

# Pines Men's Intercity Bowling League Rules

2024-2025 Season with Provisions through 2024-2025 Season

Updated 8/21/2024

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1. The league will be sanctioned with United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through the Cadillac Area Bowling Association (CABA). The league will consist of a maximum of 12 teams, with playing strength of 5 men. Team captains may include 2 additional men on the team roster. The names of the bowlers as well as any changes in the roster during the season are to be reported by the team captain to the league secretary before a bowler competes. All bowlers must be sanctioned by the USBC before they will be allowed to bowl in this league. All bowlers must be 18 years or older to bowl. No women will be allowed to bowl in this league. This league will bowl on Wednesday nights, for 32 weeks starting on September 4th, 2024 and ending with week 32 on April 23rd, 2024. Bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. with warm up starting at 6:20 p.m.

2. The league Board of Directors, which consists of the officers and team captains shall manage this league. The quorum for board meetings is a majority of the board. The Board of Directors recommends the league rules to be approved by the general membership of the league at the Spring Banquet. [USBC rules 103 a & b]

. You must bowl 60 games the previous season to be a board member.

3. The Fees for bowling in the Intercity League are as follows:

- Each week of bowling will be \$17 per bowler. This breaks down to \$11.50 per bowler in Lineage fee, \$5.50 per bowler for the prize fund. The league will pay for 31 weeks, with Mike Blackmer donating the lineage for the 32nd week back to the prize fund. Sanction Fee is \$22 and must be paid the first night of bowling. Sponsor Fee is \$30 and must be paid by Week 4 (September 25th 2024) or a \$5 per week fine will be added to it. All Sponsor fees and fines will go to the prize fund. 50/50 and Strike Ball tickets will be sold by the league secretary. Prices for Tickets are 3 tickets for \$2 or 20 Tickets for \$10. 50% of the money collected will go into the prize fund each week. This will be paid out in random draw envelopes. 25% of collected money will go into a 50/50 drawing with the other 25% going to the Strike Pot. To win the Strike Pot you must announce you're up and throw a Strike. This is a "All or Nothing Pot" if you do not throw a Strike the money will carry over to the next week. There will be no carry over on week 32, we will continue to draw until we have a winner. A Sub who has a chance to win the strike ball will be capped at a max of \$100. Any money over \$100 will be carried over to the following week strike pot. If the strike pot is over a \$100 on week 32 and a sub wins, the cap is still in effect and the remaining amount will be drawn for again until we have a

winner. The acting Secretary/Treasurer, Jeremy Moore (voted on at banquet) will be paid \$250 from the prize fund for running the league. The BLS software for running the league will be a one time paid fee from the league with updates approved for each year.

4. A savings/checking account will be opened in the name of Men's Intercity Bowling League per USBC rule 102f. Deposits will be made weekly. The league president shall verify the league account monthly with the statement being mailed to his house. The league will also pay for miscellaneous expenses out of this account such as 50/50 tickets, paper, ink cartridges, etc.

5. A Prize List Committee will be assigned to present two or more prize list per USBC rule 102c and are due to the President for a vote by week 5. A budget will be given to this committee by the Treasurer by the start of week 2.

6. An Audit committee will be set up to perform an audit of the Treasurer. This is required per USBC rule 102c. At least one audit must be completed no sooner than 30 days prior to prize fund payments. Along with this one audit a monthly verification will be performed by the Leagues President.

7. The League will determine handicap on 90% of the difference between a bowler's average and 220.

8. The first 3 weeks of bowling averages will be based off the 2023-2024 Cadillac Area Bowling Association book average. Intercity bowlers will use the average from that league if they have one. If not they must use their highest book average from within the association. Averages will then be established after 3 weeks of bowling (9 complete games). Anyone who does not have an average established in the CABA will establish an average the first night they bowl and must bowl a complete 3 game series. Averages will be adjusted weekly after completion of 9 games. No scores will qualify for any handicap awards until after the bowler has completed 12 games. Vacancy score will be 150, with handicap being figured the same as regular handicap.

9. The season will be divided into 3 segments. Each segment will consist of 10 weeks, with the 10th week being a position night. If there is a tie in standings at the conclusion of a segment, a one game roll off will take place immediately following the position round, the same night. The team winning the game will be declared the winner of the segment. Roll offs will be Weeks 31 and 32. Week 31 will be a roll off between the 3 segment winners plus a Wild Card Team. The Wild Card Team will be the team with the most points won for the year that did not win a segment. The Segment winner with the highest total points will bowl against the Wild Card team, with the other two Segment winners bowling each other. The winners of these two match ups will bowl Week 32 for the Championship. Roll-offs will follow the same 30-point system and incase of a tie during the roll-offs, a one game roll-off will take place that night, with the highest handicapped total pinfall winning the match. Only the 4th game scores will count toward the tie-breaker. If the 2 teams that are tied are not already bowling on the same

pair together, a neutral pair of lanes will be chosen for the tie breaker roll off.

If a team wins multiple segments, this triggers the addition of another wild card team. 2nd place for a third will no longer be awarded the playoff spot. In the event of multiple wild card teams, total points for the year will determine the seeding for the playoffs. The wild card teams will be the teams (1,2, or 3 depending on the 3rd winners) with the most yearly points won that is not in the roll off.

- Week 31 will be bowled as a doubles event for everyone including those involved in the roll-offs

- . Week 32 will be bowled as a singles event for everyone including those involved in the roll-offs

**10.** Position rounds will be bowled on the following lane assignment schedule:

1st position round 1st and 2nd will bowl on lanes 1 and 2.

2nd position round 1st and 2nd will bowl on lanes 3 and 4

3rd position round 1st and 2nd will bowl on lanes 5 and 6.

First roll-off 1 seed and wild card will bowl on 3 and 4, while the 2 and 3 seeds bowl on 7 and 8.

Championship match will be decided on lanes 5 and 6.

**11.** Scoring will be a 30-point system:

- 9 points available each game. 1 point for each head to head match. 4 points for team total pins with handicap for that game.

- 3 points will be awarded to the team who wins Total Pins with Handicap for the Match.

**12.** Each team can have 7 rostered bowlers. A minimum legal line-up of 3 roster bowlers must be present before completion of the third frame of the first game. No new bowlers (less than 9 games in The Inter-City League) may compete in any position rounds without the Board of Directors consent. Once a bowler is added to a roster, they cannot be dropped and added to a different roster, except by vote of the league board of directors, and only in extenuating circumstances.

A list of roving substitutes will be maintained by the league secretary. A roving sub may be used by any team. All bowlers, including subs must have an established average and be USBC sanctioned to bowl in any position night. All Bowlers must have minimum of 21 games to be eligible to bowl in roll-offs as well as be on the team roster. You must also have a minimum of 21 games to qualify for High/Low money.

- Non-roster bowlers cannot be added in the final 5 weeks of bowling without the consent of the league Board of Directors.

**13.** Absentee score will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than full lineup except on the first night, at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score will be his average less 10 pins based off of current average. The vacancy score shall be 150. Teams must use the bowler with the most games bowled for an absentee score.

## USBC rule 105e

. When Bowling against an absentee, the bowler must bowl within 10 pins of his own average to win the match point. When each team has an absentee bowler, they must be paired against each other. The team that wins that games total with handicap will win that match point. The team on the odd number (left lane) must set their line up first. Amendment to USBC rule 106d; A player who arrives late must be ready to bowl by the start of the 4th frame. He will be allowed to bowl the first three frames to catch up and then bowl the rest of the game in the order of the lineup. A player who arrives after the start of the 4th frame cannot compete in that game and will be considered an Absentee. The bowler will be allowed to bowl as a pacer for the rest of that game.

14. Forfeit Games; When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation, the individuals must bowl within 10 pins of their average to win their point. The team must bowl within 50 pins of the team average to win the game points.

- If the league has an odd number of teams, the team that bowls unopposed will compare their scores against the team and individual scores of the team to their right. If they are bowling on lanes 11 and 12 they would compare to the team on lane 1..

15. Postponements may be granted in the event of an emergency in which a team is absent. The make up must be done before the next scheduled night of bowling.

Pre-bowling is allowed in the event of an entire team being absent. A team cannot pre-bowl for a position round or roll offs. You must contact the Pines at 231-775-7752 to schedule a makeup. 15. All USBC Rules apply unless otherwise stated in these rules.