

Pfizer Mixed Bowling League

Rules for 2009 – 2010 Season

Rule 1 – Schedule

Pfizer Mixed Bowling League shall be sanctioned through the USBC Lincoln Bowling Association and the USBC Lincoln Women's Bowling Association. The league shall consist of a maximum of 32 teams with a playing strength of three (3) and no more than five (5) bowlers (see Rule 8). The league will bowl on Tuesdays for 22 weeks commencing on Oct. 06, 2008 through Mar 16, 2010. Off dates will be Dec. 22 and 29, 2009. The season end tournament and awards banquet is scheduled for Mar. 19, 2010.

Rule 2 – Management

The management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Officers and Team Captains. The league members shall elect the officers and the Board shall adopt the league rules. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any issues not covered by these rules will be referred to the USBC rule guide.

Rule 3 – Fees

The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be \$12.00 of which the cost of bowling will be deducted and the remaining will be placed in the league treasury. The league treasury is held at Sun Valley Lanes. Sun Valley's charge for lineage is \$9.75 for three (3) games this includes tax. The team captain (or a team member) is responsible to ensure the proper amount is in the team envelope each night. Sanction Fees are \$18.00 and are due before the first 3 game series is bowled.

Rule 4 – Salaries

The salary, if any, to be paid to the secretary, or any other officer, shall be established by the Board of Directors, and shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule, unless otherwise specified. Full payment shall not be authorized until the secretary has furnished to the secretaries of the local association(s) all average sheets requested, including the final average sheets. The salary for the league secretary shall be \$15.00 per week.

Rule 5 – Awards

To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled in **50%** of the scheduled games. A bowler can qualify for only one (1) special award for high game or series, high handicap game or series. This does not include the most improved bowler award. A person can earn one of the above awards and still receive most improved.

**Rule 6 –
Bowlers
Averages**

Bowlers will use their average from last seasons Pfizer league. Last years average will be used for their first nine (9) games. New bowlers will use their highest book average from last season for the first nine (9) games. If the bowler doesn't have a book average they will establish their average on their first night of bowling or at the completion of their first three (3) game series.

**Rule 7 –
Handicap**

The league will use the sum of the individual handicap, 90% of 220, to determine total team handicap.

**Rule 8 –
Team Rosters**

Captains will turn in the rosters of their team members and the sanction cards to the league secretary. Rosters are limited to five (5) bowlers. All other bowlers will be placed on the substitute list.

**Rule 9 –
Substitutes**

The league shall maintain a list of substitute bowlers. No one may bowl with more than one (1) team on the same night of league. Regular bowlers may bowl with another team, if **NOT** bowling against their own team.

**Rule 10 –
Legal Line-up**

Both regular and substitute players shall count toward a legal line-up. A minimum legal line-up must include at least one (1) bowler from the team's current roster. At least two (2) bowlers are needed for a minimum line-up. A minimum legal line-up must be present by the completion of the 3rd frame of each game.

**Rule 11 –
Forfeitures**

When a game is declared a forfeit, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested. The team present shall earn points as stated in Rule 13. The team that is forfeiting shall not earn any points for that game(s).

**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. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less ten (10) pins. When there are additional members on a team's roster, the absentee average used will be the bowler with the most games bowled. If the absent bowler(s) has not established an average a vacancy score of 130 shall be used.

Rule 13 – Bye or Ghost Teams The team scheduled against a nonexistent team must earn the points for games and total.
The team must bowl their team average less ten (10) pins per player (30 pins total) to earn a point. (Example: team average is 390, team score = 361, team wins the point.)

Rule 14 – Postponements The League Officers will determine when bowling will be postponed due to inclement weather, or if Pfizer closes the plant before 3:00 p.m., the day of, bowling will be postponed, and the schedule will be adjusted to reflect this. In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the opposing team captain **AND** the League Secretary or League President at the earliest opportunity.

Rule 15 – Tardy Players **A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided three (3) frames have not been completed.** The frames missed may be made up. **NO PRACTICE** will be allowed after the bowling alley has notified the league that it is 4:30 p.m. If the bowler does not make it in time to bowl the first game they may still bowl the next two games.

Rule 16 – Team Position Standings Position standings shall be determined on the basis of games won. Ties will be broken, using total scratch pins. At the end of the season if there is a tie for 1st place a roll off will determine the winners.

Rule 17 – Roll Off To determine the winner of the league in the event of a tie for first place, a three (3) game series shall be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing league play during the regular season with no point awarded for Total Pins. A sudden death tenth frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the roll off series. Each team will decide who will bowl the sudden death tenth frame. In the event both teams are still tied, another tenth frame roll off will take place with different bowlers.

Rule 18 – Awards Banquet The cost of the Banquet, is the responsibility of the bowler.

Rule 19 – Team Weekly Fees Team Captains are responsible for collecting team money and delivering the team envelope to the League Secretary by the **3rd frame of the first game.**

2008 – 2009 League Officers

President _____ Jorge O’Neill (2417)
Vice President _____ Eric Parkening (2587)
Secretary _____ Patty Meyer (2697 or email)
Rules Chairperson _____ Janice Sanchez (page or email)
Sun Valley Lanes _____ 475-3469

Officer Duties

President	_____
	Responsible for awards, presides at and calls meetings, and is a back-up for the secretary. Responsible for verification of league deposits.
Vice President	_____
	Responsible for setting up the Banquet, and is back-up for the President and/or the Secretary if either of them are absent.
Secretary	_____
	Responsible for collecting and depositing league money, verifies the bowling alley’s figures, collects sanction fees, and applies for league sanctioning with the local associations, and is the tournament coordinator.
Rules Chairperson(s)	_____
	Responsible for officer elections, updating league rules, and answering rule questions. In the absence of the Rules Chairperson questions may be directed to any other league officer or a Sun Valley representative (Patty Meyer or John Losito)
