

Women's Independent League

Rules

2023-2024 Season.

1. The league Board of Directors, which consists of the officers and Team Captains, shall be responsible for the league. A major of the members of the Board shall constitute quorum for the transition of the league business. The Board of Directors shall adopt the league rules.
2. The league shall be sanctioned with USBC-CWBC through the local association [Cadillac Ares Bowlers Association]. The league shall consist of seven [7] teams with a playing strength of four [4] or more female bowlers. The names of the bowlers, as any change in the roster during the season, shall be reported by the Team Captain to the League Secretary before a competes. The league will bowl on Thursday for 30 weeks starting September 8, 2022 beginning at 12:30 P.M.. The league will bowl on Thanksgiving November 25th, 2023 . And December 30th, . League will resume bowling on January 4TH 2024.
3. Position matches will be the 10th, 20th, 30th week of bowling, in case of a tie; lanes will be determined by total pin count. The last week will be April 11th, 2024 if there are no snow days. Banquet will be a week later.
4. League Fees, Which must be paid by each member, Shall be \$13.00 per week per bowler, \$10.95 to cover the cost of bowling, The balance of \$2.05 to be placed in the League account to cover expenses, prize fund, etc. The Secretary/Treasurers salary shall be \$20.00 per year, to be paid upon the completion of bowling schedule, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors. Any team whose participating members are not current in league fee payment shall forfeit games. The Officers shall make up the audit committee for supervision of league funds. All team will pay the last week of bowling on the 29th week.
5. Sponsor fee are \$12.00 and shall be paid before the 4th week of bowling. Team wishing to bowl in City Tournament shall be responsible for their own entry fees.
6. The Team Captain hold the franchise [slot]. The Team Captain must notify the league Secretary of the team's intention to retain the franchise for the next season by the last day competition of the current season.
7. An account shall be opened in the name of league at Wexford Credit Union. Deposits must be made within seven [7] days of receipt. The account shall have the President and the League Treasurer on the signature cards. Withdrawals from the accounts shall require the signature of the League Treasurer and President. The League President shall verify the league account monthly/
8. A prize list , drawn up the secretary/Treasurer from the league, must be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors within five [5] week after the start of the season schedule.
9. Three games will be bowled each session-one [1] point for each game won and one [1] point awarded for highest totals in each matched bowled. Four [4] point total.
10. The individual method of handicapping will be used. The handicap will be based on 80% of the difference between the individual's average and the scratch 200.
11. Three [3] consecutive games are required to establish an average. The vacancy score will be 120 with the handicap based on that average.

12. The league Secretary will maintain a list of roving substitute's. Substitutes will not be eligible for any league awards. Substitutes may bowl for more than one team for regularly scheduled games each week.
 13. The minimum lineup of two [2] player must be present before the completion of the first frame of each game to constitute a legal lineup. Two [2] regular members and two[2] substitutes shall considered a legal lineup.
 14. When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation, the team must bowl at least the team average less ten [10] pins per player to receive points for the forfeiture.
 15. Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less then a full roster at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the current average less 10 pins of the regular member who absent.
 16. A late bowler must be ready to bowl by the end of the second frame. The two frames may be made up and the score will count for league awards. A bowler may finish the finish fame before her teammate in an emergency, Scores will count for league awards.
 17. The postponement committee shall consist of Board of Directors of the league, plus the advice of the State Police and the Road commission. The Board of Directors shall determine sufficient cause for postponement other than an emergency. Request for postponements should be 48 hours prior to the scheduled match. In case of entire captains should contact the Secretary to schedule a date and time to make up the match. In case entire league postponement due to weather. One week will be added to the end of the schedule for postponement,
 18. Pacers or bowling unopposed will not be allowed. Exception Rule 108b.
 19. A playoff, consisting of a one [1] game roll-off must be conducted when there is a tie for first place. The same point system used during regular league play will be used to determine the winner. An extra 9th and 10th frame shall be bowled in the event the one game roll-off ends in a tie.
 20. An individual or team shall be eligible for only one special prize.
 21. Teams may use the average of an absentee bowler, but fees must not be more [2] weeks in late.
 22. A bowler must have bowled 60 games of regularly scheduled games to be eligible for individual awards. [30] weeks
 23. Substitutes may not be bought in during the last three [3] weeks of bowling, unless they have previously established an average in this league.
 24. It is captain's duty to see that the fees in the envelope are correct and amount is credited to each bowler before turning the envelope into the Secretary. Envelopes should be turned over to the Secretary by the end of the first game. Please keep sanction fee separate on the record.
 25. Be sure there is no one in the bowling area except those who are bowling in the league play. If a team has more than five[5] people at their table, please use the back table to eliminate congestion. In addition no more than five [5] people at the table, any additional people will find seating elsewhere.
 26. The officers for the Women's Independent League shall be elected by majority vote of the entire league membership at the league board meeting to held in August.
 27. We will have a potluck for the Banquet . Each team will do a center piece for the Banquet.
- Submitted 8/32/23Karla Dezeeuw