

ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LEAGUE RULES

2009 - 2010 Season

1. **FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

The Assurity Life Insurance Company Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress through their local associations. This league is for Home Office employees and retirees. The league shall consist of teams with a playing strength of three members.

The league will bowl on Thursdays for 28 weeks, beginning 9/3/09 and ending 4/8/10. All scheduled matches will start at 4:30 p.m. at Sun Valley Lanes. There will be two position matches during the season; one in the 13th week and the next to the last night of league. A round is completed after each team has bowled a match against every other team in the league at least once. We will not be bowling on 11/5/09 (NCAA event at Sun Valley), 12/24/09 and 12/31/09.

2. **MANAGEMENT**

The management of this league shall be vested in the board of directors, which shall consist of the elected officers and team captains. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The league membership shall adopt the league rules and elect the officers. At least one officer must be a woman and one must be a man.

3. **LEAGUE FUNDS**

All league funds will be deposited at Sun Valley Lanes on a weekly basis.

4. **FEES**

Weekly league fees will be \$10.00 per bowler, of which \$8.25 will cover the cost of bowling and the balance is to be placed in the league treasury. The team captains shall be responsible for the total weekly fees of \$30.00 per team that is to be in the envelope each week.

5. **SALARIES**

The Secretary's bowling will be paid by the bowling league.

6. **LEGAL LINEUP**

A legal lineup shall consist of any combination of regular members from a team and/or substitutes.

7. **ABSENTEE SCORES**

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be ten pins less than the absent bowler's current average provided the absent bowler is a member of the team's roster, with the handicap based on the average. When there are additional members on a team's roster, the absentee score of the absent member with the most games bowled shall be used.

8. **AVERAGES AND HANDICAP**

Each bowler will use last year's average in this league with 21 games or more or highest book average from last year for the first 9 games they bowl. If a person has no previous average, they must establish their average after the first 3 games bowled and go on from there.

The individual method of handicapping will be used. The handicap is 90% and shall be figured on the difference between an individual's average and 200. When figuring handicaps, fractions are to be dropped.

9. **ROSTERS / SUBSTITUTES**

Each team will be allowed six members on their roster; all others will be on the substitute list. A list of roving or floating substitutes shall be maintained by the league. No one may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week. It is permissible for a fourth, fifth or sixth member of a team to bowl on another team as a substitute. Any member who bowls 4 times or less (12 games) by the end of the season shall reimburse the league for their sanction fees. (\$18 for men and \$18 for women.) No new substitutes shall be allowed during the last 4 weeks of the season; if a new substitute starts during this time, they must pay their own sanction fee.

10. **BOWLING UNOPPOSED**

Individual unopposed bowling will not be allowed.

11. POSITION STANDINGS

Position standings shall be determined on the basis of points won and lost, with one point awarded for each game and one point for the series in each match.

In case of ties, the teams will be listed according to the number of total scratch pins.

12. SPLIT SEASON

The season will be split in halves with a first half champion and a second half champion. Points awarded for wins will start over at the beginning of the second half. If there is a tie for first place based on points won at the end of either half, there will be a one game playoff to determine the champion. A ninth and tenth frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the game. All other rules and conditions governing league play apply to the playoff.

13. PLAYOFF FOR THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The champions from each half of the season will bowl in a three game playoff at the end of the season to determine the overall champion. One point will be awarded for each game won and no point for series. A ninth and tenth frame shall be bowled if tied after the three game match. All other rules and conditions governing league play apply to the playoff.

14. PRIZES

A committee of at least three members will be responsible for obtaining the prizes to be awarded at the completion of the season. A maximum of \$150 (\$15 per trophy) will be allowed. The recipients may decide if they would rather have a trophy or the cash prize.

Prizes will be awarded to each member of the overall championship team. Individual awards will also be given to the men's and women's high handicap series and high handicap game. To qualify for the awards, an individual must be on a team roster and have bowled in at least one-third of the scheduled games and be an active member at the end of the season. A member may only win one individual award, with high series taking precedence over high game in the event of a tie.

Substitutes shall qualify for individual league prizes if they bowl one-half of the scheduled games.

15. POSTPONEMENTS

A postponement must be requested at least 24 hours before the scheduled time except for emergencies. Postponed games must be made up within two weeks of the scheduled game.

16. UNEVEN NUMBER OF TEAMS

To earn points, a team must be within 30 pins of their team average.

17. DISPUTES

Any dispute within the league shall be settled by a majority vote of the board of directors.

President - Kathy Wichtendahl

Vice President - Scott Anderson

Secretary/Treasurer - Connie Ortlieb