

## BYLAWS FOR SCHOOLMASTERS BOWLING LEAGUE 2007-2008

1. This league will be known as the Schoolmasters. We will bowl on Sunday afternoons at Sun Valley Lanes at 4pm. Current season starts Aug. 19, 2007 and ends on Apr. 20, 2008, for a total of 33 weeks bowled. We will not bowl on the following dates: Sep. 2 (Labor Day), Dec. 30 (Holiday Break), and Mar. 23 (Easter).
2. The officers of this league are: President-Bill Jacobs, Vice-President-Patty Meyer, Sec/Tres-Les Amory, and Sgt. Of Arms-Ken Amory. Board of directors shall consist of current league officers and team captains. They are the governing body of this league and are responsible for making decisions on any matter arising in this league. The decisions rendered by the Board of Directors are final unless an appeal is made to the local association or the USBC for further consideration.
3. The cost for bowling will be \$12.00 per bowler, per week. From this amount, all expenses for the league will be paid. This includes: lineage, prize money, and expenses incurred by the league secretary for copies, stamps, etc. Current lineage fee paid to Sun Valley Lanes is \$9.50 per bowler for 3 games, sales tax included. The secretary-treasurer fee will be \$0.25 per bowler, per week. Secretary will furnish receipts for any expenses to the league President.
4. City, State, and National dues must be paid before the first series of three games are bowled. Sanction fees: \$18.00 (Men and Women)
5. This is a mixed league governed by USBC rules.
6. League line-up shall consist of at least 1 male and 1 female bowler for each team.
7. The team captain must see that the total amount due from each attending team member is in the envelope each week. If a bowler is absent, the team captain is not liable for payment of absent bowler(s). If a sub is used, then the full amount due must be in the envelope. The delinquent amount must be paid in full within 2 weeks or that member can be replaced. If all team members are present and dues are not paid, the team will forfeit the games for that night.
8. A two-week notice, in writing, must be given to the league secretary in case of withdrawal from the league. The league must be paid for the two weeks, or the team, or bowler risks being banned from organized bowling according to USBC rules.
9. Handicap will be 85% of the difference between the two opposing teams' average.
10. Team captains must notify the league secretary of any new members during the bowling season or of any releases in order to keep an accurate line-up. This includes all new subs.

11. Absentee scores will be a members average minus 10 pins. No team shall have more than two absentee (blind) bowlers on any afternoon. Handicap shall be based on absentees' actual average. Teams with additional players shall use the absentee score of the absent play with the:
  - a. Most games bowled.
  - b. Lowest absentee score when the absentees have the same number of games bowled.
  - c. Next highest number of games bowled when two scores are needed.(Note: If any of these guidelines causes the lineup to become illegal, use the absentee score that will conform to Schoolmasters rule 14.)
12. There shall not be more than two subs used by any team to complete a legal line-up during league play. Failure to comply with this rule will result in that teams forfeiture of games bowled. Opposing team must then bowl within 40 pins of their teams' average per game to record a win.
13. This league will use a split season format consisting of two 16 week halves. The last night of bowling will be considered a Fun Night. Position rounds will be held on the 16th week of each half. The winner of each half would then bowl against each other using a best 3 of 5-match format (first team to win three games), to determine the league championship. Those two teams would also be bowling for a separate amount of money not to exceed 10% of the prize fund after expenses. Remaining prize fund will be distributed out to all teams according to amount of games (points) won overall. Teams shall decide among themselves how to distribute their prize money.
14. A sub can used for either sex provided that, the sub does not make the line-up illegal. Teams must still have a least 1 male and 1 female bowling to constitute a legal line-up. Members are responsible for paying for their own subs. No new subs allowed during league roll-offs. Sub cannot be a regular member of an established team during roll-offs.
15. In case of emergencies the team captain must notify one of the league officers at the earliest time that they cannot attend. If a league officer is not notified, the games will be forfeited by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> frame. Games missed must be made up before the next scheduled matches. Computer print outs from Sun Valley Lanes will be used to verify scores.
16. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided that the anchor bowler on each team has not completed the fourth frame. Frames missed may be made up.
17. The 4 point system will be used in this league. One point for each game won and one point for series total. Ties in games and series will be worth ½ point. If a tie occurs in the final standings for 1<sup>st</sup> place of either half, a one game roll off will be used to break the tie.
18. No bowler may win more than one individual award during the current season. If a bowler qualifies for more than one award, the highest award will be given to that bowler. The exception being the most improved bowler for the season.

19. Awards will be handed out for the following categories: High Average, High Series and High Game in both men and women's division. If an individual has the top score in both award categories in their division (BA or WBA), they will have the opportunity to choose which award they will receive. Awards not to exceed \$20.00/per person.
20. The most improved bowler (Man and Woman) of the league will have the choice of a cash or trophy award. This award is based on the most improvement after 21 games of the current season. Last years average is not considered for this award.
21. A member must bowl at least 2/3rds of the current season to be eligible for any prizes. Subs are not eligible for any awards.
22. Bowlers will use last year's Schoolmasters league average for the first three weeks of competition. If bowlers do not have a Schoolmasters average, they will then use their high book average for a period of three weeks. Bowlers will establish average during their first night of league competition if they have not bowled previously and use that average for the next two matches. Vacant scores shall be 120.
23. In the event of forfeits or the scheduling of a bye (ghost team-Casper), the team will have to bowl within 40 pins of their teams' average in order to win a point for the game.
24. All teams are automatically disbanded at the end of the season. The team captain still retains the franchise and name.
25. All non-members of the league, including children, shall remain behind the tall tables and out of the bowlers' area to prevent any injuries. You will receive one warning on the conduct of your children or guests, after which the next complaint will result in the offending team's forfeiture of that game.
26. The final night of bowling will be considered fun night. Scores from that night are not counted towards any league prize. That night all league prizes (trophies and prize money) will be handed out. There will be separate cash prizes for games won that night not to exceed \$15.00/per pair of lanes. Individuals will receive handicap for each game.
27. Team rosters will be limited to 6 members. Teams are limited to two roster changes during the course of the season unless extreme circumstances arise.