

Spares PBA Experience

League Rules, Summer 2010

1. Schedule

The Spares PBA Experience League and all members shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through its local association as a SPORT CERTIFIED league. This league shall consist of 18 teams with a playing strength of three bowlers per team. This league will bowl on Tuesdays for 13 weeks, commencing on 25 May 2010. All scheduled matches will begin promptly at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.).

The league will finish its schedule on Tuesday, 17 August 2010.

2. Management

The Management of this league shall be vested in the league's Board of Directors, which will consist of the league officers and team captains. Meetings conducted during the course of the bowling season must have at least two-thirds of the team captains and at least one league officer present to constitute a quorum.

3. League Fees

The amount to be paid each week by each member shall be **\$23.00**, of which \$12.55 will cover the cost of bowling, with the balance to be placed in the league.

The weekly fee for the final two weeks of bowling is due by the fifth week of competition. No bowler will be allowed to be more than one week in arrears. **NO PAY, NO BOWL**. Bowlers that are absent are required to pay all arrearages upon their return unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the Board of Directors.

All checks are to be payable to the league and no checks will be accepted during the last four weeks of the schedule. All returned checks will be assessed a \$30.00 service fee in addition to whatever fees are levied against the league. A bowler who has checks returned twice must pay cash for the remainder of the season.

4. Sport Certification Fees

All bowlers, including substitutes, must pay USBC Sport League certification fees. The cost for a USBC Sport Membership card is \$35. Those bowlers who currently hold a USBC Standard Membership card can upgrade to Sport Membership for \$15.

5. Salaries

The secretary-treasurer's salary shall be \$0.50 per bowler per week and will be paid in full upon the completion of the bowling season and only after final averages have been submitted to the local association.

6. League Funds

A league account with Northwest Federal Credit Union shall be opened in the league's name in which all league funds shall be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the joint signatures of at least two authorized officers of the league. The President must verify the bank account monthly in accordance with USBC Bonding Rules.

7. Prize Fund

The prize fund committee will submit at least three lists for which the league membership **will vote no later than the third week** of the schedule. A majority of votes cast will determine the approved prize list. In the event a majority is not reached on the initial voting, all lists but the two with the most votes, including ties, will be dropped and another vote will be taken.

8. Prizes

A bowler may receive only one individual award excluding high average. A team may win only one team achievement award excluding team position. In the event a bowler is eligible to receive more than one award, the award of greater value will be awarded. In order to receive an individual award, a bowler must have competed in at least two-thirds of the season and contributed to the prize fund each week.

9. Entering Averages

All bowlers will establish an average and handicap after their first complete four-game series on the same night.

10. Handicap

The handicap for team competition will be 90 percent of the difference between the averages of the opposing teams.

The handicap for determining individual awards shall be 90 percent of 210.

11. Team Rosters

Team captains will submit to the secretary, on the first night of bowling, a complete roster of all team members including addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Team rosters will be limited to four (4) players. Any roster change must be reported to the secretary at least 24 hours in advance. **DO NOT CALL THE CENTER WITH ANY ROSTER CHANGES.** There will be no roster changes permitted in the final two weeks of league play.

12. Substitutes

The league will maintain a list of roving (floating) substitutes. A bowler may not sub for more than one team during a given week. New substitutes may be used on the first and second position rounds. Substitutes used on all subsequent position rounds must have at least four (4) games bowled in the league.

13. Legal Lineup

A minimum legal lineup will consist of one (1) bowler. The team must field a legal lineup by the completion of the first game of the given game or it will be forfeited.

14. Forfeitures

When a game has been declared forfeited, the team present and receiving benefit of the forfeit must bowl as though the games are actually being contested. The team present must bowl at last the team's current average less 30 points in order to receive any point(s) won. If the team fails to achieve this score, neither team will receive any points.

15. Absentee and Vacancy Scores

An absentee score will be used when a team has a full roster but less than a fill lineup on a given night. The absentee score will be the bowler's current average minus 10 pins. Refer to USBC Rule 105e(2) for provisions on which absentee score to use when teams have additional members of their roster.

In the event a team does not have a full roster, a vacancy score of 150 will be used.

16. Postponements

Pre and post bowling will be allowed provided a team cannot field a **legal lineup** in accordance with USBC Rule 111b.

If the team captain of the opposing team in a scheduled night of bowling agrees to a mutual postponement, only the secretary and the bowling center needs to be notified. In the event the secretary and opposing team are not notified, the match will be declared a forfeit. **All postponed matches must be bowled prior to the next position round.** There is no individual pre and post bowling.

Pre and post bowl requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance, except in emergencies. Pre and post bowls are to be scheduled only on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and starting no later than 1100.

17. Unopposed Bowling

Unopposed bowling will be permitted. In the event the league has an odd number of teams, the wins and losses will be held for two weeks in order to secure an additional team. In the event no additional teams are added, the forfeit rule will apply.

18. Tardy Players

Bowlers arriving late and after the match has begun will be permitted to make up frames missed provided the anchor bowler on the opposing team has not completed the fifth frame. Frames missed may not be made up consecutively.

19. Position Rounds

There will be eight position rounds. The position rounds will be on weeks 2a, 4a, 6a, 8a, 10a, 12a, 13a, and 13b. Note that the eighth position round (week 13b) will be the same opponents as week 13a.

20. Position Standings

Position standings will be determined on a win-loss basis with two (2) points being awarded for team game won and one (1) point for total pins against each opponent. A team may win a maximum of five (5) points per two-game match or 10 points per night.

21. Withdrawals

When a bowler has cause to withdraw from the league, two weeks dues are required. Written notification must be presented to a league official stating the cause of the withdrawal. A new team entering the league will assume the position of the team it replaces.

22. Playoffs

In the event of a tie for first place, an additional game will be bowled **immediately following the final night** to determine the league champion. In the event of a second tie, a 10th frame roll-off will be conducted in which one tenth of the normal handicap will be received. If there is a tie for any other position than first, the prize money will be equally divided. This league will use the **locked position rule**. If, on the final night of bowling, the first place team is 10 and $\frac{1}{2}$ points in front of the second place team, the first place team will bowl the last place team, the second and third place teams will bowl each other, and so forth.

23. Protest

Any protest affecting the eligibility of general playing rules must be made in writing and presented to a league official within 15 days of the date of the infraction. If no written protest is entered, the scores will stand as bowled. Any protest on the last night of bowling must be filed within 72 hours of bowling.

24. Other

The current USBC rule book will govern any rules not covered in these by-laws.

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25. Oil Pattern Schedule

The oil pattern schedule will be:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Pattern Name</u>	<u>Pattern Length</u>
Weeks 1 and 2	Viper	37 feet
Weeks 3 and 4	Scorpion	41 feet
Weeks 5 and 6	Shark	43 feet
Weeks 7 and 8	Chameleon	39 feet
Weeks 9 and 10	Cheetah	35 feet
Weeks 11 through 13	USBC Open Championships (Reno)	40 feet

26. League Officers and Web Site Information

The league officers for the 2010 season, as elected by the general membership prior to the first night of bowling, are:

President:	Chris Whitman	whitmancw@yahoo.com	703-869-9227
Vice President:	Jana Tousignant	jmuzician@hotmail.com	703-585-4291
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The Spares PBA Experience league data will be available on the World Wide Web at the following URL:

<http://www.house-bowlrz.org/PBA-X>