also not receive any points for weeks missed prior to their start.
- Sponsor Fee - \$25.00 per person and must be paid by 11/1/26. If fees are not paid by these dates, the bowler cannot bowl until it is paid and will receive their absent score.
- The last 2 weeks must be paid for in advance. Week 35 must be paid by 10/4/26 and week 36 must be paid by 1/31/27. If fees are not paid by these dates, the bowler cannot bowl until it is paid and will receive their absent score.
- The league will run a 50/50 drawing each week and each team is to participate since the proceeds go to the prize fund.

Roster

Each team will have a playing strength of 5 bowlers per team and up to a total of 10 bowlers on their roster. All teams must have at least 1 man and 1 woman on their roster.

- (Additional roster members are people who will bowl on that team only when a person is needed in the absence of another member.)
- Roster members must be added to the roster at least 1 week in advance. **If you are adding a roster member, please let the secretary know, turn in the "league change" sheet AND write it on your recap sheet.
- The original member(s) are responsible for the bowling fees when one of their places is taken.
- No roster members can be added to a team when the team has any vacancies.
- No new bowlers can be added after the 3rd quarter of the season.
- If a roster member wants to change teams (as a permanent member only) it must be voted on by the board of directors.

Legal Line Up

- It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure that there are 3 members present prior to the end of the first frame. If a team only has 3 members with 2 vacancies, the team will only need 2 members present at the end of the first frame. The team captain must be informed by any member of a team or team(s) not having a legal line up when the first frame is completed by the team with the legal line up. Rule 105 states that a vacancy is not a legal line up.
- Late bowlers may bowl if the opposing team has not completed the 3rd frame.
- Rule 11. No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a league or tournament refuses to proceed with a game after being directed to do so by a league or tournament official, the game or series shall be declared a forfeit.

Team Handicap – 80% of 1000

Entering Average

- All bowlers will use their 2025-2026 final average from this league last season with 21 or more games for the first 9 games.
- Any bowler without an average from this league will use the following in this order:
 - Highest GBUSBC average from the 2025-2026 season
 - 2026 Birmingham summer average
 - Establish an average using the first 3 games bowled

Absent & Vacancies

- Absent bowlers will receive 10 pins less their average for each game.
- Vacant score is 150 with no deductions.

Forfeits

- Forfeit of a game or games (USBC Rule 110b): A team must bowl within 50 pins of their team average each game to win game points and 150 pins with their team average for all 3 games to win series points. The forfeiting team does not receive any points.

Pre & Post Bowls

- All pre and post bowls must be scheduled at the front desk AFTER your league officer is notified. Vestavia Bowl has limited availability for pre/post bowls. Oiling and lane courtesy is not guaranteed for pre/post bowls.
- Each team has 2 weeks from the date missed to make up any games (at least 24 hours prior to league play). All make ups must be completed PRIOR to the 8th week of each quarter. If games are not made up, that team will forfeit all points. Emergencies are excluded. No pre/post bowling will be allowed for the championship playoff.

Point System – The league will use a 5-point system. 1 point for each game won and 2 points for total pins.

Quarters, Position Rounds & Playoffs

- The season will be divided into 4 quarters and 2 divisions.
- The 9th week of each quarter will be position round. 1 team from each division will advance to the playoffs. If a team has already won a quarter, it will go to the next team that has not already advanced. If a tie occurs after the position round a one game roll off will occur to determine the team advancing to the playoff.
 - 1st Quarter Position Round – Week 9 *Bowlers must have at least 9 games
 - 2nd Quarter Position Round – Week 18 *Bowlers must have at least 12 games
 - 3rd Quarter Position Round – Week 27 *Bowlers must have at least 18 games
 - 4th Quarter Position Round – Week 36 *Bowlers must have at least 21 games

Playoffs

- There will be a championship playoff held on the 37th week. Bowlers must have a total of 21 games to be eligible. Bowlers in the playoff will use their current average as of week 37.
- The 8 teams will bowl three games, 1st-8th place will be based on total pins with handicap.
- Each team will move after each game; Lane assignments will be pre-determined by Vestavia Bowl.
- If a tie occurs during the playoff for first place, teams will have a one frame roll off to break the tie.

Awards – The league will give out an award for high average, individual achievements, and team achievements. Bowlers and teams may only win one award with the exception of high individual average.

Behavior

- Children & visitors are more than welcome to come with you on league night, however they are not allowed in the bowlers area and must be well behaved in the bowling center otherwise they will not be allowed to return.
- The league will not allow heavily intoxicated bowlers, abusive language and loud/uncontrollable behavior. The bowler will be warned and if he/she does it again, they will be banned from the league for the remainder of the season.
- Anyone bringing outside alcohol inside Vestavia Bowl will be banned from the league for the remainder of the season. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- If there are any questions or disputes while bowling, please see the league officers before or after bowling unless it is an emergency. (Please be considerate as they are bowling as well.)