

Thursday Morning Trio

League Rules & Regulation 2026-2027 Season

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This Senior league will consist of 14 teams with 3 bowlers competing on each team (any mix) starting **8/13/26** with practice starting at 10:15am followed by league play at 10:25 am. The league will bowl 34 weeks finishing on **4/29/27**. The Playoff and No Tap will be held on the following week. There will be no bowling on **11/26/26, 12/24/26, 12/31/26, or 1/21/27 (AHSAA REGIONALS)**.

The following bylaws were adopted at the organizational meeting of the Thursday Morning Trio League on **8/13/26**. These bylaws will be the governing rules after reviewing and correction by those members present at the meeting. Each league officer and team captain shall make up the Board of Directors.

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

BOWLING FEES

Lineage	\$11.00
Prize Fund	\$9.45
Secretary Fee	\$0.55
Per person per week	\$21.00

- Team Captains are responsible for the amount of dues and no member should go more than 2 weeks without paying or they cannot bowl the 3rd week until paid in full. If not paid, all games rolled with team member more than 2 weeks in arrears will be forfeited.
- **If a member is unable to bowl any week, that person will be responsible for payment of prize fund & secretary fees for the absent weeks. (\$10 per week)**
- The last 2 weeks of bowling fees must be paid by 1/7/27.

SPONSOR FEE/BENEVOLENCE FEE

- Sponsor Fee will be \$10/person (\$30/team).
- Benevolence Fee will be \$5/person.

AVERAGES

- 1) All bowlers will use their 2025-2026 Thursday Morning Trio League Average (21 or more games) for the first 9 games.
- 2) All new bowlers will use their high 2025-2026 Book Average.
- 3) If no average, a new bowler will establish an average by rolling 3 games and will use that average for the first 9 games.

HANDICAP

- Individual handicaps will be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's current average and 210.

LEGAL LINE-UP

- A legal line-up will consist of at least 1 team member present by the time the anchor bowler on the opposing team has completed the 1st frame. If only one member is present and unable to bowl, please do not ask for a postponement, if so the team will forfeit.

POINT SYSTEM

- This league will use the 7 point system; 2 points for each game won and 1 point for total pins.

SEASON

- This league shall bowl a split season with position rounds on 12/10/26 & 4/29/27 (weeks 17 & 34).

VACANCY & ABSENTEE SCORES

- If a team does not have 3 members, a vacancy score of 125 will be used for the average and score for each vacant bowler.
- If a bowler is absent, the absent bowler will receive a score of their current average less 5 pins.

TIE BREAKER

- If a tie should occur for the 1st place in either half, a 1 game roll-off with handicap will determine the winner.

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

- If a sub is used, lineage must be paid. The sub must be a USBC member.
- No sub will be allowed to bowl in position rounds unless the sub has bowled a minimum of 6 games in this league prior to position round.

PRE & POST BOWLS

- If games cannot be bowled on the assigned day, the Secretary and Opposing Team Captain must be notified at least 24 hours in advance. Games not rolled as assigned may be rolled no earlier than 14 days prior or no later than 14 days after the scheduled date.
- PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT VESTAVIA BOWL.

FORFEITS

- In the event of forfeiture, the opposing team will only record a win for the game if the team rolls within 15 pins of their current team average & 45 pins for total pins.

WITHDRAWALS

- In the event an individual quits before the end of the season, a paid 2 week notice is required.

PLAYOFF

- A playoff will be held on the 35th week between the winners of the 1st half and the winners of the 2nd half to determine the league champions. Points used to determine winner.

AWARDS & PRIZES

- The President shall appoint a Prize Committee of 3 and the prize list will be voted on no later than the 5th week of bowling.
- Prize List Committee: Jimmy Griffin AND Deb Pressley
- A bowler must have bowled 2/3rds of the season to be eligible for prize money, If a bowler comes in to complete a team, but does not have 2/3 games they can receive a portion of individual prize fund. Based on the number of weeks bowled.
- An individual may only win 1 award, except for High Average & Most Improved
- Team Awards will be paid according to games won. If a tie occurs between 2 or more teams, the money will be divided evenly.
- The same team cannot win both halves. If so, the 2nd place team will advance to the playoff.

ANY RULES NOT COVERED WILL REVERT BACK TO USBC RULES.