



## Fall 2016 Rules

### Rule 1 – Schedule

The Kings & Queens Bowling League consists of 9 teams with the playing strength of four members per team. The league bowls on Thursday nights for 15 weeks beginning on September 8, 2016, and ending on December 22, 2016. The league will not bowl on November 24, 2016. Practice starts at 7:30 p.m. with competition beginning at 7:40 p.m. The league bowls two 7-week halves. The 7<sup>th</sup> week of each half is a not a position round; team matchups follow the regular schedule. Points won will reset at the start of each half. The 15<sup>th</sup> week of the season is the league play-off. A holiday pot-luck dinner replaces the end-of-season banquet, and will be held the last night of bowling. At the request of AMF management, please do not bring drinks to the pot-luck dinner.

### Rule 2 – Management

The management of the league is vested in the Board of Directors, which consists of the League Officers and the Team Captains. League Officers are voted in at the end of each bowling season for the upcoming season. The Board of Directors adopts the league rules on the first night of bowling. A majority of those present constitutes a quorum.

### Rule 3 – Sanctioning

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

### Rule 4 – Fees

The IGBO membership fee per league of 26-50 bowlers is \$75 (paid by the league).

The USBC sanction fee is:

National	10.00
State	1.00
<u>Local</u>	<u>9.00</u>
TOTAL:	20.00

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

Lineage	12.20
Secretary	0.00
Treasurer	0.00
Prize Fund	5.80
<u>Banquet</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL:	18.00

All bowlers must sanction with USBC by filling out a membership application card and paying the sanction fee on his or her first night of bowling. Pay envelopes must 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 14 & 15) must be paid by the third week of bowling. No bowler may bowl if he or she is more than two weeks behind in league fees. A bowler who is behind two weeks in fees will have his or her scores 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 is available, upon request, to any member of the league. The lineage for the league is paid to AMF Pleasant Valley Lanes on a monthly basis. USBC & IGBO sanctioning dues are 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 appoints a Prize Fund Committee of at least three bowlers by the third week. The Prize Fund Committee submits prize fund proposals which the league votes on during the fourth week of bowling. The winning prize fund proposal determines the allocation of awards for the season and is announced to the league bowlers during the fifth week of bowling. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled 30 games during the season. A bowler may qualify for only one individual award, and must accept the highest monetary award. A team or bowler who joins late has the option to receive full prize fund payout provided he or she pays the entire prize fund portion for the weeks he or she missed. He or she 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 but may be divided equally in cases of ties. Prebowed scores are not recognized for high scores or other awards. All individual awards are finalized at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> week of bowling.

#### **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 2015-2016 Kings & Queens Bowling League average (21 game minimum)
2. Highest USBC-certified 2015-2016 yearbook average (21 game minimum)
3. Highest USBC-certified 2014-2015 yearbook average (21 game minimum)
4. If none of the above averages exist, the bowler establishes an average during the first three games he or she bowls this season

Averages will be cumulative throughout the season. The handicap is 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 is 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 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 half and the play-off without prior approval from the Board of Directors. No team may use a substitute or new bowler during the play-off week (15<sup>th</sup> week).

**Rule 9 – Substitutes**

A list of substitutes is maintained by the league and will be posted on the weekly standing sheet. 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 Captain fails to notify the Secretary and Treasurer that the member has dropped, that team is responsible for the full payment of the bowler while his or her absentee score is being used. When a bowler leaves the league without a replacement, a vacancy score is used.

**Rule 10 – Legal Line-up**

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

**Rule 11 – Forfeitures**

When a game is declared a forfeit, the team present bowls 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 are used 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 is 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 his or her absentee score may be used again. Exceptions are made in cases of health/injury reasons on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors. The vacancy score is 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(s) with the most games bowled in the season.

**Rule 13 – Pre-bowling & Post-bowling**

A team may pre-bowl if the Team Captain notifies the Secretary and opposing Team Captain in a reasonable amount of time. This allows 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 the scoring system at the end of each game. Pre-bowling is not allowed for play-off nights. Post-bowling is not allowed.

**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 if he or she has an established handicap.

**Rule 15 – Points Determine 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, Play-offs, & Roll-offs**

**POSITION ROUND:** Team matchups are determined by total number of wins earned throughout the half. The team with the highest number of wins bowls against the team with the second-highest number of wins, third versus fourth, and so on. The team with the most wins AFTER the position round shall be declared the winner of the half. While position rounds do not exist this season, this section remains to inform future seasons.

**PLAY-OFF:** The teams that win each half bowl against each other, and the team that wins 4 or more points during that competition is declared the season champions. If the same team wins both halves, that team is declared the season champions. All other team matchups are determined by the position round format based on the number of points earned throughout the season. There is no wildcard team. Total points earned AFTER the play-off are used to determine final team standings.

**ROLL-OFF:** If there is a tie in wins at the end of a position round of play-off, the tied teams will compete in a one game roll-off with handicap to break the tie. The games shall be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing league play during the regular season. Extra 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames are bowled in the event of a tie at the end of that game. Handicaps will not be adjusted for extra games or frames bowled during a roll-off. Scores bowled in such roll-offs do not count toward individual, team, or special prizes offered by the league.

**Rule 17 – USBC**

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

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