

Hump Day Bowlers League General Information

Since some of you may not be familiar league bowling, here is information that is more detailed. In addition, if not covered here, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Wednesday Night Hump Day Bowlers League starts Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30PM. We bowl every week with a couple of exceptions like the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and during the Holiday Season. The season is 28 weeks, which includes 27 weeks of bowling, a final league Roll-off or Championship and our Awards Night & Banquet is soon after. Our new bowling home is Concord Lanes (formerly Mattie's) in South St. Paul.

Every week, three bowlers per team will bowl three games each. A team can be made of 3-6 bowlers so not everyone may have to bowl every week. You can determine amongst yourselves who bowls. However, each team is responsible for three bowlers every week.

The cost of bowling is approximately \$16 per bowler per week. That means each team is responsible for \$48 per week of bowling. If someone does not show, the team is still responsible to pay \$48 that week. Each team will have to work that out. (Current for the 2018-2019 season)

We ask each team to pre-pay the last 2 weeks of bowling in advance by November 1st. That way, the last 2 weeks of bowling are paid in advance and no one has to worry about collecting payments at the end of the season. The team is responsible to figure advance payments. If not paid by November 1st, the team may not be allowed to continue bowling.

If any bowler needs to rent shoes, the alley provides them for about \$3 per week. Bowling bowls are located around the alley for those without their own ball. If you are interested in purchasing your own equipment, Midway Bowl Pro Shop offers great discounts to league bowlers for all your needs. Just tell them you are a league bowler.

Every member that bowls also is required to pay a one-time USBC Sanction fee that equals approximately \$21. This fee covers awards, patches, United States Bowling Congress eligibility and other benefits. All bowlers pay this sanction fee only once per year. If you bowl in another league in Minneapolis or St. Paul, you may not need to pay this again, or at a reduced rate.

You can come with your own team to the first night of bowling. You can bring yourself and we will help match people up to form a full team. You can come by yourself and choose to be a substitute bowler. You can substitute bowl on any team that may be short that particular week. That is a fun way to meet new people and experience many teams.

This is handicap-scored bowling. That means your average is subtracted from a 225 score and then multiplied by 90% to figure your handicap. Your handicap pins are added to your actual bowling score to calculate your total score. For example, if after your first three games, your average is 130. Subtract 130 from 225 giving you 95. Multiple 95 times 90% giving you a handicap of 86. You would add 86 pins to each of your actual scores of those 3 games to give you a total score. Sounds confusing? Don't worry, the automatic scoring machines figure it all out. You don't even need to keep score anymore. Just show up, bowl and have a great time!

Each game is team vs. team. You will bowl three games. Points are awarded for each game, along with the team total pins for all three games. Scores are scratch pins plus handicap pins for each bowler. Team scores include scores from each team bowler. The team with the highest total pins is awarded 2 points for each game. The

team with the highest total pins for all three games combined is awarded another point. All teams are vying for the seven total points awarded each week.

We break the season into 3 trimesters. Each trimester ends with is a position round to see which team has the most total points to win that trimester. At the end of the year, we take each trimester winner, plus a wild card team to compete for a league roll-off champion.


It may sound competitive, but it is really just a lot of fun. Everyone celebrates others bowling a personal best. They cheer at every strike. We support each other to ensure it is a fun atmosphere. Whether your average is 50, or your average is over 200, it is good, clean fun.


We invite you to our Welcome Back Night on Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:30 to Concord Lanes to test out the lanes and meet some of our league members. We will finalize bowlers and teams that night.

And remember, if you have any friends interested in bowling; please feel free to pass this e-mail to anyone that is interested. If you have any question at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Good bowling,

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