

Invitational Fellowship

League Rules & Regulation 2025-2026 Season

President	Michelle Jamison
Vice President	Cindy Custred
Secretary/Treasurer	Sara Varnon
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This league will be composed of 10 teams with 4 ladies on each. This league will bowl on Thursday Mornings with practice beginning at 10:15 am (practice 10 minutes) and league play beginning at 10:25 am. Vestavia Bowl will open doors at 10:00 am. All Team Captains and League Officers will make up the Board of Directors.

The league will start bowling **8/21/25** and will bowl 34 weeks with a split season. The first half will end **12/18/25**. The second half begins **1/8/26** completing its schedule on **5/7/26**. Winners of 1st half and 2nd half will be co-champions. The No Tap will be held on the following week. There will be no bowling on **11/26/25, 12/25/26, 1/1/26, or 1/22/26 (AHSAA REGIONALS)**.

This league's rules and schedule will be affiliated with the USBC and their rules will prevail with the following adopted rules to apply:

BOWLING FEES

Lineage	\$10.00
Prize Fund	\$5.50
Secretary Fee	\$0.50
Per person per week	\$16.00

- It is the duty of the captain to collect fees from each member of her team and deliver to the secretary prior to the completion of the first game.
- The secretary must be notified in advance when adding a new member, so that she may certify that the new member is eligible (This also applies to substitutes)
- No member will be allowed to be more than 2 weeks delinquent with bowling fees. No member will be allowed to bowl unless delinquent fees are paid before bowling the 3rd week.
- The last 2 weeks of bowling fees must be paid by 9/25/25
- All funds will be deposited with Vestavia Bowl in the "Vestavia Bowl League Banking Account." All funds are insured 100% by Vestavia Bowl.

AVERAGES

- 1) All bowlers will use their 2024-2025 Invitational Fellowship League Average (21 or more games) for the first 9 games.
- 2) If a bowler did not have an average in this league, then she will use her highest 2024-2025 Book Average (21 or more games)
- 3) If a bowler does not have 21 or more games in any of the above categories, she will establish an average the first 3 games she bowls. Handicap will be based on her current weekly average thereafter.
- 4) A bowler entering the league later in the season that did not have a 2024-2025 Book Average, but now has a current 2025-2026 average (21 or more games) will use her highest average for the first 9 games she bowls.

HANDICAP

- Individual handicap – 90% of 200.

LEGAL LINE-UP

The team roster will consist of 4 or 5 bowlers. 2 regular bowlers shall constitute legal line up.

POINT SYSTEM

- This league will use the 4 point system; 1 points for each game won and 1 point for total pins.

TARDY BOWLER

- Tardy bowlers may catch up provided they arrive and are ready to bowl before the anchor bowler has completed the 3rd frame.

SUBSTITUTES

- Open substitutions will prevail however, during the last 3 weeks of each half, a NEW member or a NEW substitute cannot be brought in. Floating Substitutes do not count as legal line up.

VACANCY & ABSENTEE SCORES

- The absentee score shall be the regular member's average less 5 pins. If no absent bowlers average is eligible for use, the vacancy score of 120 on the score sheet with handicap from 120 will be figured.

BYE TEAM

- Team must bowl within 40 pins per game and 120 pins for series.

POSTPONEMENTS

- All postponements will be requested at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time except when those granted for emergencies. When 2 teams have arranged for a postponement and are unable to set a date to make up the games, then it will be permissible for the 2 teams to bowl unopposed. The postponed games must be made up ASAP or those games will be forfeited to the team granting the postponement. Bowling unopposed will be allowed in the cases of emergencies or if agreed by both teams. Must be bowled before end of the half.

LEAGUE AWARDS

- A team awards will be based on Handicap and Scratch and all individual awards will be based on Handicap and Scratch. Handicaps will be figured on Bowler's averages as of the day the game or series is bowled. In the event a bowler wins both Scratch and Handicap game or series, she will only be eligible for one prize in these groups. (Awards will be distributed in the following order: High Series Scratch, High Game Scratch, High Series Handicap, and High Game Handicap.) In the event a bowler wins both Scratch and Handicap game or series, the team will only be eligible for one prize in one event.
- A bowler may win High Average and Most Improved as well as a game or series award.
- A bowler must have bowled 2/3 of the games (**68 games**) to be eligible for Individual Awards. Only paying league members are eligible for league awards.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- All team captains and league officers will make up the Board of Directors. A meeting will be held prior to the end of the season, at which time, plans will be made for the following season. Officers are to be elected and each team reserve or forfeit their spot or decide otherwise. 2/3 of the teams must be represented to make a quorum.

PRIZE COMMITTEE

- Prize Committee Members: Sara Varnon. Prize list must be submitted by the 5th week of bowling.