

BRIAR CREEK I BOWLING RULES AND REGULATIONS
2011-2012 SEASON

GENERAL:

1. League bowling begins **October 7, 2011** and will run **26** weeks. The last day of the bowling season is **April 20, 2012**
2. The dates we do not bowl are: **November 25th , December 23th , December 30th**.
3. Practice begins at 12:20; bowling for score begins at 12:30.
4. There will be **8** teams. There will be four bowlers per team.
5. This is a mixed league and is not a U.S.B.C., sanctioned league.
6. Each team will select a Captain. The Captain's duties are to: collect money and turn in the money envelope to the Treasurer, complete, or have completed the score sheets and turn them into the Secretary. In the event of losing a bowler, the team captain is responsible for finding a replacement.

AVERAGES, HANDICAPS, SCORING:

1. Returning bowlers will start with their previous season's ending average for the first 9 games of bowling, then this seasons average will be calculated on the first nine games of this season.
2. A New bowler's average will be calculated after the first full session of 3 consecutive games. If the first session was fewer than 3 games then their average will be based on the first two sessions of bowling. All averages will then be cumulative based on total pins bowled divided by the total number of complete games.
3. A U.S.B.C. book average, from current or prior year can also be used as a starting average.
4. A pacer can bowl in place of a vacant or absent bowler however pacer scores will not count in team scoring. An absentee or vacant score is to be used for the total pins bowled when a pacer is used.
5. One regular team member must be present, at the 12:30 start or before the end of the third frame, or that game is forfeited. If a bowler arrives prior to the completion of the third frame of any game after the first, that team will be considered present.
6. Late bowlers, if a bowler arrives after the third frame is completed, the absent bowler rule applies (average minus 10 pins) for that game. A bowler arriving before the completion of the third frame in any game will be allowed to catch up the frames missed and be a regular bowler for the team.
7. Absent bowler's score will be that absent bowler's average minus 10 pins per game. After missing three consecutive weeks, the bowler's full average will be used, starting the fourth week, only if the absentee fee has been paid and is up to date. If all absentee fees have not been paid by the fourth week the secretary will insert a vacancy score and that bowler will be removed from the team roster. A previous bowler can only be added back to the roster if all absentee fees are current.
8. Vacancy bowler score will be 120 plus a 64 pin handicap.
9. In the event that there are an odd number of teams or a team is ruled vacant, the FORTY PIN rule shall govern play for any team bowling a vacant team. The team must bowl no less than 40 pins **under** their team total average. Scoring will be based on the team total score. **Example:** The team total average is 550, handicap does not apply. **The team must bowl a total of 510, or more, to win the game.** If the team bowls 509, or less, they lose one point. Total game pin count is the cumulative score for each bowler or absent bowler. Series totals pins will be the cumulative of all three games. The series total must be equal to or greater than the total team average for the 3 games, minus the 40 pins for each game. Therefore using the same team example above the team series must be 1530 or more. A team could lose the first two games yet bowl high enough to reach the series total and win two points. You Do NOT have to beat the vacant team score. They are on the score board for pacing and on the scoring sheet for computer reasons only. A vacant team cannot win points, they are considered **unassigned**.
10. A four point scoring system will be used, one point for each game won, plus one point for total pin fall. In the event of a tie ½ point will be earned by each team.
11. Handicap will be 200 minus bowler's average times 80%. Example: $(200 - 140) \times .8 = 48$
12. A foul (should foul lines be active) may be recorded by the scoring device. In this event the frame is erased from the scoring device, lane is reset to the first ball, and the frame is replayed from the first ball.

13. A floating substitute will be allowed to bowl for any team with an absent or vacant bowler. The decision to use a substitute in lieu of an absent or vacant bowler will remain with the Captain of the team. A substitute is not a team requirement therefore a team can elect to use the absent bowler score. A new bowler who wants to be a substitute must bowl the first week as a Pacer a total of 3 games to establish an average. This average will be used for any subsequent weeks. A bowler with a current year league average who has been vacant and removed from a team may rejoin their previous team if a position is available or be a floating substitute. The Secretary will request a Team to use the New substitute as a pacer to establish an average however the Captain has the final decision on whether to use the substitute or not.

FEES:

1. The bowling fee is \$8.50 per week, including late bowlers. The treasurer will calculate the contribution to the prize fund for weeks missed.
2. Absentee fee is \$2.00 per week. This is the amount contributed to the prized fund. Therefore a bowler joining the team must pay the \$2.00 for each week missed to fully participate in the year end prize awards. If a bowler has not contributed fully to the prize fund then a partial award will be made based on the percentage of weeks that a bowler has contributed to the prize fund.
3. Pacers will pay \$6.50 per week
4. The initial league startup fee of (\$17.00) is due by the fourth week of bowling. The startup fee is in addition to the regular weekly fee. This startup fee will be used by the Treasurer to establish a bank account to pay league bills and start a prize. This will be applied to the last two weeks of bowling. This will assist the treasurer in withdrawing the funds and settling each bowlers account during the last two weeks of bowling.
5. No refunds of the last two weeks of bowling for dropouts unless the bowler is replaced and the replacement bowler pays for the last two weeks.

MONEY AND BANQUET:

1. To be eligible for prize money, a bowler must pay bowling fees for each week of the season: \$8.50 per week or \$2.00 per week for absent weeks.
2. To be eligible for individual prize money, a bowler must have bowled at least 50% of all games. A Prize Fund committee will be formed of both officers and league members to determine prize awards and eligibility based on individual or team contribution.
3. If a bowler is replaced, the replacement bowler is responsible for any unpaid fees to be eligible for prize money. Any bowler who has paid for more than 50% of the games will be eligible for the awards.
4. Bowlers that arrive late in the season and/or leave early before seasons end, must pay weekly league fees while they are here, and participate in at least 50% of the games, will be eligible for pro-rated Team Position Prize Money.
5. Bowlers are entitled to only one individual money prize and one team money prize. A perfect attendance award is an award, not a prize.
6. In determining prizes, in case of ties, highest pin fall will determine the winner.
7. The banquet will alternate between Phase I (odd years) and Phase II (even years). Phase I banquet will be arranged and planned at least 4 weeks prior to the end of the season. A menu and cost per person for tickets will be published. The cost of the tickets will be optional. A bowler can attend the award ceremonies but is not required to purchase a banquet ticket. The cost of the banquet will be based on a break-even analysis. The treasury will finance the banquet with tickets sales being used as re-imburement. Prize funds for all awards will be based on the remaining treasury balance with a small amount being retained to keep the bank account active.

Miscellaneous:

The League will elect three officers: a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, for the next season. The election, and any rule changes, will be discussed at this meeting, to be held in the last month of current season. The elected, Secretary and the Treasurer will each receive a yearly salary of \$20.00 per team for their league work. The President will be reimbursed for actual expenses. If the team roster should exceed 10 teams the Secretary and Treasurer will be paid an additional \$10 for each team over 10 but at no time to exceed \$300.00 annually.

Officer's Responsibilities:

President: Tom Dickinson

1. Conduct the necessary meetings for league business.
2. Assist the Secretary and the Treasurer as needed.
3. Review and/or update Phase I league rules and put forth proposed changes for a membership vote each year.
4. Handle any league business, which may be necessary.
5. The President shall be the final arbitrator in any dispute.
6. Create a Banquet committee.

Treasurer: Bob Barr

1. Distribute money envelopes each week, collect and deposit the money, weekly, in the league checking account.
2. Pay the lane fees.
3. Balance the accounts.
4. Pay the Treasurer and Secretary salaries, banquet and miscellaneous expenses, prize and awards monies with the assistance of the President and the Secretary.
5. File a year-end report of all income and expenditures.
6. Assist the banquet committee in planning for banquets held at Phase I.
7. Distribute banquet tickets to eligible members.
8. Refund duplicate banquet fees for bowlers who bowl in both leagues in the year Phase I is not hosting the banquet.

Secretary: Gene Arend

1. Distribute score sheets, poker sheets and league standing sheets to the proper lanes each week.
2. Collect, confirm and submit the score sheets to the lane office.
3. Assist bowlers with the scoring computers. Making adjustments for absentees, scoring, vacancies and pacers.
4. Contact pacers for any known vacancies.
5. Deal with the lane manager regarding lane conditions and scoring computers.
6. Assist the Treasurer with money disbursement.
7. Tally the numbers for banquet attendance and report to the banquet committee.
8. Assist, with banquet committee, in the preparations and arrangements for the banquet (door prizes, etc.)