

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

RULES & REGULATIONS: 2026-2027 SEASON

PRESIDENT	Don Estep	205-913-3862
VICE PRESIDENT	Jim Wehby	205-410-4240
SECRETARY/TREASURER	Betty Bruno	205-425-6646

This league shall consist of 17 teams with a total of 4 bowlers on each team of any mix. The league shall bowl on Tuesday Nights with practice beginning at 6:15 pm 15 minutes of practice and league play beginning at 6:30 pm. The 1st night of bowling will be 9/1/26 and will bowl for 34 weeks ending on 5/4/27. Playoff and No Tap will be on 5/11/27. This league will not bowl on 12/22/26 or 12/29/26.

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

BOWLING FEES

Lineage	\$14.50
Prize Fund	\$ 7.90
Secretary Fee	\$ 0.60
TOTAL	\$23.00

League fees must be paid whether a bowler is present or not. Anyone not paying fees shall be turned into the association. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to see that each member of the team has paid and that the money is turned into the league secretary by the end of the 1st game. The last 2 weeks must be paid in full by the 10th week of bowling. (11/3/26). On the first night of bowling your USBC card MUST be paid for, which is \$29 per person. Teams are required to pay for any vacant bowler on their team. *A vacant bowler is \$8.50/week.*

SPONSOR FEE

\$80.00 per team (\$20.00 per person) is to be paid in full by the 5th week of bowling (9/29/26).

AVERAGES

The 1st 9 games of bowling, all bowlers will use 2025-2026 average from this league last season (21+ games.) All other bowlers shall use their highest GBUSBC 2025-2026 (21+ games) book average. All new bowlers will establish an average the first 3 games of bowling.

HANDICAP

Individual Handicap – based on 90% of 220

POINT SYSTEM

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

LEGAL LINEUP

A team must have at least 2 members of a team's 7 person roster present by the end of the 1st frame to constitute a legal line up. The end of the 1st frame is defined as: the bowlers of the team present completing the frame. Late bowlers shall be able to make up missed frames if the opposing team's last bowler has not completed his/her 3rd frame. If the team has 3 or less regular members, 1 bowler will constitute a legal line up and team will not be allowed to have roster members

VACANCY & ABSENTEE SCORES

The vacant score for both men and women shall be 150. Absent bowlers shall use their current average less 10 pins. An absentee score may be used for unlimited weeks provided the bowler is not delinquent in fees. A vacant score shall be used week 1 if a bowler is absent.

ROSTER

Each team will have 4 regular bowlers and 3 additional roster members. Rosters will be limited to 7 players per team. Any changes will be reported to the secretary or league officers prior to league bowling. Otherwise, a bowler may be added at any time other than the last 2 weeks of each quarter. Only those bowlers on the roster will be allowed to bowl the night of a position round. See "Position Round" rule for required number of games to bowl in each position round. Only 4 bowlers/team (whichever bowler has the most games) will be eligible for the No Tap Tournament. 15 games will be the minimum.

FORFEITS & BYE TEAM

In a forfeit situation, the team present is required to bowl their average less 40 pins to receive credit for game points and their average series less 120 pins to get credit for total pins. If the league should have an odd number of teams, the team bowling the vacant must bowl their average less 40 pins to receive credit for game points and their average series less 120 pins to get credit for total points.

POSTPONMENTS

Please make sure that if your team is unable to bowl, please contact a League Officer as well as the opposing Team Captain and schedule a time with Vestavia Bowl to bowl the games. Pre & Post bowls are not allowed on Friday & Saturday Nights. Make ups must be completed within 2 weeks of the missed date. All make ups must be completed prior to the next position round. If unable, a team can pre bowl for a position round. Teams are unable to pre/post bowl for the playoff.

WITHDRAWALS

If a team withdraws, money due to that team, provided they are not replaced by a new team, will be equally divided among the remaining teams. A team replacement shall accept the standings of the withdrawn team, i.e., games won, games lost, and financial standings. Individuals must have 2 weeks' written notice prior to quitting.

TIEBREAKER

In case of a tie after a position round a 1 game roll off must be bowled. The winner is based on total pin count with handicap. Teams can choose to bowl together or separate. Teams will have 2 weeks from the date determined there was a tie to bowl the 1 game. Their current average will be used when calculating scores. If tie occurs the 4th quarter (week 34) the game MUST be bowled prior to the playoff (week 35).

POSITION ROUNDS

The league season will be split into 4 quarters. There will be a position round at the end of each quarter. The top 2 teams in 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. 8 total teams will qualify for the playoff.

Bowlers must meet a minimum number of games to bowl in position round.

1 st Quarter ends week #8	10/20/26	Minimum 3 games to bowl position round
2 nd Quarter ends week #16	12/15/26	Minimum 6 games to bowl position round
3 rd Quarter ends week #25	3/2/27	Minimum 9 games to bowl position round
4 th Quarter ends week #34	5/4/27	Minimum 12 games to bowl position round

PLAYOFF

The 35th week of league competition (**5/11/27**) will be a playoff. Minimum of 15 games to bowl in the playoff. The 8 teams qualifying for the final playoff will bowl 3 games. Your lane assignments will be based off an 8 team USBC schedule and will be assigned at random. Bowlers will use their average at the end of the quarter in which they qualified or their Year End average; whichever is higher. Final standings will be determined by total pins with handicap. If there is a tie in the playoff, prize money will be divided evenly amongst those teams.

PRIZES

A bowler must bowl 2/3 of the games for the season to be eligible for individual prizes or money and must be a regular team member. No bowler shall be eligible for more than 1 individual prize, team included. The individual prizes will be based on the bowler's average after 21 games. There will be scratch & handicap awards (1st, 2nd & 3rd places only.) High average and most improved prizes will be separate from the individual awards.

Prize Committee: CeTasha Nathan and Teresa Estep

****Please have the proposed Prize List turned into the secretary by the 5th week of bowling so it can be distributed. (9/29/26) ****

MISCELLANEOUS

Cell Phones can be left in the pit area provided it does not cause a distraction to other bowlers. Please keep ringer at a lower volume or on vibrate.

PLEASE HELP THE SECRETARY

Please turn in envelopes to Betty by the end of the first game.