## MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S 2023-2024 Bowling Rules

**1. TEAM/MEMBERS** The Monday Night Women's Bowling League shall consist of up to 12 teams with a playing strength of up to 8 bowlers. If there is an odd number of teams, teams will draw cards to see whose scores they must beat when bowling unopposed.

We shouldn't need more than 2 subs on a team at one time. Therefore, if a team does not have at least 2 regular bowlers present, the games will be forfeited.

- **2. SANCTION FEES** The league shall be sanctioned by USBC. Sanction fee is \$25 per bowler and must be paid on the first night of bowling.
- **3. SCHEDULE** The league will bowl at the Dome Lanes, Marinette on Mondays for 32 weeks, with 30 weeks of regular bowling (2-15 week halves) and two fun nights, one on Jan. 1, 2024, and one fun night the final night of the season, April 22, 2024. The fun nights will be a 9-pin blind doubles and a 9-Pin Tournament. There will be a Position Round the final week of each half.

We will be starting Sept. 11, 2023 and finishing April 22, 2024.

- **4. STARTING TIME** Bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. There will be 10 minutes of practice time before.
- **5. WEEKLY FEES** Weekly bowling fees will be \$14 with \$10.00 to cover the cost of bowling, \$1 to go in the New Prize Fund of which \$5 weekly will go to expenses and the balance of \$3 to be placed in the general fund. Subs will pay \$7.00 unless the absent bowler/or team chooses to pay full price. Absent bowlers without any arrangements for a sub will have to pay the full weekly fee. Four bowlers per team will get banquet paid from the general fund.

A Sponsor fee of \$40 from each team must be paid in the first 3 weeks of bowling.

- **6. POINT SYSTEM** Three games will be bowled each night with 2 points awarded for each game. One point will also be awarded for total pins at the end of the three games, for a total of 7 points.
- **7. HANDICAP** The individual method of handicapping will be used. The handicap allowance will be 95% based on a 185 scratch figure. There is no handicap limit.
- **8. AVERAGES** Averages will be determined after the first night of bowling. Handicap will be figured and added in at the end of the night. A bowler must bowl 12 games to establish an average for USBC awards.
- **9. ABSENTEE SCORE** (Blind) The blind score will be bowler's average minus 20 pins plus handicap.
- **10. VACANCY SCORE** For teams without a full lineup or if someone has quit, the vacancy score will be 170 with no handicap each game. The weekly fee for this vacancy must still be paid or will be collected from the prize monies of that team.

- **11. LATE ARRIVALS** If there have been five frames bowled, a late bowler may not start in the game. An absentee score must be used for that game.
- **12. SUBS** A list of subs will be maintained by the league. Subs are eligible for league awards after bowling 30 games. No new subs will be permitted after 2/3 of the season, Feb.20,2024 A sanctioned bowler from another league may come in after Feb. 6 if they have an established average after 12 games which follows the rule of not exceeding over 15 pins.

During the last two weeks of regular bowling for each half, a sub may not exceed 15 pins over the average of the person for whom they are bowling, with discretion being used throughout the season.

- **13. BOWLING UNOPPOSED** The league will permit bowling unopposed (approved by officers) when missing 3 or more members of a team. This has to be made up at Ryan's convenience and before the next scheduled night of bowling. You will need to notify the opposing team captain, your captain and the officers. You will also be responsible for getting the score sheet and money to bowling by the next week. The money and score sheet must be turned in to your team, an officer, or league coordinator at the Dome Lanes on or before the scheduled night of bowling. Bowling ahead individually must be approved by an officer of the league. Bowlers may make up games missed within 14 days if due to Covid-19. If not bowling because of weather conditions, games must be made up before the next week.
- **14. EMERGENCIES** When a bowler is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or an emergency, and an eligible substitute is not available, the team shall count the actual score for the frames bowled plus one-tenth of that score for each remaining frame in the game, as stated in the USBC rules.

When a bowler fails to complete a game for reasons other than above, the bowler's team shall count zero for each remaining frame in the game.

- **15. ROLL OFFS** The roll off at the end of the season will be between 1<sup>st</sup> half winners and 2<sup>nd</sup> half winners, the total pins of 3 games will determine the winner. In the case of a tie, another complete 10<sup>th</sup> frame will be bowled. The roll off is set for May 6, 2024. In the event of snow, the roll off will take place the same night as fun night or the next week at the discretion of the roll off teams, with roll off teams having the decision of allowing music. If there is a tie at the end of either half, both teams will advance to the roll off, with total pins deciding the league champion. Single half winner has choice of bowling alone.
- **16. AWARDS/PRIZES** Bowlers who leave the league (except in special circumstances) are not eligible for the banquet or prize money.

All bowlers, regular and subs, are eligible for league awards after bowling 10 weeks of the season.

Games and series bowled in our tournament events or a roll off qualify for USBC awards, but not league awards.

- a. Prizes will be distributed per half for individual and teams. One individual winner per half. Perfect attendance is defined as bowling 90 games.
- b. Series takes precedent over game, and scratch takes precedent over handicap.
- c. The fee for treasurer is \$100 and person doing booklet for banquet will be \$75.

**17. LEAGUE BANQUET** will be May 13, 2024. A vote will be taken on options with Alley Oops in charge. \$75 will be used for decorations for Banquet.

**18. MUSIC** Music will be allowed on the lanes and it will be set to a level that can be ENJOYED BY ALL. JukeBox must be played. TVs will be on for Packer games.

**19. OFFICERS** Officers will hold a term of 1 year with elections being held each spring, before the present season ends.

PRESIDENT – Heather Milbach 906-290-6121 VICE PRESIDENT -- Sue Lund 715-732-0626 TREASURER – Rita Kehoe 715-938-1745 SECRETARY – Rosemary Draska 906-863-8263 SERGEANT AT ARMS -- Diane Fritz 715-587-4386

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Children should not be allowed down on the lanes or in the seating area!!! Please keep them up in the carpeted area. Do not sit small children on the counters, please keep in mind that anything spilled down below is a hazard to the bowlers.

There will be a canned food and/or non-perishable item drive for Thanksgiving on Nov. 6, 13 & 20 with donations going to the Salvation Army and or St. Vincent DePaul. Rita Kehoe is in charge of this.

Before Nov. 27 or Dec. 4, each team member will pay Rosemary Draska \$5 or more in lieu of a Christmas gift exchange. The money will be used to buy presents for needy children or families in the area.