

**MONDAY NIGHT GARDNERS WOMEN'S LEAGUE RULES  
2023-2024 BOWLING SEASON**

1. The Monday Night Gardners Women's bowling league shall consist of up to 12 teams with the playing strength of 3 bowlers.(2013) The league will be sanctioned by USBC, bowl on Monday night, beginning Sept. 11, 2023 for 31 weeks. The season will be split into two halves,(2018) 15 weeks each with a playoff of the winners for Champion on approximately April 22, 2024. Start time for bowling will be promptly at 7pm.
2. Each bowler will pay a weekly fee of \$15.00(2022) (\$11.50 (2023)to cover the cost of bowling & \$3.50 to be placed in the league account for trophies, prizes, etc.) Total per team per night will be \$ 45.00. (2022)
3. Weekly fees must be paid to the league sec. /tres. by the end of the first game or the team may have to forfeit all points until payment is made.
4. Sponsor fees will be \$25(2018) and are due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of bowling, or the team may be subject to forfeit. This sponsor fee will go toward the cost of the team event in the Cadillac City Tournament. If the team chooses not to participate in the tournament, the sponsor fee shall remain in the league account.
5. 3 games will be bowled each session with 17 points awarded each night. (1 pt each individual. Game – 2 pts. for each team game & 2 pts. for total pins.) Odd lanes enter lineup first, then even lanes.
6. A bowler establishes an average after 3 games of bowling.
7. The individual method of handicapping will be used. The handicap allowance will be 90% and shall be figured on the difference between each bowler's average and the scratch figure of 210. (2017)
8. A vacancy score shall be 120 plus the handicap (81), with the vacant spot to be filled by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of bowling & all monies must be current or the team may be subject to forfeit.
9. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game, provided 3 frames have not been completed by both teams. The bowler may make up the frames missed by alternating appropriate lanes. The late bowler may enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> game & finish the night of bowling.
10. An absentee score shall be the regular bowler's average minus 10 pins, plus handicap. If 2 members are absent & only 1 sub is present, the absentee bowler is the one with the most games bowled, if tied, the bowler with the lowest average. (rule 105 e 2 b) If there are absent bowlers on both teams, they must be slated against each other.

11. One regular team member and 1 substitute shall constitute a legal team line-up (a regular member is one who is listed with your team on the roster sheet.) If no legal lineup, individual bowlers may bowl for individual awards only.
12. Monday Night Gardners will allow 5 member teams (2018), as long as it is listed on the team roster and all bowlers pay their own bowling fees. Permanent roster changes must be made 1 week in advance.(2010)
13. Bowling unopposed will be allowed in cases of emergency and then USBC rules will prevail. Cases of emergency will be determined by the league pres. & sec. If a team is bowling unopposed on league night, the team will not have to have a scorekeeper and will be eligible for league awards. If the team is bowling unopposed on a non-league night, a league officer need not be present to verify scores within 30 pins per game including handicap.
14. The league secretary must be notified of any new bowlers prior to the start of bowling (subs or regulars.) Ask for a sanction card.
15. Snow day will extend the end of the regular schedule.
16. The sec. salary shall be \$20 per team, to be paid at the end of the season out of league money, following presentation of the final average sheet to the Cadillac Assoc. Mgr. Pines will be doing the standing sheets. (2018)
17. No new bowlers will be allowed on position nights & on the last 3 nights of bowling.
18. There will be 2 position nights during the league schedule; the 15<sup>th</sup> week (Dec. 18) & 30<sup>th</sup> week (April 15). Playoff between the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> half and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for League Champions will be April 22. Pacers will not be allowed on Monday Night Gardners league.
19. There will be no mobile children past the poles of the bowling area.
20. A bowler must have attained the age of 18 to participate on the league.
21. The league bowlers will pay their own cost if they wish to attend the banquet. You must be present at the banquet to win drawings unless there are extenuating circumstances.(2022)
22. Toys for Tots gifts should be turned in by Nov. 27, 2023. There will be a Christmas treat night Dec. 18, 2023. Those that wish to may bring a \$10 gift for a gift exchange.
23. Each team is responsible for their own score sheet and should only be totaled by that team.
24. Prize list will be determined by the league vote of the proposals offered.

25. Hi-Low Doubles will be bowled the last night of bowling.
26. Make-up games must be made up before the NEXT SCHEDULED night of bowling or can be pre-bowled. League secretary must be notified.
27. A special league award will be given to the member who bowls the most pins over her average (of at least 21 games) in a Scratch game. If a tie, the bowler with the most games rolled will receive the award. If this happens to be the same, there will be a roll-off between the bowlers.
28. A special league award will be given to the member who wins the most individual match points. If a tie, the bowler with the most games rolled will receive the award. If this happens to be the same, there will be a roll-off. (2017)
29. If there is a position tie, our league will use total pins to determine the position, except for first place ties. USBC rule #113 states, "There will be 1 game bowled to break the tie with the same rules governing league play during the regular season, etc".
30. Lane 5 will be responsible for the 50/50 drawings. 50% of the money collected goes into the league account to be used for drawings at the banquet and the other 50% will be split for 2 drawings each night. (2011)
31. Coyne Propane's team will be in charge of strike ball tickets. Only team members listed on the roster can buy strike ball tickets. If you roll a strike, you get what is in the pot. If you don't strike, you get \$1 for each pin knocked down & the rest of the money is carried over from week to week. When the strike pot reaches \$200, we will keep drawing until someone strikes. At the end of the season, only if you get a strike will you win the money in the pot. (2019)
32. Village Grille team will be in charge of Mystery Game. Up to 3 numbers will be drawn for the first 2 games. If no one has the winning score the money will carry over to the next week. At the end of each month, numbers will be drawn until someone wins. (2016) Subs can not enter. (2023)
33. During Assoc. board selected charity months, two weeks of 50/50 money will go to a designated charity. (2022/23 Oct.-Nov. Hospice)
34. If you must leave your lanes between games, please return as quickly as possible so no one has to wait for you. (2018)
35. Whichever team draws the pay envelope with the "Banquet Committee" in it will be in charge of the end of the year banquet.

## OFFICERS FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

President _____	Christina Baker _____	878-3182
Vice Pres. _____	Deena Altman _____	920-9403
Sec./ Tres. _____	Barb Dore _____	499-0708
Sgt. At Arms _____	Michelle Little _____	920-9398

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Audit Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Maddie Barnette & Pres.

Prize Proposal Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Four D Trucking

Banquet Committee \_\_\_\_\_ designated by random draw

Road/Weather Committee _____	Karen Straight _____	920-7290
	Barb Dore _____	499-0708
	Sheryl DuVall _____	394-0118
	Michelle Barnette _____	878-0520

## SNOW DAYS

Your captain will be notified by 5:00pm if bowling has been canceled.  
Captains, please call Barb Dore 231/499-0708 if you feel we should cancel.