



**League Officers**

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## **FALL 2021 Season**

**14 weeks**

**September 13, 2021 through December 13, 2021**

**Position Round December 6, 2021**

**Sweeps Night December 13, 2021**

### **LEAGUE RULES**

This league shall be known as the Tavern Guild Invitational Bowling League (TGL). This league is sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and with the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO). Tavern Guild Invitational is a closed league and membership is by invitation only through current league members or advertising. League Officers have final approval of new members and membership matters.

The season's rules and schedule will be posted on the League Website at [www.tavernguildleague.com](http://www.tavernguildleague.com). The league shall be governed and conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and this league's rules and amendments. Where there is conflict between these two, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

1. Current year's USBC constitutions, specifications and rules (excluding the league's rules)
2. This league's rules and amendments

### **MANAGEMENT OF LEAGUE:**

The management of the Tavern Guild Invitational League shall be vested in the Board of Directors which consists of the League Officers. Officers elected shall serve one year beginning with the Summer League Season each year. Officers must be current active bowlers for the entire term of office. General Membership shall adopt the league rules, and the League Officers may amend the rules through a majority vote of a quorum. Where specific rules have not been adopted, the league rules contained in USBC's constitutions, specifications, and suggested league rules shall apply.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS/SIDE POTS**

Brackets, 50/50 Raffle and Strike Pot tickets will be sold at the bracket table prior to bowling, or by Tavern Guild teams on a rotating basis during bowling up until the drawing time each week (usually during the 3<sup>rd</sup> game). Desk Personnel or other designated representatives may also be permitted to sell tickets as assigned or determined by the Tavern Guild Officers/League Representatives. (ie the bracket personnel). Any other Side Pots, Raffles, promotions will be permitted at the discretion of the League Officers and/or the House.

### **TEAM CAPTAIN:**

A team captain is a member of the league authorized to organize and enter a team into league play. The captain is the team's representative and shall perform the following duties:



- Collect all dues and fees from each member of the team and bring the team's fees envelope to the League President no later than the fifth frame of the first game. **(This includes Substitute Bowler fees of \$10 and notating payment on the team envelope)**
- Be responsible for the eligibility of the team and its members under the rules of the league and USBC.
- Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of the team in league play. It is within the Team Captain's authority to permanently remove any player from the team. Good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the League President.
- Enter the names of substitute bowlers on the Recap Sheets and the computerized scorekeeping machines at the start of each night. (or have the front desk complete this task) Ensure that the substitute bowler complete a USBC Sanction Card on their first night during this Season.(League Officers have blank cards) This card should be placed inside the team envelope along with any fees for sanctioning (\$25) and bowling (\$10).
- Sign the Recap Sheets and have the scores verified by the opposing Team Captain.
- Pay each member of the team his/her prize monies upon disbursement on the last night of the league (Sweeps Week). Any dispute over prize monies shall be brought to the attention of the League President.
- Have a clear understanding and be able to explain all leagues rules, including Position Round and Sweeps, to team members.
- Make all necessary adjustments to the computerized scorekeeping machines or have the front desk complete these tasks.
- Monitor the flow of play, ensure that Bowling Etiquette is being observed. Any incidents that cannot be resolved at the Team Captain level is to be reported to a League Officer immediately, so that appropriate intervention/actions can be administered, if necessary. See Rule 15 for more.

## **RULES:**

### **RULE #1 - Individual Entering Averages**

***FOR FALL 2021: EVERYONE WILL ESTABLISH A NEW AVERAGE ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF BOWLING, AFTER THE COMPLETION OF 3 GAMES.***

All bowlers will use their most recent Tavern Guild Book Average for the first 9 games (6 games for summer season). If none, they will use their most recent Tavern Guild April 15 Book Average for the first 9 games (6 for summer season). If none, the bowler will use their most recent April 15 Book Average found on [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) for the first 9 games (6 for summer season). If no average, the bowler will establish an average after they bowl their first 3 games. This rule applies to all subs as well. If a returning bowler is absent on Opening Night, a vacant score of 120 plus 81 handicap will apply. If a brand new bowler to the league is absent on Opening Night, a vacancy score of **120 plus 81 handicap** shall be used until the bowler joins the league or until the vacancy has been filled. If a team only has 3 bowlers and their 4th spot is vacant, they will also use the vacancy score for that opening.

### **RULE #2 - Team Averages and Limits**

There are no rules or limits for team maximums or minimums with regards to average.



### **RULE #3 - Handicap**

The handicap allowance in this league is **90%** of the difference between each individual average and **210**. Team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individuals for the bowlers in the lineup.

### **RULE #4 - Legal Lineup**

Teams consist of 4 bowlers each. A legal lineup consists of at least **one** regular team member present. That **one** regular team member may defend the team solely. Pre-Bowls and Make-Up Games are discouraged. For various reasons throughout the season, a member may drop. The league does everything possible to keep every team full, but sometimes this is not possible. The League Officers monitor the membership and may or may not combine teams depending on the best interest of the league.

### **RULE #5 - Tardy Players**

**Tardy bowlers may enter the game up through the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame of each game.** Tardy bowlers must use the absentee score for all missed frames (1/10 of absentee score - average minus 1 pin for every frame they miss). **When you have a tardy bowler, enter that person as a "Blind" bowler on the computerized scorekeeping machine. The machine will automatically use the absentee score for each frame until that tardy bowler arrives. Tardy bowlers cannot make up frames missed.**

### **RULE #6 - Blind and Vacancy Scores**

Blind scores are used when a regular bowler is absent on a league night. A blind score is that bowler's average minus 10 pins. A vacancy score applies when a team consists of only 3 regular bowlers. Until the league finds that team a 4th regular bowler, that team will use **a vacancy score of 120 average with 81 handicap.**

If bowling against a team where none of their bowlers show up, your team must bowl within 40 pins of your team's average to win a game. If your team doesn't bowl within 40 pins of its team average, then neither team wins the game point.

### **RULE #7 - Postponement and Pre-bowling**

**NO PREBOWLS are permitted for Fall 2021. NO POSTBOWLS are permitted for Fall 2021.** Since one regular team member may defend the entire team alone or with substitute bowlers, Pre-Bowls and Make-Up Games are discouraged. However, if this should occur, the Team Captain must notify a League Officer a minimum of 5 days prior as well as receive the approval of the League Officer(s). Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the team's games that night. If a pre-bowl is granted, the games must be bowled prior to the scheduled match. Should a Postponement (Make-up) be granted by any League Officer, the entire team must complete their 3 games by 12noon on the next scheduled league day/night. Substitute bowlers cannot be used for Pre-Bowls or Make-Up Games. **No postponement or make-ups are allowed to be outstanding prior to Position Rounds and are not allowed during Position Rounds and Sweeps Week.**

### **RULE #8 - Position Standings**

The Tavern Guild League uses a four-point system. Standings are determined on a point basis, with one point for each game won and one point for the team having high series.



The winner is determined by the best 2 of 3 games on Position Round (the 4<sup>th</sup> point for overall points will not be used to determine 1<sup>st</sup> place). All other final standings are determined by the number of games won during the season (including 2<sup>nd</sup> place). It is not guaranteed that Position Rounds will have Team #1 bowling Team #2 in the standings.

**RULE #9 - Substitutes**

Substitute bowlers may be used when available. Subs must prove their USBC Membership sanctioning, or, they will be required to pay USBC's current sanctioning fee. Regardless, all subs must complete a USBC Membership Application form. **No pacers are allowed to bowl in the Tavern Guild League.**

**SUBS must be present at the start of Game 1 in order to be eligible to bowl. SUBS may not be tardy. For Fall 2021 Subs will establish on the first night of bowling, after 3 games have been completed.**

Subs will use their TavernGuild average or their Book Average as posted on Bowl.com. If no average exists, that bowler will establish an average on the first night after 3 games are bowled. Subs cannot bowl during Position Round or Sweeps Week.

Currently, there is no rule with regards to which team member a substitute can sub for, i.e. a sub bowler with a 190 average may bowl for a regular team member who is averaging 150.

**RULE #10 – Dues**

**This is a NO SHORTAGE LEAGUE.**

Weekly bowling dues are \$24.00 per bowler. \$18.00 pays lineage; \$1.00 pays the League Officer Fee; the remaining \$5.00 goes to the league to cover the prize fund and operating expenses.

**The Tavernguild prepays the last 2 weeks of bowling each season.**

**The Tavernguild allows a 1 week grace period for payment of dues. If a bowler has two weeks or more of dues in arrears they may not bowl in competition until those monies are made whole. If a member with outstanding dues does bowl, the team will forfeit all games until the bowler in violation returns to good standing.**

Due the first week is as follows:

<b>First Night Dues</b>	<b>\$24</b>
<b>Last 2 Weeks Dues</b>	<b>\$48</b>
<b>Sanction Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Minimum Total Due first Night:</b>	<b>\$97.00</b>

**TOTAL DUE FOR ENTIRE 14 Week Season (including Sanctioning): \$361.00**

**RULE #11 - USBC Sanction Fees, League Officer Fee, Pre-Pay Last Week(s)**



USBC Sanction dues of \$25.00 per bowler are due no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the season in which the fees are due. The League's Officers will let all bowlers know whether or not their USBC Sanction Dues are paid for through this Season, or if they must pay Sanctioning Fees.

- Complete the Card, attach payment (if required), return in your weekly team envelope
- - All Bowlers are required by USBC to complete and sign a Sanctioning Card, including subs.
- Sanctioning must be completed and paid for by the completion of the 2nd week of bowling
  - o It is preferred that a separate check be made out to GLAC USBC in the amount of \$25, however, dead presidents (otherwise known as CASH) are also accepted.
  - o You may also pay online, but you must bring PROOF OF PAYMENT to attach to your sanctioning card.

### **RULE #12 - Prize Eligibility**

A league member must bowl 55% of the league's schedule and be a member of the league at the close of the season in order to qualify for any prizes or awards.

### **RULE #13 - Withdrawal From The League**

If a bowler needs to drop from the league, two weeks written notice must be given to the League President, unless a replacement bowler is found earlier. A bowler dropping from the league for other than medical reasons shall forfeit any and all prizes and monies that they may have been eligible to receive at the end of the season. Any bowler dropping from the league for any reason other than medical will also forfeit the prepayment of the last 2 weeks of the season. The League's Board of Directors may review other situations and will make a decision regarding sufficient cause.

### **RULE 14 - Officer Fees**

League Officer fees are paid at the end of the Season

### **RULE 15 – Disciplinary Actions**

In the event that the Team Captains cannot resolve an issue, the Team Captain should immediately report the incident to any League Officer for review, intervention and/or possible disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following:

- Verbal and/or Written Warning and probation for remainder of current Sanction Year.
- Dismissal from League and Request to have Sanction Card revoked through USBC.

The League Officers reserve the right to dismiss any member at any time for any reason.

### **RULE 16 – Bowling balls/Equipment**

**As per USBC Rule 14:**

- 1. No balance holes will be permitted.**
- 2. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.**
- 3. No more than three (3) ounces of weight on any halves of the ball.**

**Anyone found to be using equipment that is not in compliance with USBC Rules will have the equipment in violation confiscated, suspended from the league and notification of violation will be submitted to USBC for revocation of user's sanction.**



## **AWARDS**

- Awards will be submitted to USBC for any awards for which bowlers are eligible.
- The league does not give trophies.
- The league provides cash awards for the Season Champion, Runner up (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in the standings.
- The league provides for a guaranteed points fund paying \$2 per point won at the end of the season to each team to be divided among it's members.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Bowling - practice starts at 7pm and league play starts immediately after.
- The House reserves the right to book private events on during the Season. If this occurs, the league officers will vote on whether or not to extend or shorten the season.
- Guests including children are not permitted in the immediate bowling area.
- Checks returned for "Non-Sufficient Funds" will result in that bowler paying cash only for the remainder of the season - no exceptions. A \$25 returned check fee will be assessed and payment must be reimbursed. Additional action may be determined by the League Officers.
- No outside Food or Drink is permitted inside.
- All bowlers must wear bowling shoes.

## **REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING and COVID-19**

**ALL BOWLERS MUST ADHERE/COMPLY WITH ALL CURRENT SOCIAL DISTANCING/MASK REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO COVID-19.**

**(This includes the correct wearing of masks.)**

***Anyone not adhering to Covid-19 regulations will be removed from the facility, will be banned from the league and will still be responsible for paying the remainder of the season fees.***