The Boss Snowplow League will be certified with USBC through the Indianapolis Bowling Association (Indy USBC). Any rule not covered here will be governed by the USBC Rule book. Yearly certification fees must be paid the 1st night of bowling ($21.00 per bowler). The league will consist of teams with five (5) bowlers per team, regardless of gender. The league will bowl on Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. for a total of 30 weeks. Boss League will start bowling on August 26, 2019 (thru 2 December), and 6 January thru April 13, 2020.

MANAGEMENT

The management of this league shall be vested in the board of directors. The board will consist of the league officers and team captains. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The board of directors shall adopt the league rules and the membership shall elect the league officers.

FEES

Each bowler will pay $20.00 per week; $13.00 will cover the cost of bowling and the balance will be placed in a bank account furnished by Pinheads. Each team will pay a league sponsorship fee of $75.00, which will go directly into the general prize fund. This amount must be paid by the 6th week of the league schedule. If the $75.00 is not paid by the 6th week, all points earned after the 6th week will be forfeited until the sponsorship fee is paid. The last two weeks’ bowling fees will be due by week #20.

Pinheads agrees to directly deposit $2,500.00 into the league prize fund as a sponsor. Mike Eby of Mid-State Truck Equipment has agreed to match Pinheads sponsor fee with the same amount. A liquor distributor will also sponsor the league with a $1,500.00 contribution. All sponsor money will go directly into the prize fund.

ARREARAGES

No team will be allowed to be in arrears of the league fees by more than $100.00. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the forfeiture of all games bowled while behind more than said amount. Please note that it is the responsibility of the team captain, and not the league secretary/treasurer, to bring this to the bowler’s attention.

SUBSTITUTES

Roving subs will not be allowed in this league.

SPLIT SEASON

This league has adopted a “split season” – two 15-week sessions. The winner of the 1st half will bowl the winner of the 2nd half on the 30th week to determine the league champs. If there is a tie in either half, there will be a one game roll-off. If after the roll-off, points are still tied, total pins with handicap from the roll off game will determine the winner of either half. The overall Championship roll-off will consist of two (2)
games; total points won will determine the winner. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken by total pin fall with handicap for those two games.

Position Rounds will be at weeks 7, 15, 22 and 30. In the event that the same team wins both halves, they will be declared the league champs.

**PRE-BOWL/POST-BOWL**

Any team needing to pre or post bowl may do so by notifying the league secretary at least one week in advance of the regular scheduled date, if possible. The league secretary, working with the team captain of the team needing to pre/post bowl, will reserve the lanes. The league secretary will inform the opposing team captain so that they can have the option to bowl to pre or post bowl, or to bowl on the regular night. Except for emergencies, pre and post bowls must be conducted within one week of the originally scheduled match. If post bowls are not completed within one week, and an emergency does not exist, the team will forfeit.

**LEGAL LINE-UP AND TARDY PLAYERS**

A legal line-up must consist of at least three (3) members from the team’s current roster. A legal line-up must be present by the end of the opposing team’s second frame. A bowler who arrives late will be allowed to make up all missed frames unless the last bowler on the opposing team has completed his 5th frame. In the event he does not make it in time an absentee score must be entered.

**LEAGUE AWARDS AND BANQUET**

League awards and prize money will be distributed one week after the end of the league’s scheduled season, at the banquet. The banquet (Pizza Party) will be provided by Mike Eby of Boss Snowplow.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER’S SALARY**

The secretary/treasurer will be paid $0.50 per bowler per night and will be paid at the end of the league’s scheduled season; but only after the final averages have been filed with the Indy USBC.

**PRIZES**

Special high series and high game prizes will be awarded in both the scratch and handicap categories for both team and individuals. No one team or individual can qualify for an award in both categories. In the event the prizes are in the same category, the series prize will be awarded over the game prize. To qualify for individual prizes, the bowler must have bowled 2/3 of the scheduled season or a total of 60 games. If a bowler has qualified for a high average award, he is still eligible for the high series or high game awards.

**TEAM ROSTERS**

Team captains will turn in a roster of team members to the league secretary at the organizational meeting. Any changes to the roster must be made one week in advance. However, if a team captain declares that a roster change must be made for an emergency situation, the league board of directors will vote on the situation. This will be done on a case-by-case basis. Team rosters will be limited to nine (9) members. Final team roster changes must be made prior to Week 5. Teams will be allowed one roster change or addition prior to week 25 without board approval.
HANDICAP

The handicap allowance will be 90% and will be based on the difference between the bowler’s average and 220. **For the 1st nine games bowled in this league**, handicap will be based on last year’s final average in this league (at least a 21-game average). If a bowler didn’t bowl in this league, he will use his highest 21+ game yearbook average from last year listed by USBC. If the bowler doesn’t have at least a 21+ game average from last year, handicap will be figured after the completion of the first night of league play.

ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES

Absentee scores are calculated by taking a bowler’s average minus 10 pins. The absentee score shall be used when a bowler cannot make it that night. When entering this score, the team captain must use the bowler from his current roster with the **highest number of games**. If two or more bowlers have the same number of games, the bowler with the **lowest average** must be used. This score does not include handicap. **A vacancy score of 135 (76 Pins handicap)** will be used when a team has an incomplete roster.

GHOST TEAM (Bowling a BYE Position)

In the event the league has an odd number of teams, the team bowling the "BYE" must bowl at least 50 pins below its scratch floor average in order to win team points. Individuals must bowl at least 10 pins below their averages in order to win individual points.

Additional teams will not be allowed to join the league for the 2nd half of the season.

SCORING

The Peterson Point System will be used for both halves of the split season. Thirty points will be awarded per match, per night: one point for individual game (score + handicap); four points for team game (score + handicap); three points for team total pins with handicap. The team on the **right, or even lane, will adjust its lineup first**. The team on the left, or odd lane, will adjust its lineup last. **If both teams have blind bowlers, the blinds will bowl each other**. The team that wins each game will win the points for their blind bowler. If an individual bowls against a blind or vacancy, he/she must bowl within ten pins of his/her own average in order to win that individual point (USBC Rule 101K3). Team captains are responsible for recording scores for their teams and for turning in the **completed recap sheet** to the secretary upon completion of the night’s match. Failure to turn in completed sheets may result in forfeiture of points.