

COURIER ALL-STAR LEAGUE RULES
2009-10

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PURPOSE:

- To provide an incentive among tri-state bowlers for the improvement of their game.
- To control the conditions under which major tri-state bowlers may meet in league play, thereby establishing a "standard" for judging the quality of performance.
- To properly recognize and reward bowlers who achieve outstanding averages, single games and totals under such controlled conditions.
- To send top bowlers to top tournaments where possible and to encourage the participation by all outstanding bowlers in such events.
- To encourage competition and to foster the spirit of fair play and good will among the bowling fraternity.

RULE 1--ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

- Teams are subject to league approval and must be in good standing with USBC and city association.
- Any revision of above rule must be by Board of Directors.
- Lineup will consist of 3 bowlers.

RULE 2--ELIGIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

- League will be sanctioned as USBC. Men or Women may bowl provided they are sanctioned by USBC.
- Team members are subject to league approval and must be in good standing with USBC and city association.
- Any bowler may be eligible for individual prizes as long as he/she is a regular member of a team and bowls 2/3 of the schedule and has been registered with the league secretary. (This means you must bowl 2/3 of the games as a regular member of a team.)
- Any one bowler may place only once in each individual prize. Any one bowler may win all four high individual awards, trophies and money.
- Scores bowled as a sub shall not count toward individual awards. Bowlers must be a regular member at the end of the season.
- Team members who quit without a valid reason are ineligible for further competition in the league that season.
- Tardy bowler's must be ready to bowl before completion of the third frame (both anchor bowlers have bowled.)
- A team must have one regular bowlers to constitute a team in this league. This must be 1 of the 5 bowlers listed on the team's official roster which is maintained on pay envelope. The first three bowlers listed will be a team's primary bowlers.
- Any change of team roster must be filed in writing on the recap sheet one week in advance of regular bowling night. This must be verified & initialed by two team captains from this league, one captain may be from the team changing line-up.
- Bowlers who owe bowling fees at end of season are ineligible to bowl in this league until paid in full. Current ineligible player is Eric Smith.

RULE 3--TIME OF BOWLING

-The scheduled time of bowling shall be 9:00pm on Tuesday night in accordance with the schedule.

RULE 4--TEAMS AND SCHEDULE

-The league shall bowl 36 weeks. The first 34 weeks will consist of four segments. Segments will be 9-9-9-7 weeks. Weeks 35 and 36 will be roll-off/ position rounds. The winner of each rotation qualifies for the League Championship roll-off, plus the team with the most points for the season as a wild card team. Once a team has won a rotation, they may not qualify for playoffs again, but they may win the rotation prize money.

-The four playoff teams will be seeded by season point totals, with total pinfall used to break ties. On week 35, team 1 will bowl team 4, and team 2 will bowl team 3, with the rest of the league bowling a position round. On week 36, the league championship roll-off will occur with the rest of the league bowling a position round.

-The League Champion shall receive first place money. All other teams will be awarded money based on the total points for the entire season, plus prize money awarded according to prize list for three rotation winners.

-In case of a tie during any rotation, a one game roll-off will be held prior to the next regularly scheduled bowling night to determine the rotation champion.

-Lane assignments for 35 and 36 weeks > Team 1 will bowl its opponent on lanes 5-6. Teams 3 and 4 will roll-off on lane 3-4. Teams 5 & 6 on lanes 7-8. Teams 7 & 8 on lanes 1-2.

RULE 5--COST

-The cost of bowling shall be \$15.00 (\$ 45.00 per team.)

-The team entry fee shall be \$50.00 (payable by Jan. 1) which shall be added to the league treasury along with the weekly prize money for disbursement according prize list.

-Sanction fees will be paid by each team or bowler.

RULE 6--SCORING OF POINTS

-The league standings will be based on a seven point system.

Two points for team games and one for series won, based on scratch bowling.

RULE 7--TROPHIES

-The league will provide one trophy to the team champion sponsor.

RULE 8--Any rules formulated by the board of directors after the season begins must be accepted by the entire league.

RULE 9--TEAM CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITY

-Team captain holds the team spot in the league.

-Team captain will collect bowling money and give to league treasurer before the end of the first game.

-Fees for final two weeks of season are due no later than the first Thursday in February or bowler becomes ineligible until all fees paid in full.

-No bowler may be more than two weeks in arrears in his bowling fees. A bowler that is two weeks in arrears is an ineligible player and may not bowl again until paid in full.

-Team captain is responsible for collecting team entry fee by Jan. 1.

RULE 10--TEAM MEMBER DROPPING OUT OF LEAGUE

- Any team member that must drop out of league must fill out a drop out form with league secretary-treasurer.
- Team members that drop out of league are responsible for paying for bowling fees for two (2) weeks after notice is given to league secretary-treasurer.

RULE 11--USBC BOOK RULE NO. 111--POSTPONEMENTS

- In case of postponements, league secretary and Franklin Lanes must be notified 24 hours in advance.
- Make-up games should be made up as soon as possible, but must be made up before the end of any segment of season.
- If the two teams can't make arrangements to bowl against each other, they may bowl against scores.

RULE 12--All other USBC rules will govern league and tourneys.

RULE 13--FLOWER FUND

- This is used for immediate family (Mother, Father, Wife, and children). There is a maximum of \$ 50.00 each. This is to be collected when and if needed.

RULE 14--BOWLING UNOPPOSED

- Teams bowling unopposed must bowl within 25 pins per bowler of their average to win games. (75) pins if three bowlers present or within 225 pins for series). If a team bowls unopposed the first round, they must bowl within 75 pins of a 576 team average, or within 25 pins of 192 individual average (501 indiv. series) to win points.
- Absentee score shall be 10 pins off missing bowler's average, (bowler missing with most games).
- Vacancy score shall be 175.
- Absentee score can not exceed missing bowler's book average.

RULE 15--GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

- One lane courtesy only, will be observed while bowlers are on the approach. Only two bowling balls per person will be permitted on the ball return.

RULE 16--PRIZE FUND

- Prize winnings will not be distributed prior to awards night.

RULE 17--INDIVIDUAL PRE-BOWL

- Individual, team pre-bowling, or team make-ups are permitted. Team bowling at regular scheduled time of bowling may see pre-bowled scores.

RULE 18--SUBS

- No roving subs. Team captain may release one bowler from his sub list, one time during season. If same captain wishes to release another sub in same season, approval must be obtained from board of directors.