

Pines Sunday Social Bowling League Rules 2025-2026 Season

1. **Certification:** Certification (sanction) Fees for all members will be \$22, unless you are sanctioned in another association other than Cadillac Area Bowling association then the sanction fee will be \$6
2. **Association:** The Pines Sunday Social Bowling League shall be certified with the USBC through the Cadillac Area Bowling Association.
3. **League:** The league will consist of 8-12 teams of 4 bowlers with a playing strength of 2 men and 2 women eighteen years of age or older.
4. **Schedule:** The league will bowl 29 weeks beginning Sunday September 7, 2025; and ending Sunday March 29, 2026.
 - a. There will be two 14-week halves with position night bowled the 14th week of each half.
 - b. Position nights will be Sunday December 7, 2025, and Sunday March 22, 2026.
 - c. The lane position for roll off and championship nights will have the winners in the middle of the bowling alley and other teams arranged by position order.
 - d. The championship roll off (if needed) will be Sunday March 29, 2026.
 - e. The Christmas party will be Sunday December 21, 2025.
 - f. No bowling Sunday December 28, 2025.
 - g. No bowling Easter Sunday April 5, 2026.
 - h. The season banquet will be Sunday April 12, 2026.
5. **League Fees:** League fees will be \$16 per bowler per week. This includes roll off night.
 - a. Lineage fees are \$12.00 per bowler per night and \$4 going to prize money
 - b. Teams/bowlers must stay current.
 - c. Arrearages: this league adopted the USBC rule 110 A-2, which declares games will be forfeited if participants in a team's line up are not current in league fees.
 - d. Bowlers who charge MUST pay their fee the next scheduled night of bowling.
 - e. The league president and secretary may excuse special circumstances, OTHERWISE THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.
6. **Funds:** An account is open at Huntington Bank in which funds shall be deposited weekly or bi-weekly.
 - a. There shall be a monthly audit of bank statements and deposit slips by the president and vice-president of the league.

- 7. Rosters:** Team captains will turn in rosters of permanent team members to the secretary on the first night of bowling.
- a. Rosters will be limited to 6 bowlers.
 - b. Each bowler will establish their average on the first night they bowl. Handicap will be 90% and based on the difference between average and the scratch figure of 210.
 - c. A legal lineup may consist of both rostered bowlers and no more than 2 substitute bowlers. Each team must have 2 rostered bowlers participating for a legal lineup.
 - d. A minimum legal lineup must be present no later than the 3rd frame of each game.
 - e. When a team fails to have a minimum lineup, they will forfeit the game points to the opposing team present.
 - f. The opposing team present must bowl at least a team average less than 40 pins per game and 120 pins for total score, otherwise the points will go unearned for either team.
 - g. An absentee score shall be computed by using the bowlers average less 10 pins plus the bowlers' handicap.
 - h. A vacancy score of 150 for women and 180 for men (example: average-10+handicap)
 - i. Bowlers who arrive late may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed. Frames missed may be caught up on alternating lanes.
 - j. A team waiting on a late bowler must begin bowling 5 minutes after the rest of the league begins bowling.
 - k. New bowlers will not be allowed on position nights. A participating substitute bowler must have bowled at least 9 games on this league to bowl on position nights.
 - l. Pre-bowling and make-up games are not allowed for position nights or roll off nights.
 - m. Pacers are allowed on this league. This means if you arrive late to bowl the first game, you may warm up by bowling in your regular position for the remaining frames. However, those frames will not count towards the team score. The absentee score will be used for that game.
 - n. Substitute bowlers- USBC rule 110a/6
 - i. Roster members may bowl with other teams as substitutes when they are not scheduled to bowl with their team.
 - ii. A rostered bowler may not substitute on a team that is bowling against their rostered team

- 8. Postponements:** Any team that is unable to bowl a scheduled night of league bowling MUST contact the league president or secretary prior to league night. **DO NOT CALL THE PINES AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.**
- Bowling unopposed is to be granted only by league officers.
 - Make up games must be bowled BEFORE the next scheduled night of bowling.
- 9. Standings:** Position standings will be determined on points earned based on a 7-point system.
- 2 points per game, and 1 point for total points
 - To determine the winner of the year, roll off for 1st place, a 3-game series will be bowled with the most points winning based on the 7-point system. Should a tie occur at the end of the first half, 1 game with handicap will be bowled to determine the winner of the half. In the event of 2 or more teams are tied, 4 adjoining teams will rotate after each game. Scores bowled in such playoffs will not count towards awards offered by this league.
- 10. Prizes:** Prize money will be awarded to each person on the championship teams. \$15 per person will go to the person(s) who finished 1st in one half of the season BUT did not win the championship roll off. Money will be paid for both men and women high handicap and actual game series. Second and third place will also be awarded cash prizes. Bowlers must bowl 2/3 of the season or 56 games to qualify for prizes. The philosophy of a social league is to have the most participants share in the payouts. Should a bowler qualify in the same payout category, he/she will be paid the highest award, and the next highest qualified bowler will be awarded the next prize.
- 11. 50/50 Tickets:** 50/50 tickets will be sold from lane 5.
- One half will go to the league fund; one quarter will go to winning ticket and one quarter will go to the strike ball ticket.
 - The first week in November the half that typically goes to the league 50/50 fund will be donated to the charity chosen by the association.
 - Substitute bowlers will be able to participate in strike ball or Mystery Game drawings after bowling 9 games on this league.
 - After each weekly drawing the losing tickets will be collected (Darcy Mattson) for a second chance drawing at the banquet. Each ticket will be signed so there is no question who it belongs to.
 - Reaching a maximum of \$200 and drawn until there is a winner.
- 12. Mystery Game:** Mystery Game will be managed by the league (Karen Straight). The cost is \$2 per person per night. 3 scores will be drawn weekly. If no winner is drawn the pot will roll over weekly until reaching a maximum of \$200, then will be drawn until there is a winner.
- Games 1 and 2 will be drawn individually.

13. **Events:**

- a. **Turkey roll off:** will be held November 9, 2025. The cost will be \$1 per person for those wanting to participate. The league will purchase 2 turkeys; the turkeys will be presented on November 16, 2025, to the 2 couples who bowled the most over their combined average.
- b. **Christmas Party:** the Christmas Party will be December 21, 2025.
- c. **Super Bowl Sunday:** we will bowl
- d. **Fun Night:** Fun night will be the same night as the championship roll off.
- e. **Banquet:** The league will pay half the price of the banquet ticket of each bowler with the bowler paying the other half. If a team chooses to not attend the banquet, their banquet cost remains in the league funds.
 - i. You must be present at the banquet to receive winnings of 50/50 second chance tickets. In the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances a bowler who has paid their cost for the banquet will be eligible for 50/50 second chance winnings.
- f. **Bowlers:** Bowlers are responsible for the conduct of their visitors.
 - i. Children must be always kept out of the scorekeeping and the ball return areas.
- g. **Committees:**
 - i. Fun Night: Darcy Mattson, Karen Straight
 - ii. Weather: John Short, Tom Anderson, Karen Straight
 - iii. Banquet: Darcy Mattson, Karen Straight
 - iv. Audit: Darcy Mattson, Sherry Laurie

14. **Secretary Fee:** The league secretary will be paid \$30 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 Area Bowling Association Manager. The Pines will be doing the standing sheets.

League Officers:

President: Tom Anderson 231-590-3341
Vice President: Naomi Short 231-885-1454
Secretary: Theresa Durga 231-920-3181

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