

Ladies Major 2018-19 Bylaws

Please note: The bylaws/rules cover only rules which are necessary for the Bowling League Secretary software. Many areas, such as tardy players and team franchises, are not covered here and should be appended to these league rules.

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General Rules

About our League:

The league shall be called Ladies Major 2018-19 and will be referred to as "League" through the rest of this document.

The number of teams that will be bowling is 16, the number of people who bowl on each team is 5, and the teams will be bowling 3 games each week/session.

The teams will bowl against one opponent each week even when there are an even number of games.

When we Bowl

The League will bowl on Monday at 6:05 pm beginning August 27, 2018. It is a Fall Season and will bowl for 33 weeks/sessions. The final week of competition will be week number 32. The League starting lane is 1.

The teams will not shift lanes if the league schedule repeats.

Position Rounds:

The league season shall have 2 position rounds. They will be on weeks 31 and 32.

No-Point Nights:

The final night of bowling will be a sweeps/fun-night and no points will be awarded.

In addition, no points will be awarded on the following weeks: ____ and ____.

Type of League and Features

Type of bowling is Standard 10-pin bowling

This is a women only league.

The League is: Handicapped.

The League will be Certified/Sanctioned with the USBC and the TNBA.

Where we Bowl

The league bowls at Al-Mar Lanes.

Split Season

Split Season Schedule

The league schedule is divided into 5 parts. The segments begin with weeks 1, 11, 21, 31 and 32. At the start of each split, the following will be restarted: Team-Points.

Team Standings Determination

Team standings are determined by: Current Split

Legal Lineup

This league shall consist of 16 teams with a playing strength of 5 bowlers per team. The minimum legal lineup shall consist of 3 eligible players of which 3 must be from the team's current roster.

When advancing to the next week, the team rosters will display Bowlers in a 'Fixed' roster as set on the team roster screen.

Injured bowler scores (type "I" scores) shall count towards a legal lineup.

Individual Average and Handicap

Book and Entering Averages

A bowler's Book Average (never Entering Average) shall be used for the first 3 games bowled. For bowlers without a Book Average, the first night's average shall be used for the first 3 games bowled.

Individual Handicaps

Basic Individual Handicap Rules

The handicap is 80% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220.

The handicap shall not be limited.

A DUMMY score (absentee score with no handicap) shall be 120.

A VACANCY score shall be 120.

An ABSENTEE score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins.

Team Handicaps

Basic Team Handicaps Rules

The team handicap shall be the sum of the bowlers' individual handicaps.

The team handicap shall not be limited.

Absent Players

Absentee Score Rules

An absentee score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins for all bowlers.

Absent players may not earn points. Points they would have won are awarded only to the absent player's team.

When an absentee or vacancy is bowling against another absentee or vacancy, the points are awarded to the team winning the game.

The team scheduled to bowl on the ODD (left hand) lane shall enter its lineup first.

Vacant Players

Vacancy Score Rules

The vacancy score shall be 120.

The League uses a Dummy score (a score with no handicap) of 120.

Forfeits

Opposing a Forfeiting Team

When bowling against a FORFEIT, the team must bowl within 50 pins of the team average to win the points. The team average is the sum of the averages of the bowlers who bowled. In the case of a "tie", the team wins the points (points are not split).

Bye Teams

Team

When bowling against a BYE, the team must bowl within 50 pins of the team average to win the points. The team average is the sum of the averages of the bowlers who bowled. In the case of a "tie", the team wins the points (points are not split).

The BYE team name shall be BYE.

Team Points

Point System

The League will use the standard team point system.

2 points are awarded to the winner of each team game.

1 point is awarded for the winner of the team series (total pinfall with handicap).

Team Standings

Team standings are determined by the actual number of points won. (Rather than the percentage of wins as per USBC rule 104d.)

Total pinfall WITH HDCP then Actual Games Won (not points) is the priority in how to break Team Standings ties when teams are tied in Points Won.

Point Summary

Summary of Points

The following standard points will be awarded:

7 Total Standard Team Points per Night
General rules option indicates league is not a match point, performance point or UBL league

7 Total possible points for a team to win each time bowled

Standard Team Points

The following standard team points will be awarded:

0 Total SCRATCH game points (0 points per game x 3 games per night)
6 Total HDCP game points (2 points per game x 3 games per night)
0 Points for winning SCRATCH series
1 Points for winning HDCP series
0 Total possible bonus points

7 Total possible points per team per week

Divisions

Team Divisions

The teams shall be divided into 2 divisions for the purpose of determining *the Team Standings*.

The divisions will be called: *Division1* and *Division2*.

Special Recognition

Team Awards

This league will award team prizes for the high scratch and handicap scores for the season.

When a team has a zero handicap, the scratch scores *shall* be included with the handicap scores for determining handicap prizes. (*Because technically it is a ZERO handicap, rather than NO handicap.*)

Team handicap scores will be counted towards league prizes beginning with scores bowled in week 1.

If a Team qualifies for more than one Season game and/or series prize, the Team may receive *1 game* and *1 series* award, with the handicap award taking priority over the scratch award.

If a Team qualifies for more than one Weekly game and/or series prize, the Team may receive *ALL* prizes.

In the event of a tie: The teams involved in the tie shall share equally in the prizes for the places involved in the tie.

Example: If a tie for first and second, the 2 teams will occupy first and second place and the next eligible team will be in third place. The cash prizes for first and second will be combined together and divided equally between the two teams.

Individual Awards

This league will award individual prizes for the high scratch and handicap scores for the season.

Individual handicap scores will be counted towards league prizes starting with each bowler's game # 1.

When a bowler has a zero handicap, the scratch scores *shall* be included with the handicap scores for determining handicap prizes. (*Because technically it is a ZERO handicap, rather than NO handicap.*)

If a Bowler qualifies for more than one Season game and/or series prize, the Bowler may receive *1 game* and *1 series* award, with the handicap award taking priority over the scratch award.

If a Bowler qualifies for more than one Weekly game and/or series prize, the Bowler may receive *ALL* prizes.

In the event of a tie: The players involved in the tie shall share equally in the prizes for the places involved in the tie.

Example: If a tie for first and second, the 2 players will occupy first and second place and the next eligible player will be in third place. The cash prizes for first and second will be combined together and divided equally between the two players.

Temporary substitute bowlers are not eligible to receive league prizes.
Permanent substitute bowlers are eligible for league prizes.

Most Improved Average:

The Most-Improved-Average is determined by comparing the bowler's average at 21 games and the average at the end of the season. However, if a bowler has a book average, the book average shall be used in determining the change in average at the end of the season.

At the end of the season, a bowler must have completed 64 of the games to be eligible for a league award.

Pre-bowled and Make-Up games *shall* qualify for league awards.
Pre-bowled and Make-Up games *do not* qualify for association awards.

Special Options

Additional Options

Brackets/Pro AM (Pro and A/S Features)

League will participate in brackets. Handicaps will not be allowed in brackets.

Kiosk Options (Pro and A/S Features)

League will be exported to kiosk

Special Award Groups

The following Special awards groups are tracked in this league:

TNBA Awards

USBC MV WBA Awards

Bowling Center Awards

One Time Fees

One Time Team Fees:

Team Sponsor Fee of \$30.00 which is due by week 9.

More Information

Additional Payment Information

Substitute Bowlers will not pay Regular Fees:

Weekly Payments will be recorded: As a Team Only

USBC Fees

Certification Fees

Adult Certification Fees

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Adult</u>
National Dues	\$13.00
<u>Local Dues</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
Standard Dues	\$18.00

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