

2025-2026 Rules

1. Schedule

The Pines Ladies Pin Busters bowling league shall be sanctioned with the USBC through the local association. The leagues shall consist of no more than 12 teams with a playing strength of 4 women per team. The league shall bowl on Thursdays at 6:30 pm for 30 weeks commencing on 9/4/25 and ending on 4/23/26 with the banquet to follow the final week of bowling.

2. Management

The membership of this league shall be vested in all the board of directors, which shall consist of the officers elected and team captains. A majority shall consist of quorum. The board of directors shall adopt the league. The entire league shall adopt the league rules.

3. Fees

- A. League Fees is the amount to be paid by each bowler every week. The amount is \$16.00 of which \$12.00 will cover the cost of bowling and \$4.00 to be placed in the league's checking account weekly for disbursement at the end of the season as prize money. Make checks payable to: The Pines. Each team will be responsible for fees paid each week. Absent bowlers must prepay whenever possible. If not possible, fees **MUST** be paid in full the following week. No ongoing charging of bowling fees will be allowed. Any team who has member(s) who are not current in paying leagues fees are taking the chance of forfeiting team games. This rule will be enforced! **Captains** of each team will be responsible to verify and enter money paid each week and are asked to return the envelopes to the league Secretary by the end of the 3rd frame of the first game.
- B. Sanction Fees are \$22.00 and are due the first night of bowling. Technically, if not paid scores do not count. If paying by check, please make checks payable to **CABA (Cadillac Area Bowling Association)**.
- C. Sponsor Fees - Each team shall pay \$25.00 sponsor fee of which all monies will go towards prizes or participation in the City Tournament. Fees are due within 30 days of the start of the season. If paying by check, make checks payable to: The Pines Ladies Pin Busters.

4. Salaries

The salary for the secretary shall be \$20.00 per team for the 2025-2026 season.

5. Franchise

The franchise (team spot) shall be held by the team captain as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the league's board of directors, except that a franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause. A captain must notify the league secretary of the team's intention to retain their spot by July 31st. Failure to do so may result in reassignment of the franchise by the board. The Board of Directors must decide disputes pertaining to the captaincy or sponsorship.

6. League Funds

An account shall be opened in the name of the league at HORIZON Bank in which funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made with joint signatures of at least 2 authorized officers of the league and will be monitored by the league secretary. A monthly audit of the bank statement will be done by the president.

7. Prizes

At the start of the schedule, the secretary will give each team captain a copy of the prize list proposals. Each team will vote, the majority will decide which prize list is used. Cash awards will be given for placement winners. Any team wishing to order trophies may do so at their own expense.

8. Entering Averages

Bowlers must establish averages after completing 3 games on their first night of bowling. New members entering the league after the schedule has begun will establish their average after 3 games have been completed.

9. Handicap

The handicap allowance shall be 90% and shall be based on the difference between each individual's average and the scratch figure of 210. The team handicap for each scheduled member match shall be the total of the individual's handicap in the lineup.

10. Team Roster

Captains will turn in the rosters of the team members to the secretary by the end of the first scheduled match. Rosters will be limited to 6 players. Any roster changes must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new roster member bowls. **(A sanction card MUST be filled out even if they are sanctioned by another league)** If you are on a team's roster, you CAN SUBSTITUTE for any other team. New players cannot be added to the team roster the last 3 weeks of the season schedule.

11. Substitutes

The league shall maintain a list of revolving substitutes including phone numbers. Women must substitute for women. No one may bowl with more than one team member for the regular scheduled games each week. No new substitutes will be allowed the last 3 weeks of the schedule. Substitutes must have an established average in this league and have bowled at least 12 games to bowl on position nights. No new bowlers (roster or substitute) may bowl on position nights.

12. Legal Lineup

Both regular and substitute players shall count towards a legal lineup. A minimum legal lineup must consist of at least 1 regular team roster member and 1 substitute. A minimum legal lineup must be present by the 3rd frame of each game.

*****It is preferred that if one roster bowler can be present, please try to find a substitute and bowl instead of making up the games*****

13. Forfeitures

A match is declared forfeited when an opposing team fails to show up for a scheduled match and does not make any arrangements to do a make-up. The **Secretary MUST** be notified on or before the night they cannot attend. The team present shall still bowl for their scores and will be awarded 18 points if they bowl within 10 pins of their average. The forfeiting team must still pay their weekly fee of \$16.00 per bowler.

14. Vacant & Absentee Score

When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full roster (4 bowlers), a vacancy score of 120 shall be used. Such score shall be the basis for the handicap. Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup (see 12 for legal lineup), but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series, provided they don't have a full roster (at least 4 members). With a full roster, the absent member average minus 10 pins will be used for their score. When the roster has more than 4 members and several bowlers are absent, the member on the roster with the most number of games bowled will be used in the lineup (example bowler 1 and 3 are absent, but bowler 5 on the roster (who is also absent) has bowled more games than bowler 3, then bowler 5 will be put in the game lineup as absent instead of bowler 3 for that night of league play). If both teams have absent bowlers, then those absent bowlers will be paired against each other in the lineup and the team that wins the game total will be awarded the point for the absent bowlers.

15. Postponements

A committee shall be appointed to determine what a sufficient cause to grant a postponement is. In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the league Secretary or President at the earliest opportunity. All postponed matches **MUST** be made up prior to the next match. You can pre-bowl or post-bowl if you know ahead of time.

President: Shawn Redman 231-510-6651

Secretary: Vicky Ball 989-330-9168

In the event of a weather postponement, the league secretary will contact all the team captains by 4:30 pm on the night in question. Please contact your team captain in the event bad weather is questionable.

16. Bowling Unopposed

Bowling unopposed will be allowed.

17. Tardy Players

A bowler who arrived late may enter the 1st game provided 3 frames have not been completed. If 3 frames have been completed they will be allowed to start game 2.

18. 50/50 Tickets

- A. The team on lane 5 each week will sell 50/50 tickets
- B. They are to announce the last call for the sale of those tickets between the 1st and 2nd game.
- C. 50% of the ticket sales will be paid to 3 winning tickets drawn
- D. 50% of the ticket sales will be paid to the league prize fund.
 - a. Write your name on the back of your tickets
 - b. Losing tickets will be collected each week by the league Secretary's team
 - c. Tickets will be drawn for prizes/cash at the banquet
- E. 50% of the Charity Donation will be collected October - November for the Veterans.
- F. Subs Can buy tickets for 50/50 drawings

19. Strike Ball

- A. Shawn Redman will be selling the strike ball tickets and handling the strike ball fund. The bowler who is in the strike ball MUST wait to hear her name to be announced before rolling the strike ball.
- B. The strike ball will be paid as follows: If the bowler does not roll a strike, she will receive \$1.00 per pin knocked down. IF she bowls a strike, she wins the entire strike ball fund. For the strike ball payout nights 12/18/25 and 4/16/26 (this might get pushed back depending on weather makeup weeks) each ticket is drawn for the strike ball only (strike or nothing). The next ticket will be drawn until someone rolls a strike.
- C. Subs are not allowed to buy Strike Ball tickets

20. Over average and Handicap

_____ will be collecting money for the over average and handicap pots for both 1st and 2nd games every Thursday night. The payouts will be done after each game.

21. Scoring

Each team must enter their own bowlers in the order of their team's lineup. The team bowling on the right lane has the option to adjust their lineup each night after the team on the left lane has entered their lineup. Each team should try to do their best to share the responsibility of taking care of the scoring. The score MUST be completed before turning into the secretary. 3 games will be bowled each league night with 18 points awarded each night. 1 point for individual games, 1 point for each team game and 3 points for total pins.

22. Committees

- A. Banquet Committee - Is decided by who is ranked 5th after the 5th week of bowling. The team listed in 5th place in the 6th week standings sheet wins the nomination of our spring banquet team.
- B. Weather Committee - Shawn Redman and Dawn Rozeveld

League Officers for the 2025 - 2026 Season

President - Shawn Redman: 231-510-6651

Vice President - Dawn Rozeveld: 231-825-2161

Secretary - Vicky Ball: 989-330-9168