American Legion

Friday Nite Mixed League

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Rules for 2011-2012 Bowling Season

Please Note: As the Secretary I am bound by these rules and cannot make, adapt or change any rules unless the Board of Directors (Captains of the Teams), direct that or those changes.

1. The league consists of 4 bowlers on a team with teams consisting of at least one member of the opposite sex on the team.

2. League bowling will commence on September 9, 2011 and end on April 20, 2012 at Kent Lanes, in Kent, Ohio. League play will begin at 7:00 pm SHARP! There will be no practice after 7:00 pm.

3. The league will consist of a split season with the position nights on the 16th and 32th week to determine first/second half champs. The 33st week (May 4, 2012) will be a singles tournament and a roll-off if one is needed for season championship between first and second half champs. Our season this year will be 32 weeks.

4. Men and Women will be sanctioned with USBC. Men $15.00 Women $17.00

5. Weekly Bowling Fees* are $14.00 per night. Breakdown as follows:

*	**$ 9.00**	**Lane Fees**
	$ 4.00	**Prize Fund**
	$ 1.00	**Flower Fund**
	$ 14.00	**Total per person each week**

6. No person will be behind in lane fees more than two weeks. ***Payment of at least two weeks must be made on the third night of bowling or the bowler must take a forfeit score until the fees are paid.*** Hardships will be taken into consideration by the Officers and Board of Directors Please feel free to talk with them. Will be STRICTLY enforced.

7. Any unpaid fees will be deducted from individual prize money.

8. If quitting, an individual will be responsible for two weeks of fees unless a replacement can be found immediately for the next week. This is an agreement in which you have committed yourself. If an individual does not meet this obligation, a letter will be sent to USBC to report such arrearages.

President – *RobinJohnson* **Vice Pres** – *Kody Ornouski*
Treasurer – *Barb Girtz 330-297-7792* **Secretary** – *Martin J. Fleming 330-607-7480*

Kent Lanes, Kent Ohio 44240

9. A fee of **$5.00** per bowler will be paid to the Secretary and **$4.00** per bowler will be paid to the Treasurer.

10. Bowlers will use last years final average established on this league for the first three weeks of bowling (9 Games). The fourth week of bowling we will use the new established averages. All new bowlers will use highest final average from average book for the first three weeks. Bowlers who do not have an established average will bowl for average on the first night of bowling.

11. The seven point system will be used. Two points per game won and one point for the total pins. Tied games receive one point each.

12. The handicap will be **90%** of the difference between the two team averages or 90% of Team Average subtracted from 700 and 100% of the pins above 700 when a team has an average over 700.

***Example*:**

Team "A" Series Average is 740

Team "B" Series Average is 680

Team B 700 - 680 = 20 20 x .9=18

Team A 740 - 700 = 40 40 x 1.0 (100%) = 40

Teams B handicap is then 18 + 40 = 58 pins

If both teams have an average below 700 then

Team A=650

Team B=640 the difference is 10 pins x .9 (90%) = 9

Team B gets 9 pins handicap

13. Legal line up consists of two regular bowlers. Less than two regular bowlers will mean a forfeit. Emergencies will be taken into consideration by the officers and team captains.

14. Late Bowlers must start before the last bowler (***of the opposing team***), finishes the end of the 5th frame for their scores to count.

15. A blind score will be ten pins off the bowlers average. Absent or Vacant Bowler (no bowler on the team) will be 140 for women and 160 for men.

16. Each team captain is responsible for completing and signing the score sheet every week. Once they are turned into the secretary they are considered correct. Any errors that are found by the secretary when entering them on the sheets can be corrected and returned to the team Captains the next scheduled night of bowling. Team captains are also responsible for collecting the bowling fees and are to check money envelopes for team members who may be past due the allowed two weeks. Captains are to help replace needed bowlers. Please ask officers for any assistance if needed.

17. Any protests must be presented in writing and submitted to the League Secretary and will be decided upon in a meeting of team Captains (Board of Directors), and League Officers in accordance with the USBC rules with all decisions being final.

18. To be eligible for cash and trophy prizes, each bowler must be credited with 60 actual games bowled as a regular bowler and all monies or fees owed must be current and up to date.

19. Subs bowl for free and are not eligible for cash prizes or awards. Subs will NOT be eligible to bowl on position night or in roll offs. NO NEW bowlers or NEW SUBS after January 1, 2011. Special circumstance will be considered and decided upon by League Officers and the Board of Directors.

20. A bowler is eligible for only one cash and trophy prize, being either high game or high game series.

21. Average classifications for league prizes and trophies are divided into three groups. High/Medium/Low for Men and Women. I.E. Division I, Division II and Division III.

22. Banquet Guests: Guests must be registered when the list is passed. Cancellations of less than one month before the banquet will make you responsible for the cost.

23. Bowling Blind: To be credited with wins, the team must bowl no more than 40 pins under the team average. Any game bowled more than 40 pins under the team average will be considered a loss. Ties are considered a win.

24. Individuals are allowed to bowl out. You CANNOT pre-bowl individually without notifying and permission from the secretary. As a courtesy, please notify the team you are scheduled to bowl and ask them if they would also like to pre-bowl. Please contact league Secretary in advance if you wish to pre bowl. Check with Kent Lanes for available times. Do not show up unannounced. Kris Brodzinski was permitted by league to bowl out on Thursday nite for Friday due to school involvement for the first several weeks. ***Single bowler bowling is only permitted the first week of bowling. All other weeks of bowling will comply with the above rule. (Please Note: A Bowler on a team,, Pre Bowling or Post Bowling IS NOT eligible for Honorary Awards, when the games are bowled unopposed (i.e. Honorary award as in a 300, 299, 298 game, 700, 800 900 series, and others as noted by USBC), If you Pre Bowl or Post Bowl with the team that you were scheduled to bowl on the regular assigned night, then the scores ARE eligible for the Honorary Scores Award).***

25. ***No Team can pre-bowl more than 3 (three), times per season (31 weeks is the season!), when there are only 2 people pre-bowling.***

26. All rules not covered by the American Legion rules, will be covered by the USBC rules**.** ***Please Note***: ***Bowlers will receive one warning for the use of obscene or abusive language. Automatic dismissal from league for the second occurance.***

27. All teams will get 4 tickets per assigned team bowler for the Flower Fund each week.

28. Debra Kato and Audrey Brodzinski will arrange the banquet.

29. Post Bowling must be approved any League Officers provided the secretary of the league is notified before the scheduled night of bowling no later than Thursday of the scheduled week. Post bowling is allowed due to family hardship or medical emergency. Post bowling is **NOT** allowed for any other reason. The Secretary must be notified before you pre/post bowl. Post bowling must be bowled before the next scheduled session with no exceptions to this rule. Games will be considered forfeit if this condition is not met.

All certification fees should be received by the Secretary no later than the 2nd week of bowling! NO EXCEPTIONS!