

Manton Wednesday Night Men's League  
Rules and By Laws  
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The Wednesday night league shall consist of an even number of teams with a playing strength of five men. It shall be sanctioned with the ABC through the Cadillac Bowling Association.

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Management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall consist of the Officers and the team captains. The league bowlers shall elect the officers and adopt a set of league rules at the annual meeting. The rules may be amended at other times only with the written consent of all the team captains or their designated representative. The Board of Directors shall resolve all disputes. Each board member has one vote. The decision of the board is final unless a timely appeal is made to the City Assn. or ABC. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

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There shall be three league officers – President – Vice President – and Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive a salary of the cost of bowling for the year to be paid upon completion of the league schedule.

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ABC rules shall be strictly adhered to by this league.

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The league prize money shall be placed in a checking account in the Manton Bank. Only the President and Secretary-Treasurer may withdraw money. The President shall verify the account at least monthly.

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The league shall bowl a regular season of 30 nights. The 15<sup>TH</sup> and 30<sup>TH</sup> nights shall be position nights. The bowling season shall be divided into two fifteen week halves. The winners of each half will bowl a three game playoff to determine the league champion and trophy winner.

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#### RECORD BOOK:

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Each captain shall be responsible for his team scores and must be sure that his score sheet is completely filled out, signed, and dated. Once this sheet is completed and signed by both captains it becomes official and individual scores cannot be changed. Errors in addition may be corrected by the Secretary provided the team captain is notified by the following week. The Secretary shall maintain a record of every game bowled in the league and compute and post averages weekly.

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#### HANDICAPS:

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The league shall operate on a 85% handicap based on 200 scratch.

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#### ENTERING AVERAGES:

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The first night a bowler competes in this league he will use his last year's Final Average from this league (21 or more games). New bowlers will use their highest average from last year (21 or more games) in any Sanctioned Cadillac B.A. league. New bowlers with no 21 game Cadillac B.A. average from last year will establish a new average on the first night. A team that starts the season with less 5 bowlers on the roster must use the lowest average of the opposition team bowlers to compute a blind score. A team must have three men to start.

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#### STARTING TIME:

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The league shall start at 7:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday after Labor Day.

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#### POSTPONEMENTS:

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A match may be postponed and rescheduled by mutual consent of the captains with approval of the board of directors .

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#### FEES:

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A sponsor fee of \$15.00 shall be paid by each team prior to the third week of the schedule. Current ABC and Cadillac B.A. fees must be paid by each team by the third week. Each bowler will pay \$12.00 each night of which \$8.50 covers the cost of bowling with the balance to be placed in the league treasury. The team captain is responsible for paying \$60.00 per night to the Secretary-Treasurer regardless of men being absent.

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#### TEAM ROSTERS:

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Captains shall turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to 6 players. Roster changes must be reported to the Secretary before the new player bowls. A bowler listed on a team roster may not bowl for another team. No roster change may be made on position nights or playoff nights.

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#### SUBSTITUTES:

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A maximum of 10 floating substitutes are allowed. They may bowl for any team. Any substitute used, but not specifically added to a team roster by the captain, will have his name and average posted on the weekly standings sheet under SUBS. No floating subs may be used for playoffs. No NEW subs may be used for position nights.

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### **BLIND SCORES:**

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Blind scores may be used when a team has a legal line-up of at least three roster players, but less than a full line-up, at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less 10 pins of the absent bowler on that team's roster having bowled the most games. If two blind scores are needed the average less 10 pins of the absentee with the next highest number of games shall be used for the second blind score. When two absentees have the same number of games, the team captain may use either average less 10 pins.

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### **TARDY PLAYERS:**

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A tardy player may make up frames missed if the teams have not completed the third frame. Otherwise one tenth of his blind score will be used for each frame missed. Games including complete or partial blind scores may be used to compute averages.

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### **PLAYOFFS:**

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The league champion and trophy winner will be determined by a 3 game playoff between the winner of the first half and the winner of the second half. ( if the same team wins both halves, that team is automatically league champion and there is no playoff ) a three game playoff will also be used to break ties for first place at the end of either half. Playoffs will be bowled at a time convenient to the teams involved. Teams will draw for lanes. Total points for the three games will decide the winner. If a tie still exists, an additional tenth frame shall be bowled on the same lane where the final frame of the third game was bowled. One tenth of the team handicap will be added to the frame score for each team. Alternate lanes for additional ties. The league shall pay the bowling fees for playoffs. Scores bowled in a playoff shall not count toward individual or team averages, or special prize awards offered by the league.

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### AWARDS & PRIZE REQUIREMENTS:

A bowler must bowl one third of the regular schedule (30 games) to qualify for high score prizes ( does not apply to team prize money ) a bowler must bowl two thirds of the schedule ( 60 games ) to qualify for the high average trophy and most improved bowler award.

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### BANQUET OR PARTY & LEAGUE MEETING:

The party and league meeting will be held at a time and place determined by the board of directors. At that time the annual business meeting will be held and the prizes and awards will be presented.

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The league funds remaining after all expenses are paid shall be divided among the teams based on the total number of points won during the season a maximum of \$20.00 may be carried over to the next year in the checking account.

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### ACCOUNTING:

The secretary-treasure shall prepare a written account of receipts and disbursements each year and provide a copy for each team captain.