

# **FRIDAY FIREBALLERS LEAGUE**

## **SLOCUM'S BOWLING CENTER**

**2015 – 2016**

### **LEAGUE PLAYING RULES**

*The following set of rules were adopted at the annual meeting held on Aug 24, 2015*

**FRIDAY FIREBALLERS LEAGUE** is a USBC sanctioned league only and will be governed by the standard USBC rules, unless otherwise stipulated by our own rules & by-laws as listed below.

The league will be comprised of:

12 Teams – Each team will be allowed to carry a five (5) person roster – 3 regular bowlers & up to 2 substitute bowlers. Females are allowed to be members of the league, but must have a USBC sanction card No team is required to carry a female bowler on its roster. League awards will be divided by gender. Females are eligible for awards the same as the male membership.

The league season will consist of 34 weeks of regular bowling, with position rounds falling the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> week of each QUARTER. The season will be divided into Quarters with Roll offs to determine league champions (please refer to section on roll offs for specific rules.)

The league will have 5 elected officers & 12 Team captains, this will constitute the League Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will manage & govern the league. Each board member is entitled to one vote giving a total of 15 possible votes.

The league play will be based on Individual handicap, 90% of the difference of bowler's average & 250.

**BOWLING FEES:** \$25.00 per week per bowler. Total FEES \$900.00 PER BOWLER.

Bowlers must have all monies paid by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the season. Bowlers fees cannot be more than 2 weeks in arrears, a bowler who is not within the 2 week guideline must bring their account within the guideline before being able to bowl. No team will be allowed to bowl if the teams fees are more than \$200.00 past due. Any bowler who is in arrears with league fees and wins any league money, (i.e. Pots, 50/50, strike pots etc.) will bring their account current before receiving any winnings. The team captain is responsible for collecting the teams bowling fees and submitting them to the league treasurer before the start of the second game. Any person leaving the league must give a two week notice in writing to a league official, if there is no replacement for that bowler, he or she is responsible for the two weeks bowling dues. USBC Sanction Cards will be \$18.00 for the 2015 – 2016 season, Associate Members will be \$8.00 Life members \$8.00. All bowlers, including substitutes must fill out an USBC Sanction Card, all substitutes must show his/her USBC Card to the league secretary prior to the start of bowling. Any bowler under the age of 18 must have a parental consent for signed and returned to the league secretary before being allowed to bowl.

### **TEAMS 7 TEAM ROSTERS**

Each team is required to submit a current team roster which includes 3 regular members and up to 2 substitute members.

When less than 3 members are present please refer to the following:

- a) A team which does not have a full line-up may not add a new member to its roster once play has begun for the night.
- b) A team may not add a new bowler to the line-up on the last position night of a quarter, EXCEPT IF A bowler who is listed on the past years league average sheet is eligible to join a team on any position night, provided play has not yet begun. A new bowler is allowed to participate in an open spot on position night solely for the purpose of establishing an average.
- c) From the first night of bowling, a team which does not have a full compliment of bowlers will be afforded a VACANT SCORE of 230, NO HANDICAP, until such time they attain a full roster.
- d) Once a bowler is removed from the team's five man roster that bowler may not return to that team for the remainder of the year.
- e) A bowler may only change teams once during the season, this change must be approved by the majority of the league.
- f) THE LEAGUE IS ALLOWING THE USE OF FLOATING SUBS. FLOATING SUBS DEFINED: A FLOATING SUB IS ANYONE NOT ON A TEAM'S FIVE MAN ROSTER. THIS SUB CAN VOWL FOR ANY TEAM ON ANY NIGHT, PROVINDING ALL OTHER LEAGUE RULES ARE FOLLOWED.
- g) If a team does not show up to bowl or does not have at least ONE (1) member present that team will forfeit all games in which they have no legal line-up, however, the team which they are scheduled to bowl must still bowl and compete against the present members and blinds of the vacant team as if there was a legal line-up. Each captain is the designated franchisee of his team, and is responsible to report to the league by the end of the season whether he will retain
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- i) his teams spot for the following year. If the captain does not want to retain the franchise, it will be offered to other members of his team. If refused, the franchise will be awarded to any individual on a league waiting list at that time.
  - 1) Members who refuse franchise rights, but who wish to bowl, will then be accepted on an individual basis as or if positions become available.
  - 2) No captain may offer his franchise to someone other than a teammate, without the express consent of the league board of directors.
  - 3) **NEW RULE: SCORE KEEPING: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM CAPTAIN, TEAM WHICH IS ON THE ODD NUMBERED LANE, TO KEEP THE OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET. ANY TEAM WHICH HAS A VACANCY MUST PUT THEIR LINE UP I FIRST, NO MATTER WHICH LANE THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO.**

### **ENTERING AVERAGES**

Previous league season averages will be used for the bowlers three nights of competition. If no previous league average is available, new bowlers will use highest house average then highest book average, league first form previous season, if no book average, new bowler will establish an average, his or her first night of competition, based on 3 games. After nine games all bowlers will then use current averages.

### **NIGHTLY COMPETITION**

Individual handicap will be used, the handicap will be 90% of the difference of the bowler's average & 230. Nightly competition will be based on a 27 point scoring system, described as follows:

- a) Each bowler will use his or her individual handicap to compete for a point against the individual directly opposite him/her in the lineup, the team total pins including handicap will count as FOUR

points, equaling 7 points a game, individual head to head bowler total pins with handicap will count for 1 point. Highest total wood for the 3 games, including handicap will be awarded 3 points, giving a total of 27 points for the night.

- b) The team scheduled to bowl on left lane must enter it's lineup first, a team may change it's lineup between games but the opposing team may then also change it's lineup.
- c) Blind score for an absent bowler is 10 pins under their current average with handicap added to team total.

The League will start practice at 7:20 P.M. League play will start at 7:30 p.m. Late arrivals must be present before the opposing team bowlers complete their firth frame, **NO EXCEPTIONS ARE TO BE MADE**. From the time bowlers turn comes up it is expected that they bowl within thirty (30) seconds of their turn. Bowlers who disregard their turn will be given one warning after which penalized 9 and miss for the frame. After throwing the first ball a bowler is expected to stand off the approach while waiting for their all to return.

A Two lane courtesy will be given.

It is the captain's responsibility to assign a scorekeeper or to keep scores themselves to assure accuracy and integrity. Keep score sheets neat and legible make sure all scores are recorded on weekly recap sheets. Each bowler is responsible for keeping track of their own scores and pointing out any discrepancies as they may occur.

All checking of scores in a close game is to be done by one member of each team at the end of the game. It is the captain's responsibility to make sure that all scores are correct and recorded properly on the recap sheet, once turned in all scores are official and final. If the league secretary finds an error in addition he is to correct it and notify the teams involved prior to the start of the next weeks bowling.

It is the captain's responsibility to turn all score sheets into the league secretary at the end of play.

At no time are children of any age allowed to be in bowling area. This area is constituted as anything forward of the railing. This rule is in place to insure both the comfort and enjoyment of the bowlers as much as the safety of the children.

Cheating in any way shape or form will be dealt with by expulsion from the league, with no firs time warning.

**ROLL-OFFS EFFECTVE THIS YEAR 2015-2016** THERE WILL BE ONE WINNER FOR EACHQUARTER. Effective this season 2015-2016 both semi finals & finals **WILL BOWL A 1 GAME MATCH TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Roll-offs scheduled – semi roll-offs/championship roll-off/ FOLLOWING FRIDAY AFTER HE 34<sup>TH</sup> WEEK.

The League will pay for roll-offs, all league rules will apply during roll-offs.

If there are FOUR separate winners of the QUARTERS. Each game will be scored by normal game point system. If there is a tie total pins will be tie breaker.

If one team wins two quarters they will be considered one half champions and will receive a bye while the other two TEAMS have a roll-off, one GAME MATCH, as described above.

In the event that a team wins four Quarters they will be considered League Champions, there will be no roll offs.

ANY TIES IN DETERMINING A ROLLOFF SPOT THE ONE GAME ROLL OFF RULE WILL APPLY.

Legal bowler for roll offs- in order to bowl in the roll offs a bowler must have a minimum of 15 games logged in the current season for that particular team.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Officers for the next bowling season will be elected in the last two weeks of the current season. All members present that Are returning for the following seasn are permitted to vote.

## **CANCELLATIONS/ AND POSTPONEMENTS**

Upon cancellation of a regular night of owling due to inclement weather or other circumstances, the league executive board must decide on a date of make up on the week following the initial cancellation. League officers will contact team captains as soon as possible in the event of cancellation. It is the team captains' responsibility to inform their team of the cancellation.

## **PRIZE FUND**

The league vice president will submit for consideration to the regular members of our league, two estimated prize funds by the fifth week of the first quarter. All league members will be asked to vote & select the one of their choice. Please remember these will be estimated prize funds

## **PRE-BOWLING WILL BE ALLOWED ON A INDIVIDUAL BASIS**

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**President:**

**Secretary: DOM CONSTANTINI**

**Sgt at Arms:**

**Vice President:**

**Treasurer: DOM CONSTANTINI**

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