

**THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE**  
**BY-LAWS FOR 2024 – 2025 SEASON**

1. This league shall be known as the Thursday Night Mixed League. The league shall consist of 16 teams with a playing strength of four members on each team. One member must be of the opposite sex.
2. The 2024 – 2025 season will be 36 weeks starting 5 September 2024 and ending on 22 May 2025. The league will not bowl on 28 November or 26 December 2024 due to holiday observances. In the event of inclement weather, any missed weeks will be made up by adding a week on to the end of the season. There will be 4 position rounds scheduled on weeks 9, 18, 27, and 36. Each position round, start lanes will rotate by 1 pair. Only bowlers who have an established average on this league (minimum of 3 games in the current season) may bowl in position rounds.
3. The league will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling congress (USBC). All members must be sanctioned and hold a USBC membership card to bowl in the league. Team captains will be responsible for ensuring all their team members have a current card. Any player not in possession of a card must pay their USBC dues the first night they bowl. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the games in which the unsanctioned bowler participates.
4. Bowling fees will be \$16.00 each week: Lineage \$9.75; Prize Fund \$5.75; Secretary \$.50. The last two weeks of bowling must be paid by 8 May 2025.
5. Team captains will be responsible for the collection of the fees and remit to the league secretary no later than the start of the second game each bowling night. Any bowler who is two weeks in arrears will not be allowed to bowl until all fees owed have been paid.
6. The Executive Board shall consist of the team captains and the league officers. A representative appointed by a team captain may vote in his/her place if he/she is unable to attend the meeting. Sixty percent (60%) of the members of the Executive board shall constitute a quorum for transacting business required by the Board.
7. Individual handicap will be 90% of 230 for both men and women. There will be no minimum or maximum handicap. Each member's 2023 – 2024 Thursday Mixed League average will be used to determine their handicap for the first three games bowled in this league, regardless of when they occur. After the first three games their handicap will be determined using their current average in this league. New bowlers will use their highest 2023 – 2024 GWFUSBC book average to establish their handicap. New bowlers who didn't bowl in the GWFUSBC last year will establish their handicap after bowling three games in this league.
8. Blind scores will be the absent member's average minus 10 pins, plus handicap. (The average of the absent member with the most games will be used to determine the blind score. In the event two or more absentees have the same number of games, the highest absentee's average will be used). Vacancy score will be 140 plus handicap for both men and women.
9. Eight (8) point scoring system will be used: Two points per game and two points for total pins.
10. A legal lineup will consist of at least two eligible team members. Tardy players will be able to start bowling as long as the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame has not been completed.

11. Each member must bowl a minimum of two-thirds (72 games) of the league season as a regular member to be eligible for individual and special prizes. If a regular member completes 2/3rds of the league, and isn't a member of the league at season's end for reasons beyond their control, the league shall decide eligibility for any prizes for which they qualified. A player who withdraws from a team during the season without a valid reason forfeits the right to all prizes. When a prize fund is short or lineage is due because a member owes fees or left the league owing fees, the deficit will be resolved from that portion of the prize fund of the team involved.
12. All awards will be based strictly on handicap. A maximum of one individual prize will be awarded to any one bowler. Team prizes will be limited to one individual team prize per team.
13. In case of a tie for first place, there shall be a one game roll-off that evening to determine the league winner. The roll-off game will be bowled on the next set of lanes. All other ties will be broken using total pins+hdcp.
14. Most improved average will be determined by comparing his/her starting 21 game average with final average.
15. A postponement may be granted for bona fide emergencies, or if the League Officers determine that sufficient reason warrants postponement. League Officers and the opposing team captain must be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled bowling time. When a postponement is granted, it should be bowled before the next scheduled league night. The secretary will coordinate an agreeable make-up date and reserve the lanes. A league officer doesn't have to be present during make-up bowling. However, one of the team captains must be delegated to collect the score sheets and fees and return them to the secretary.
16. The league officers will be responsible for rescheduling of games not bowled due to emergencies, alerts or military commitments, or inclement weather. A team may bowl unopposed with approval of the opposing team.
17. A team bowling against a forfeit or a "BYE" must bowl within 40 pins of their team average to win each game and within 120 pins of their team average to win total pins. (Example: Team average 710 must bowl 670 to win a game and 2010 to win total)
18. Each team may carry up to eight bowlers on their roster. Roaming substitutes will not be allowed in this league. No changes to rosters will be allowed after week 32 (24 April 2025).
19. Children under the age of 18 will be supervised while in the bowlers seating area during league play. They should remain at the table with their parent/guardian, or the seating area behind the bowlers seating area.
20. All situations not governed by these by-laws will be governed by USBC rules.

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