

**No Brainers Fall League Rules
2026 - 2027 Season**

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- 1) **Board of Directors** - Consist of officers and team captains. One shall be a man and one shall be a woman.
- 2) **Sanction and Team Format** - The league will be sanctioned by the Capital Area USBC Association (CAUSBCA).

Teams will consist of 4 members not having any ratio (male/female). Teams can be all men, all women or a mix of both men and women. A fifth member **is** allowed on a roster as a sub. The fifth member **cannot** sub for any other team in the league.

Men can sub for women and women can sub for men.

The league will consist of 22 teams.

Bowlers will use their averages from the last bowling season (No Brainers League) for the first 9 games.

If bowlers did not bowl in the No Brainers League last season but bowled in another league, they will use their highest yearbook average from 2025-2026 season based on 21 games.

New bowlers will establish averages after bowling 3 consecutive games. Handicap is 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. The team handicap for each scheduled match will be the total of the individual handicaps for the players in the line up.

Scoring - 2 points per game, 1 point for total pins = 7 total points

- 3) **League Timelines and Fees**

The League will bowl 34 weeks starting on August 26, 2027 and ending on May 26, 2027.

Practice starts at 6:15 PM

League play begins at 6:30 PM

The first position round will be on January 6, 2027

The second position round will be on April 28, 2027

Roll off tournament and team tournament will be on May 5, 2027

Prizes will be distributed after bowling on the night of the Roll Off Tournament - May 5, 2027

The league will **NOT** bowl on the following dates:

November 25, 2026 - In observance of Thanksgiving

December 23, 2026 - Christmas Eve

December 30, 2026 - New Years Eve

Sanction Fee is \$25 and is due the first night of bowling.

All checks for Sanction Fees should be made out to the Capital Area USBC

Association (CAUSBCA). You may also pay your Sanction Fee online at BOWL.com prior to your first night of bowling.

Weekly dues will be \$20.00. All checks should be made out to the name of the league **"No Brainers"**.

Lineage: \$14.50

Sec/Treas: \$.50

Prize Fund: \$ 5.00

\$20.00

The last 2 weeks of bowling must be paid by the 5th week of bowling!

All vacant spots must be paid by all teams however they chose to handle payment.

NOTE: Only the Prize Fund/Sec Treasurer Fee of \$5.50 must be paid for vacant spots, the lineage is only paid when a vacant position has been filled. **Options:**

Teams can either collectively pay the \$5.50 or have the new team member pay when the vacant spot is filled.

Games are forfeited by any team who is more than 2 weeks behind in payments

The Secretary/Treasurer fee will be paid at the completion of the League Schedule.

4) **League Funds** - An account will be opened in the name of the League (No Brainers) using house banking. Deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt.

5) **Prize Fund** - The League President shall appoint a committee to draw up a prize list which must be approved by the League membership within 5 weeks after the start of the schedule.

Special individual high series and game prizes shall be awarded in handicap and scratch categories. However, no individual may qualify/receive an award in both handicap and scratch categories. If a member qualifies for both categories, they will receive the prize of the greater value. If a member wins the award for high average, they are not eligible for other awards.

Individual and team awards will be determined in the following order: Scratch Game, Scratch Series, Handicap Game, Handicap Series.

6) **Legal Lineups** - A minimum legal line up must include at least 2 members from the team's current lineup. They must be present at the start of the first game or that game will be forfeited.

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided that 3 frames by the opposing team or 15 minutes have not been completed whichever comes first. Missed frames may be made up. Pacing is not allowed.

When a team has an incomplete roster, a vacancy score of 120 will be used and handicap is calculated from 120. After 5 weeks (on week 6) of bowling with a vacancy, the score will decrease to 110 but handicap will still be based on a score of 120.

Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup but less than a full roster at the start of any game in a series. The absentee (blind) score will be the bowler's average minus 10 pins.

When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation, the team must bowl their average less than **15 pins per player (60 total)** to earn points. Points not won for failure to do so will not be credited to either team.

7) **Bowling Unopposed and Pre-Bowling**

A committee will be appointed to determine what is sufficient for the team cause for a postponement. In the event of an emergency, the captain of the team that is unable to attend should notify the opposing team's captain and the secretary or president at the earliest opportunity. All requests for postponements will be filed with the board except those caused by emergencies.

If a team needs to prebowl, they should notify the team that they are scheduled to bowl against prior to bowling. The opposing team will then have the opportunity to prebowl with them or bowl on their normally scheduled league night. You must schedule a date/time for prebowling with the front desk.

Bowling unopposed will not be allowed. No individual can bowl and add scores to a team's score. All postponed games will be made up before the next scheduled match. No subs will be allowed for a team that is pre-bowling or post bowling. Post bowling will be allowed in emergency situations only.

Inclement Weather - If the bowling center is open then there will be league bowling. However, use your own discretion when making the decision to drive to the lanes. League officers will determine if the league will be bowling and will notify the bowling center no later than 3:00PM on the day of league. If the league cancels due to weather, the league end date will be pushed out an additional league. You can check the Buffaloe Lanes website or Facebook page for updates.

8) Money Envelopes - Team Captains are responsible for their Team's Envelope.

Team captains should update the envelope with the weekly payments and weekly totals before returning the envelopes to the Treasurer. All envelopes should be turned into the Treasurer **no later than the end of the 5th frame** of the first game.

NOTE: Only fill in dollars paid for the week we are currently blowing in. If you are prepaying for additional weeks, the dollar amount paid should show in the week that you physically paid it. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the Treasurer.

9) Position Round, Playoffs

Points in a series of 3 games will determine the winner of any playoffs for first place. If there is a tie for first place in either half after the position round is completed, then the team with the highest total pins handicap in that half will be declared the winner of that half.

10) Good Standings - No practice is allowed on your scheduled lanes one hour prior to your scheduled match.

11) USBC Rules - Any rules not covered in the League rules will be governed by the USBC Rule Book.