

TNBA Let's Roll!!! League Rules 2026-2027

LEAGUE OFFICERS:

President: Tom Huang

Vice President: Raymond Penton

Secretary/Treasurer: Stephanie Driggins

Sergeant at Arms: Eric Wesby

Rule 1. SCHEDULE

The TNBA Let's Roll Bowling league shall be sanctioned with the USBC, local Capital Area USBC (\$25) and TNBA (\$25). The league shall consist of 20 teams with a bowling strength of 4 with a minimum one (1) male and one (1) female per team. The league will bowl on Wednesday night for 34 weeks commencing August 26, 2026. The league's anticipated completion of the 34-week season is April 28, 2027. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 7:00PM with practice at 6:45PM.

There is no league bowling on November 25th, December 23rd and December 30th.

Rule 2. MANAGEMENT

The management of this league shall be vested in the board of directors, which shall consist of the officers and team captains. The league membership shall elect officers at the post-season (end of league April 2026) league meeting. The league rules shall be adopted at the pre-season meeting (beginning of league August 2025). A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 3. FEES

The amount to be paid by each league member each night shall be \$30.00 of which \$14.50 will cover the cost of bowling (lineage), \$15.00 for the prize fund, and \$0.50 for the secretary/treasurer's fee. The last 2 weeks shall be paid by each member before completion of the 5th week of bowling.

If a bowler starts after the first week of bowling, he/she will be responsible for paying just the prize fund portion of league fees from the beginning of the season (\$15.00) plus secretary/treasurer fee of (\$0.50) for a total of (\$15.50) per night missed.

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In the event of a Vacancy, the team is responsible for paying the Prize Fund + Secretary/Treasurer fees (\$15.50) until a bowler is added to their roster.

ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING IN THEIR ENVELOPES BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST GAME.

Rule 4. ARREARAGES

No league member is allowed to be in arrears on league fees for more than one (1) week.

Teams must be paid up in order to have a sub for an absent league member. Team captains are responsible for all money. If a league member is more than one (1) week in arrears, they cannot bowl. If a team uses an ineligible bowler, the **team** will receive a score of 0 (zero) for all games.

Rule 5. SALARIES

The salary to be paid to the secretary/treasurer shall be \$0.50 per person per night and shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule. Full payment shall not be authorized until the secretary has furnished all average sheets, including ending averages for both men and women to the local association.

Rule 6. LEAGUE FUNDS

League funds shall be through in-house banking with Buffaloe Lanes North.

Rule 7. PRIZES

The president shall appoint a prize fund committee no later than the 5th week, and it will be voted on during the 6th week. To qualify for individual awards, a league member must bowl at least 66% of the scheduled games (as a regular league member). An individual is entitled to one team award and one individual award.

Rule 8. ENTERING AVERAGES

Entering averages of all players shall be determined in the following order:

- a. Average established in this league last season, based on 21 games or more.
- b. Highest average from the previous season in any CAUSBC league, based on 21 games or more.

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c. Highest average from the previous season in any USBC league, based on 21 games or more.

d. Bowlers who do not have a qualifying average outlined in items a-c will establish their average the first 3 games they bowl.

Rule 9. HANDICAP

The handicap allowance shall be 90% and shall be based on the differences between each individual's average and a scratch figure of 230. The team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the sum of the individual handicaps for the players in the lineup.

Rule 10. TEAM ROSTERS

The appointed team captain of each team will turn in a roster of team members to the secretary prior to the start of the league schedule. Rosters will be limited to 5 players. Any roster changes must be reported to the league secretary prior to the new team member(s) bowling. The fifth bowler may not bowl on any other team.

The team roster may change their line-up during league play only if the team is in a lower seed than the opposing team.

Rule 11. SUBSTITUTES

A list of roving or floating substitutes shall be maintained by the league. No one may bowl with more than one team for the regular scheduled games each week. Men may substitute for women and women may substitute for men. The minimum of one (1) male and one (1) female for the team must be maintained.

Substitutes are eligible to bowl in the position round as long as they meet the following requirements:

- First position round at week 11 – Must have 9 games (or more) and is within 10 pins for the roster member.
- Second position round at week 22 – Must have 15 games (or more) and is within 10 pins for the roster member.
- Third position round at week 33 / Roll-off – Must have 21 games (or more) and is within 10 pins for the roster member.

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Rule 12. LEGAL LINEUP

A minimum legal lineup must include at least 2 regular members from a team's roster. A team must have a legal lineup by the time the opposing team has completed the 1st frame. If not, the game is forfeited.

Rule 13. FORFEITURES

If a team does not have a legal lineup at the start of the game, that game will be forfeited to the opposing team. When a game is declared a forfeit, the team present bowls as though the game was contested.

When a team fails to have a minimum lineup, the opposing individual bowler must bowl within ten (10) pins of their current average and team must bowl within forty (40) pins of the team average to win the points being forfeited.

Points not won for failing to bowl the prescribed score will not be credited to either team. Teams that forfeit due to financial reasons (or other forfeitures unknown to the opposing team) will forfeit all points to the opposing team. The opposing team does not need to bowl within a specified number of pins and is awarded all points in "unknown forfeiture" situations (see USBC Rule 119c).

Rule 14. ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in the series. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less 10 pins. The handicap shall be figured on the actual average of the absentee member.

When a team does not have enough bowlers on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy average of 140 shall be used. Such scores shall be the basis for the handicap. Scores for the vacancy will be 140 with the handicap based on 60.

Rule 15. POSTPONEMENTS

All league games shall be bowled as scheduled unless they are postponed or pre-bowled by authorization of the leagues' Board of Directors or Postponement Committee. The league Board of Directors shall determine what shall be sufficient cause to grant postponement or allow teams to bowl unopposed. Pre-bowled games shall be given the same considerations.

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The handicap as of the date games are bowled shall be used. All postponements must be requested at least 24 hours prior to the time of the scheduled match except those granted for emergencies. Postponed games must be bowled within 7 days of the date of scheduled competitions. The league shall grant postponements for emergencies when a team fails to appear for its scheduled match due to reasons beyond their control. Such postponements must be made up within 7 days of the date of the scheduled competition unless the league authorizes more time. All postponed games must be bowled prior to the position round.

No pre or post bowling is permitted during the weeks of position rounds or roll-off.

NOTE – Inclement weather postponements will be posted online on the League Facebook page as well as the Bowling Center website.

Rule 16. BOWLING UNOPPOSED

When a team is bowling unopposed due to an odd number of teams, the individual must bowl within 10 pins of their averages in order to be awarded the individual game points and 40 pins of their team average in order to be awarded the team game points for the win.

Rule 17. TARDY PLAYERS

A league member who arrives late may enter the game provided the anchor bowler on the opposing team has not completed the 3rd frame. Pacing is not allowed.

Rule 18. POINTS AND POSITION STANDINGS

Standings shall be determined on a 40 points basis.

Individual points will be one (1) point per handicap game won and two (2) points per handicap series awarded for each game won.

Team points will be five (5) points per handicap game and five (points) for the high team handicap series in the match.

Example:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series	Total Points			Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series	Total Points
Bowler 1	1	1	1	2	5	↔	Bowler 5	0	0	0	0	0
Bowler 2	0	0	0	0	0	↔	Bowler 6	1	1	1	2	5
Bowler 3	1	1	0	0	2	↔	Bowler 7	0	0	1	2	3
Bowler 4	1	0	0	2	3	↔	Bowler 8	0	1	1	0	2
Team Total	5	5	0	0	10		Team Total	0	0	5	5	10
Total Points	8	7	1	4	20		Total Points	1	2	8	9	20

Rule 19. PRE OR POST BOWLING

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There is no individual pre or post bowling. If pre or post bowling is allowed by the board of directors, teams post bowling can see the final recap sheet of the opposing team. All scheduled matches pre or post shall qualify for certain USBC awards (see rule 204 for clarification). The team that is pre or post bowling must notify the opposing team and give them the opportunity to bowl at the same time. New teams shall be granted pre or post bowling in the first 2 weeks of the schedule only to establish a legal lineup for a team.

No substitutes are allowed during pre or post bowling.

There are no guarantees of lane assignments or lane conditions during post or pre-bowling.

Rule 20. POSITION ROUNDS and ROLL-OFF

The league will consist of 3 position rounds over 33 weeks (week 11, 22 and 33). In case of a tie for first place in the standings at the end of the 11th, 22nd, or 33rd week, position standings will be decided by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off that night between the tied teams.

All team and individual awards are finished at the end of week 33.

Week 34 is for tournament and roll-off only. Pairing for the position rounds will be as follows:

Teams will draw a letter to determine starting pair. Letter A will not be moving lanes for the roll-off

Game 1 – Letter A will bowl Letter B, Letter C will bowl Letter D

Game 2 – Switch lanes - Letter A will bowl Letter C and Letter B will Bowl Letter D

Game 3 – Switch Lanes – Letter A will bowl Letter D and Letter B will bowl Letter C

The total points in the series will determine final standings.

If a team wins more than one (1) third, there will be an additional wild card team added, thus, two (2) teams with the most total points (in the event of a tie in points, the total handicap pin count will determine the wildcard team) for the season.

The three 1st place teams of each third and the wild card team (the team with the most total points for the year and total handicap pin count) will be in the roll-off. If a team wins all three (3) thirds, they are the champions.

The league will still have a roll-off for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place standings with three wild card teams.

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In the event of a tie for first place on Week 34, a one game roll-off will be bowled on a neutral pair of lanes.

Substitutes with 21 games or more in the league and are within 10 pins of the person he/she is replacing are eligible to bowl in position round and roll-off in the weeks of 11, 22, 33 or 34.

NOTE – The highest average established by the winning team per 3rd, must use that highest average in the Roll-Off (not the current running average).