



CATHOLIC CLASSIC sponsored by STEAMTECH, A DRYTECH COMPANY

LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS: 2026-2027 SEASON

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League Meeting Guidelines: All league members may participate in discussions at league meetings. However, only members of the Board of Directors (team captains and league officers) may vote on league rules.

This league will bowl on Wednesday nights with practice beginning at 6:45pm for 15 minutes. The league will bowl for 32 weeks beginning on **8/26/26** and ending **4/21/27**. The Playoffs will be held on **4/28/27**. The league will not bowl on **11/25/26, 12/23/26, OR 12/30/26**.

- LEAGUE & AFFILIATION:** The Catholic Classic League shall be a sanctioned & invitational USBC league. USBC Cards are **\$29.00** per bowler. The team captain is responsible for making sure Each bowler pays for their card on the first night of bowling competition. If a bowler has already filled one out for another league he/she must still fill out an application for the Catholic Classic League. These applications should be turned into the league secretary before the completion of the 1st game. These rules will be enforced.
- NUMBER OF TEAMS & POINT SYSTEM:** The league shall consist of 28 Teams, with 4 bowlers per team.
Competition: The league will bowl under the 25 point match play system, with 1 point for each individual game/series including handicap, 2 points for each team game with handicap & 3 points for team total pins with handicap.
- SECRETARY/TREASURER ALLOWANCE:** The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive an allowance of \$0.50 per bowler per week. The Secretary/Treasurer shall not receive his/her allowance until the end of the season and submitted the final averages to the local association.

4. LEAGUE FEES:	<i>\$26.00 per person</i>	Lineage	\$14.50
		Prize Fund	\$11.00
		Secretary	\$.25
		Treasurer	\$ <u>.25</u>
		TOTAL	\$26.00

All Vacancy spots must have Prize Fund and Secretary Fee paid by the team members (\$11.50 per week) until that spot is filled with a regular member.

Payment envelopes must be turned into the Front Desk by the end of the first game each week. Bowlers can pay by cash, check or by card at the front desk.

Any bowler that has a returned check shall pay for that check plus any fees charged by the league's bank. A bowler will not be able to write a check if he/she has had more than 1 check returned during the season. The bowler will be on a cash only basis for the rest of the season. No bowler can win points if they are more than \$50 in arrears and a score of "0" will be given for all games for that bowler.

The last 2 weeks of bowling MUST be paid by week 11 (11/4/26).

SPONSOR FEE: Each team is required to pay a sponsor fee of \$100.00 per team (or \$25/bowler) by week 18 1/13/27.

Any shortages that may occur and are not paid by the end of the season shall be subtracted from the team's prize fund at the end of the bowling season.

- LEAGUE FUNDS:** The league funds shall be deposited weekly into the league account at Vestavia Bowl. Any team captain wishing to have a copy of the league's account balance should notify the President or Treasurer for a copy.

6. **ENTERING AVERAGE & TEAM AVERAGE:** The 1st 9 games of bowling, all bowlers will use their book average from the Catholic Classic 2025-2026 season (21+ games). All other bowlers will use their highest USBC 2025-2026 bowl.com average (21+ games). All new bowlers will establish an average the first 3 games of bowling.

A team's entering average cannot exceed 880 pins. (Team total of 4 bowlers average and based off entering average)

An average committee will be appointed by the League President for future recommendation based on team average cap and for rating individual bowlers. Average Committee: Donnie Estep, Gary Snow & Tony LaRussa

Individual Handicap will be calculated 90% of 230.

7. **LEGAL LINE UP, TEAM ROSTERS, TRANSFERRING & WITHDRAWALS**

Each team must include 1 Christian person. It is **asked, not required** that teams use a Catholic Church or Organization name such as: St. George or Knights of Columbus. (Please be respectful when determining a team name).

A legal lineup shall consist of any 2 members of a team's 7-person roster. Late bowlers shall be able to make up missed frames if the opposing team's last bowler has not completed his/her 3rd frame.

- A team roster cannot contain more than 7 bowlers. Any roster changes must be reported to the league secretary or president prior to the start of bowling the first game of the league's schedule in which the new bowler is to participate. Note: Once a team roster is full, the team captain must give the league secretary or president at least 1 week notice on removing or adding a bowler on his roster.
- A bowler cannot change teams without permission of the team's captains and the approval 2/3 of the Board of Directors. A bowler is limited to 1 transfer per season.
- Any bowler who quits a league shall pay his/her fees up to that date plus 2 additional weeks. The bowler must notify the team captain and the league officers in writing with the reason for quitting or withdrawing from the league.
- Pacers or floating subs will not be allowed in this league.

8. **SCORES, VACANT SCORES, INDIVIDUAL MATCH POINTS FOR ABSENT & VACANT BOWLERS:**

An absent bowler's score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins. A vacancy bowler is 170 per game with 54 for individual handicap.

- **A VACANT SCORE shall be used if a bowler is absent the 1st week of league.**
- An absent score will be used when a team has a legal line up, but not a full team present. Handicap will be based on the absent individual's average. The absent score is not to be used for more than 2 consecutive weeks unless a bowler has all fees paid in full.
- *An absent bowler shall be allowed to win individual match points if the absent bowler's scores are greater than those of the present bowler.*
- **If each opposing team has an absent or vacant bowler, they shall be placed opposing each other in the line ups. The team that wins the game shall win the point.**
- A team bowling a forfeit must bowl within 40 pins of the present team's scratch average to win team points and the individual bowlers must bowl within 10 points of their average to win individual points.
- Draw system: Teams bowling the vacant team will draw a team from the league to earn points. The scores bowled will be used as if bowling in direct competition with the drawn/scheduled team.

9. **POSTPONEMENTS:** Please make sure that if your team is unable to bowl, the team captain notifies the league secretary or president at the earliest opportunity (not Vestavia Bowl), prior to the date of competition. The absent team has 2 weeks to make up bowling & must be completed before the next position round. Contact the bowling center after you have notified an officer for all Pre/Post Bowl scheduling. Due to limited availability, the best time to pre/post bowl: Sundays at 12:30 pm.

If post bowling for a position round, must have games made up in 4 days.

In the event two members of the team requesting postponement are in the bowling center an automatic forfeit will occur.

10. **FORMAT:** The league will have 4 divisions: Division 1 (1-7), Division 2 (8-14), Division 3 (15-21) & Division 4 (22-28). The season will be split into 4 quarters. There will be a position round at the end of each quarter. The top team in each division each quarter will qualify for a spot in the playoff. If a team has already qualified, the playoff spot will go to the next highest team who has not yet qualified. A total of 16 teams will advance to the playoffs.

There will be a midseason position round on week 4, 12, 20, and 28 (No minimum number of games required).

BOWLERS MUST MEET THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES TO BOWL IN THE END OF QUARTER POSITION ROUND.

1 st Quarter ends week #8	10/14/26	Minimum 3 games to bowl position round
2 nd Quarter ends week #16	12/16/26	Minimum 6 games to bowl position round
3 rd Quarter ends week #24	2/24/27	Minimum 9 games to bowl position round
4 th Quarter ends week #32	4/21/27	Minimum 12 games to bowl position round

MIDSEASON AND END OF QUARTER POSITION ROUND LANE ASSIGNMENTS:

1st Quarter: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4

2nd Quarter: Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 1

3rd Quarter: Division 3, Division 4, Division 1, Division 2

4th Quarter: Division 4, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3

with 7th place teams bowling on lanes 7 & 8, and 33 & 34.

11. PLAYOFF: The 33rd week of league competition (**4/28/27**) will be a playoff with team qualifiers competing. Minimum of 15 games to bowl in the playoff.

Lane Assignments for the 16 teams that advanced to the playoffs will be based off a 16 team USBC schedule and will be predetermined at random by Vestavia Bowl.

Bowlers will use their average at the end of the quarter in which they qualified or their Year End average; whichever is higher. Each team will bowl 4 games. Final standings will be determined by total pins with handicap. If there is a tie, prize money will be divided evenly amongst those teams, with the exception of a tie for 1st place. If there is a tie for 1st place a one game roll off including handicap will decide who the league champion is.

12. PRIZE LIST & COMMITTEE: A prize fund committee shall be appointed by the league president, which will consist of the Vice President, Secretary and 3 other members. The prize committee shall have a prize list brought before the league within 5 weeks of the opening of the new season.

- A bowler must bowl 2/3 of the regular season (22 weeks, 64 games) to be eligible for the individual awards.
 - A bowler can receive 1 individual award in either scratch or handicap.
 - A team can receive 1 team award in either scratch or handicap.
 - Handicap will be awarded before scratch if a team or individual is high in more than 1 category with high game coming before high series.
 - A bowler may receive an award for high average, which will not exclude him/her from receiving other individual awards.
 - The most improved bowler will be figured after a 21 game average has been established in the league, and the bowler has bowled 2/3 of the regular season and will not exclude him from the other individual awards.
 - The top 5 match point winners will receive individual match point money at the end of the season, and this will not exclude him/her from other individual awards.
- Prize committee will consist of the Vice President, Secretary, Kurt Dinga, Jim Wehby, Josh Galloway.

12. BOWLING PIT: Cell phones must be on silent mode when in the pit area. Please ask guests to be courteous of league members in the bowler's area.

13. RULES NOT COVERED: Any rules not covered by the league shall be governed by the USBC rules.

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STEAMTECH WILL BE ADDING \$1,500.00 TO THE PRIZE FUND!

