

Kings & Queens BOWLING

2015-2016 Rules

Rule 1 – Schedule

The Kings & Queens Bowling League shall consist of 8 teams with the playing strength of four members per team. The league will bowl on Thursday nights for 31 weeks beginning on September 10, 2015, and ending on April 28, 2016. The league will not bowl on November 26, December 24, or December 31, 2015. Practice will start at 7:30 p.m. with competition beginning at 7:40 p.m. The league will bowl three thirds, with 10 weeks in each third. The 10th week of each third will be a position round. The 31st week of the season will be the league roll-off night. Points won will reset at the beginning of each third, and total points for the season will be used to determine a wildcard team and overall team positions for the league roll-off night. The tentative banquet date will be Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Rule 2 – Management

The management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the League Officers and the Team Captains. League Officers will be voted in at the end of each bowling season for the upcoming season. The Board of Directors shall adopt the league rules on the first night of bowling. A majority of those present shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 3 – Sanctioning

The Kings & Queens Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).

Rule 4 – Fees

The USBC sanction fee, paid once per bowling season (August 1 to July 31), is:

National	10.00
State	1.00
Local	9.00
TOTAL:	20.00

Weekly fees, to be paid by each bowler per night, are:

Lineage:	11.65
Secretary:	0.35
Treasurer:	0.35
Prize Fund:	5.00
Banquet:	0.65
TOTAL:	18.00

All bowlers must sanction with USBC by filling out a sanction card and paying the sanction fee on their first night of bowling. Pay envelopes shall be turned in to the Treasurer by the fifth frame of the

first game of bowling. Bowling fees for the final two weeks of the season (weeks 30 & 31) shall be paid by the third week of bowling. No bowler may bowl if they are more than two weeks behind in league fees. A bowler who is behind two weeks in fees will be replaced with a zero score for the third week and thereafter unless fees are paid in full. If there is a situation where you are unable to pay your bowling fees, please talk with the President to see what can be done. Every situation will be held in highest confidentiality.

Rule 5 – League Funds

A league account is open at Capital Bank in the name of Kings & Queens Bowling League where funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account can only be made with the joint signatures of the President and the Treasurer. A copy of the bank statement will be available, upon request, to any member of the league. The lineage for the league will be paid to AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes on a monthly basis. USBC & IGBO sanctioning dues will be paid from the league account. All league and sanctioning checks must be made payable to Kings & Queens Bowling League. You may combine all payments into one check; however, please indicate what is being paid on the check so the Treasurer understands what you are paying.

Rule 6 – Prizes

The President shall appoint a Prize Fund Committee of at least three bowlers by the fourth week. The Prize Fund Committee will submit prize fund proposals which the league will vote on during the fifth week of bowling. The winning prize fund proposal will be announced to the league bowlers during the fifth week of bowling. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled 60 games during the season. A bowler may qualify for only one individual award, and must accept the highest monetary award. The winning prize fund will determine the allocation of the awards for the season. A team or bowler who joins late has the option to receive full prize fund payout provided they pay the entire prize fund portion for the weeks they missed. They must make this decision at the time of joining the league and not wait until the end of the season to decide. Teams that do not pay full prize fund portions will not receive the full prize fund payout at the end of the season. Individual awards will not be prorated. Prebowling scores will not be recognized for high scores or other awards.

Rule 7 – Averages and Handicaps

Bowlers will use entering averages for their first nine games based on the criteria listed below, in order:

1. End-of-season 2014-2015 Kings & Queens Bowling League average (21 game minimum)
2. Highest USBC-certified 2014-2015 yearbook average (21 game minimum)
3. Highest USBC-certified 2013-2014 yearbook average (21 game minimum)
4. If none of the above averages exist, the bowler shall establish an average during the first three games they bowl this season

Averages will be cumulative throughout the season. The handicap shall be 90% of the difference between 225 and the bowler's average. That handicap will be applied to the first nine games they bowl this season. Thereafter, the handicap will be based on the bowler's current running average. Handicap Game, Handicap Series, and Most Improved awards will begin after a bowler has completed 12 games of bowling for the purpose of individual awards.

Rule 8 – Team Rosters

Team Captains will submit a roster of team members to the Secretary on the first night of bowling. The roster limit will be six bowlers. Any roster changes must be reported to the Secretary prior to the time the new team member bowls. New bowlers may not be added to a team roster in the final two

weeks of each third and the roll-off without prior approval from the Board of Directors. No team may use a substitute or new bowler during position round weeks (10th, 20th, & 30th weeks of bowling), or during the final roll-off week (31st week).

Rule 9 – Substitutes

A list of substitutes shall be maintained by the league, and will be posted on the weekly standing sheet. Men may substitute for women, and women may substitute for men. A substitute may not bowl for the same team for more than three consecutive weeks. All fees must be paid whether or not you are present to bowl. Our league will be a guaranteed league. A two weeks' notice must be given to leave the league. If a bowler does not give notice, and the team fails to notify the Secretary and Treasurer that the member has dropped, that team is responsible for the full payment of the bowler while their blind score is being used. When a bowler leaves the league without a replacement, a vacancy score shall be used.

Rule 10 – Legal Line-up

A minimum legal line-up shall consist of two team members from the current team roster.

Rule 11 – Forfeitures

When a game is declared a forfeit, the team present shall bowl as though the games were actually contested. They must bowl within 40 pins of their current team average to win points by forfeiture. Points not won by failing to bowl the prescribed score will not be credited to either team. In cases of game forfeiture due to financial and other reasons unknown to the opposing team, all points are automatically awarded to the opposing team. In these cases of “unknown forfeiture”, there is no prescribed score the opposing team needs to bowl.

Rule 12 – Absentee and Vacancy Scores

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal line-up but less than a full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the bowler's current average minus 10 pins. No team may use an absent bowler's average for more than three consecutive weeks. Thereafter, the absent bowler must bowl three games in competition before their absentee score may be used again. Exceptions may be made in cases of health/injury reasons on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors. The vacancy score will be a game of 125, and handicap of 90. If a team roster consists of more than four members, you must use the absentee scores of the roster member with the most games bowled in the season.

Rule 13 – Bowling Unopposed

A team may pre-bowl provided that notification has been given to the Secretary and opposing Team Captain in a reasonable amount of time. This will allow the opposing team to be present at the time of competition. All pre-bowl games must be completed prior to the next week's regularly scheduled match date. A League Officer is not required to be present; however, a signature from AMF personnel verifying the scores bowled must appear on the recap sheet. If the opposing team is not present at the pre-bowl, they will bowl on the regularly scheduled night. Scores from the team that pre-bowled will be revealed by AMF personnel at the end of each game.

Rule 14 – Tardy Players

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided the first three frames have not been completed. A frame is considered complete when the bowler in the anchor position on each team has completed the frame. Frames missed due to tardiness may be made-up in this case. A bowler

who arrives after the completion of the third frame may only enter the game with the approval of the opposing Team Captain. An absentee score will be used when a bowler is unable to compete. The bowler can bowl the second and third games provided they have an established handicap.

Rule 15 – Position Standings

Standings shall be determined on a point basis with two points awarded for each game won with handicap, and one point awarded for the high team series won with handicap.

Rule 16 – Position Rounds and Roll-offs

If there is a tie in wins at the end of a third, the teams tied for first place will compete in a one game competition with handicap to determine the winner for the third. The games shall be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing league play during the regular season. Extra 9th and 10th frames shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of that series. Handicaps will not be adjusted for extra games or frames bowled in this case. Scores bowled in such roll-offs shall not count toward individual, team, or special prizes offered by the league. All other teams shall be ranked by total wins with handicap pins determining the tie of any position. All individual awards will be finalized at the end of the 30th week of bowling. There will be no prebowling for position round or roll-off nights. For the current season roll-off procedures, see Roll-Off Rules.

Rule 17 – USBC

In cases not covered by these league rules, USBC rules shall apply.

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