

Tuesday Night Doubles  
League Rules  
2015 - 2016

1. This league is a mixed league sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). This league will abide by the USBC rules.
2. This league will be handicapped in nature with a four (4) game format. All (4) games will be regular bowling rounds, with except to position nights. Each team shall consist of two (2) members.
3. A legal lineup shall consist of one (1) regular team member. If no member shows, then that team will forfeit all points for the night.
4. The league will run for thirty-six (36) weeks. Beginning on the first Tuesday in September after Labor Day. The league will be divided into thirds (3rds), Position rounds shall consist of 1 round in week 6 of each third for the first (2) games (weeks 6, 18 and 30) The end of each third will be a double position night (weeks 12, 24 and 36).
5. Practice will begin at 6:45 p.m., with league ply beginning at 7:00 p.m.
6. Bowlers coming in late will have until the fifth (5th) frame to make up the missed frames. Once the anchor bowler on the opposing team has completed the fifth (5th) frame, the late bowler must take a blind for the game. see rule 7 for a blind score.
7. The blind score will be ten (10) pins off the bowler that is not present. A vacancy scores will be 170 (This is for a team without a full roster).
8. Bowlers shall begin the season using last year's league average for the first week. If they do not have an average in this league they must use their average in the following priority::1)highest Slocum's average 2 – Highest book average; 3- establish an average that night, using the first four (4) games they bowl.
9. Opposing teams each having a blind, will pit the blinds against each other and the team, who wins the game, will receive the blind's point. In case of a tie, each team will receive one-half (1/2) point each.
10. Two lane courtesy will be observed at all times.
11. USBC dues must be paid by the second night of bowling. Dues for the 15 - 16 will be \$18.00 for Mercer Burlington \$17.00 for Trenton Suburban. Local Bowling fee is \$8.00 for outside association cross-over.
12. League fees will be \$25.00 per bowler, and \$50.00 per team per night. All monies must be paid up by the 32nd week of bowling. All money envelopes must be returned into the Treasurer by the end of the first game. Checks will be accepted only if made out to Slocum's. Any expenses incurred for any returned checks will be the individual's responsibility.
13. **NO TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL WILL OWE MORE THAN TWO (2) WEEKS IN BOWLING FEES. IF BY THE THIRD (3RD) WEEK THE BOWLER HAS NOT PAID, THE BOWLER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BOWL.** A blind score will be used and a substitute will not be allowed to bowl in that spot.
14. The Secretary/ Treasurer fee is \$250.00 and will be paid to Slocum's at the end of the season.

15. There will be a total of eighteen (18) points awarded for each night. There will be four (4) points awarded per game (One (1) point for each individual win and two (2) points for the game). One (1) point awarded for each two (2) game series. Each individual match will be 80% handicap based on the highest average from the previous year. (2014 – 2015 high average was 222) The team handicap will be the total of the two bowlers. Both teams will receive handicap.
16. If the league has an odd number of teams, the league shall create a "bye" team. The team bowling the "bye" will have the following scoring applied:
  - a. Each bowler must bowl within ten (10) pins of his/her current average (scratch).
  - b. The team must bowl within twenty (20) pins of the current team average (Scratch).
  - c. If the team has a blind, the team winning the game will win the point.
  - d. The "bye" team will be listed as unearned points.
17. All substitutes must be sanctioned. The league Secretary must be notified before match play of the substitution. All Subs must fill out a sanction card and return the completed card to the Secretary before the end of the night's match.
18. The league Champions will be determined by the following:
  - a. A team winning all thirds will be declared the Champions
  - b. Should two or more different teams win each third; the team with the highest overall point total for the year will be declared Champions. In case of a tie, the team with the highest pin fall will declared Champions.
19. Pre-bowling will occur only in case of an extreme emergency. Unopposed bowling will be allowed in case of an extreme emergency. The executive board must grant permission for unopposed bowling.
20. Post-bowling will occur only in the case of an extreme emergency. Unopposed bowling will be allowed in case of an extreme emergency. The executive board must grant permission for unopposed bowling.
21. Bowling out will be permitted in any one game. Once the bowler has bowled out he/she will not be able to return.
22. Disputes will be handled and voted upon by the executive board. The majority vote will prevail.
23. Any un-sportsman-like conduct will result in a bowler being dismissed from the league. Any complaints are to be brought to the sergeant-at-arms who in turn will present the problem to the executive board for action.
24. Any bowler dropping out of the league must give written of notice two (2) weeks prior to their exit date. The bowler must pay for the two weeks at the time of notice. Should the bowler fail to notify the league within the proper time period, the matter will be turned over to the local association for disciplinary action. the team will be responsible for the continuance of bowling fees to the league.
25. For a bowler to qualify for an individual award and prize, the bowler must have bowled two thirds (2/3) or ninety-six (96) games during the season. A bowler or team can receive only one league cash award, which will be the greatest amount of the award he/she qualifies for. He/she will receive all USBC awards that he/she is entitled to.
26. In case of postponements, all make-up matches should be made up by the next position round. In that event the make-up match cannot be made up by the next scheduled position round. The match must take place prior to the end of the quarter.

27. In case of inclement weather, the President will decide whether or not the league will bowl as scheduled. The President will notify Slocum's no later than 5:00 p.m. that evening. It will be each bowler's responsibility to call the lanes or check the Slocum's website [Slocumsbowling.com](http://Slocumsbowling.com) to find out if there will be league play that evening.
28. A choice of prize lists will be voted on and submitted by the fifth (5th) week of the season. . Each team will have one (1) vote, and the prize list that has the highest votes will win. The treasurer will appoint the prize list to the President.
29. The prize money and awards will be distributed on the last night of the bowling season.
30. Election of Officers: (subsequent seasons)
  - a. Nominations will be held three (3) weeks prior to the end of the season. The President will appoint a nomination committee.
  - b. Elections will be held on the thirty-fourth (34th) week of the season by the general membership.

League Officers - 2015 - 2016

President - Jane Jones

Vice-President -

Secretary/Treasurer – Slocum's