

# Thursday Night Ball League Bylaws

*Please note: The bylaws/rules cover only rules which are necessary for the Bowling League Secretary software. Many areas, such as tardy players and team franchises, are not covered here and should be appended to these league rules.*

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Pres.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Rules

### About our League:

The league shall be called Thursday Night Ball League and will be referred to as "League" through the rest of this document.

The number of teams that will be bowling is 10, the number of people who bowl on each team is 2, and the teams will be bowling 3 games each week/session.

The teams will bowl against one opponent each week even when there are an even number of games.

### When we Bowl

The League will bowl on Thursday at 6:50 pm beginning May 4, 2017. It is a Summer Season and will bowl for 15 weeks/sessions. The final week of competition will be week number 15.

The League starting lane is 3.

The teams will not shift lanes if the league schedule repeats.

### Type of League and Features

Type of bowling is 9-pin / No-Tap style bowling

This is a parent/child league consisting of Men, Women, Boys and Girls..

The League is: Handicapped.

This league will not be sanctioned.

### Where we Bowl

The league bowls at Choptank Bowling Center.

## Split Season

### Split Season Schedule

The league schedule is divided into 2 parts. The segments begin with weeks 1 and 16. At the start of each split, the following will be restarted: Team-Pinfall.

### Team Standings Determination

Team standings are determined by: Current Split

## Legal Lineup

This league shall consist of 10 teams with a playing strength of 2 bowlers per team. The minimum legal lineup shall consist of 0 eligible players of which 0 must be from the team's current roster.

When advancing to the next week, the team rosters will display Bowlers in a 'Fixed' roster as set on the team roster screen.

Injured bowler scores (type "I" scores) shall count towards a legal lineup.

## Individual Average and Handicap

### Book and Entering Averages

A bowler's Entering Average (Book if no Entering Average) shall be used for the first 3 games bowled.

For bowlers without an average, the first night's average shall be used for the first 3 games bowled.

## Individual Handicaps

### Basic Individual Handicap Rules

The handicap is the same for all genders. The handicap is 80% of the difference between the bowler's average and 240.

The handicap shall not be limited.

A DUMMY score (absentee score with no handicap) shall be 150.

A VACANCY score shall be 120.

An ABSENTEE score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins.

## Team Handicaps

### Basic Team Handicaps Rules

The team handicap shall be the sum of the bowlers' individual handicaps.  
The team handicap shall not be limited.

## Absent Players

### Absentee Score Rules

An absentee score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins for all bowlers.

Absent players may not earn points. Points they would have won are awarded only to the absent player's team.

When an absentee or vacancy is bowling against another absentee or vacancy, the points are awarded to the team winning the game.

The team scheduled to bowl on the ODD (left hand) lane shall enter its lineup first.

## Vacant Players

### Vacancy Score Rules

The vacancy score shall be 120 for all genders.

The League uses a Dummy score (a score with no handicap) of 150 for all genders.

## Forfeits

### Opposing a Forfeiting Team

When bowling against a FORFEIT, the team must bowl within 20 pins of the team average to win the points. The team average is the sum of the averages of the bowlers who bowled. In the case of a "tie", the team wins the points (points are not split).

## Bye Teams

### Team

When bowling against a BYE, the team must bowl within 20 pins of the team average to win the points. The team average is the sum of the averages of the bowlers who bowled. In the case of a "tie", the team wins the points (points are not split).

The BYE team name shall be BYE.

## Team Points

### Point System

The League will use the standard team point system.

1 point is awarded to the winner of each team game.

1 point is awarded for the winner of the team series (total pinfall with handicap).

### Team Standings

Team standings are determined by the percentage of wins to losses for each team.

Total pinfall WITH HDCP then Actual Games Won (not points) is the priority in how to break Team Standings ties when teams are tied in Points Won.

## Point Summary

### Summary of Points

The following standard points will be awarded:

4 Total Standard Team Points per Night  
General rules option indicates league is not a match point, performance point or UBL league

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4 Total possible points for a team to win each time bowled

### Standard Team Points

The following standard team points will be awarded:

0 Total SCRATCH game points (0 points per game x 3 games per night)  
3 Total HDCP game points (1 points per game x 3 games per night)  
0 Points for winning SCRATCH series  
1 Points for winning HDCP series  
0 Total possible bonus points

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4 Total possible points per team per week

## Special Recognition

### Team Awards

This league will award team prizes for the high scratch and handicap scores for the season.

When a team has a zero handicap, the scratch scores *shall* be included with the handicap scores for determining handicap prizes. *(Because technically it is a ZERO handicap, rather than NO handicap.)*

Team handicap scores will be counted towards league prizes beginning with scores bowled in week 1.

If a Team qualifies for more than one Season game and/or series prize, the Team may receive ALL prizes.

If a Team qualifies for more than one Weekly game and/or series prize, the Team may receive ALL prizes.

*In the event of a tie:* The teams involved in the tie shall share equally in the prizes for the places involved in the tie.

Example: If a tie for first and second, the 2 teams will occupy first and second place and the next eligible team will be in third place. The cash prizes for first and second will be combined together and divided equally between the two teams.

#### Individual Awards

This league will award individual prizes for the high scratch and handicap scores for the season.

Individual handicap scores will be counted towards league prizes starting with each bowler's game # 1.

When a bowler has a zero handicap, the scratch scores *shall* be included with the handicap scores for determining handicap prizes. *(Because technically it is a ZERO handicap, rather than NO handicap.)*

If a Bowler qualifies for more than one Season game and/or series prize, the Bowler may receive ALL prizes.

If a Bowler qualifies for more than one Weekly game and/or series prize, the Bowler may receive ALL prizes.

*In the event of a tie:* The players involved in the tie shall share equally in the prizes for the places involved in the tie.

Example: If a tie for first and second, the 2 players will occupy first and second place and the next eligible player will be in third place. The cash prizes for first and second will be combined together and divided equally between the two players.

Temporary substitute bowlers are not eligible to receive league prizes.

Permanent substitute bowlers are not eligible to receive league prizes.

#### *Most Improved Average:*

The Most-Improved-Average is determined by comparing the bowler's average at 3 games and the average at the end of the season.

At the end of the season, a bowler must have completed 30 of the games to be eligible for a league award.

Pre-bowled and Make-Up games *shall* qualify for league awards.  
Pre-bowled and Make-Up games *do not* qualify for association awards.

## Special Options

### Additional Options

Brackets/Pro AM (Pro and A/S Features)

League will participate in brackets. Handicaps will not be allowed in brackets.

### League Template

If the league rules were based on a template, it will be named here. The template may be renamed to save the league rules as a template to simplify creating similar leagues.

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### Special Award Groups

The following Special awards groups are tracked in this league:

- TNBA Awards
- USBC MV WBA Awards
- State Assoc. Awards
- Bowling Center Awards
- Other Awards

## More Information

### Additional Payment Information

- Substitute Bowlers will not pay Regular Fees:
- Weekly Payments will be recorded: As Individuals on a Team

## Officer Contacts

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