

Summer Senior Trio Mixed Bowling League
Rules 2026

1. CERTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT. The Buffalo Lanes North “Senior Trio” mixed senior bowling league will be certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through the Capital Area USBC Association (CAUSBCA). The league board of directors (officers and team captains) will manage the league. The quorum for board meetings is a majority of the board. The league membership will elect officers and adopt rules at the organizational meeting prior to the start of the league schedule. At least one officer must be male, at least one female. All members must be at least 50 years-of -age.

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2. SCHEDULE.

The league is scheduled to bowl at 12:15 p.m. (practice to begin at noon) on Tuesdays for 13 sessions beginning May 19, 2026 and ending August 11, 2026.

The last day, August 11, will be position round, with a meeting following to distribute prize monies..

3. FEES.

Weekly fee is \$15.00, consisting of \$10.25 lineage and \$4.75 league fund. (League fund is \$4.25 prize fund and \$0.50 secretary/treasurer compensation) League fees for final two weeks (\$30.00 per bowler) is to be paid in advance, no later than week 5. This fee is not refundable. Every bowler must pay or show proof of payment of USBC membership dues and required association membership fees in effect for the current season before completion of the bowler’s first series. (\$10 if this will be the only summer league you bowl in).

Weekly fee is to be paid by each member each session.

Games are subject to forfeiture by any team whose participating members are not current in league payments. You may pay one month or less in advance except last two weeks of the season. This is not a guaranteed league which means we do not guarantee the Bowling Center a fixed number of bowlers each week. We pay \$10.25 lineage for actual bowlers on each date, therefore, absent bowler pays only \$4.75 league funds. If a substitute bowls, the substitute is responsible for the \$10.25 lineage fee. The league bowler may chose to pay this lineage for the substitute

4. **LEAGUE BANKING** – An account will be opened in the League's name with Buffalo Lanes, North. Deposits and lineage payment must be made on the day of receipt. Withdrawals from the account may be made only with joint signatures of at least two officers, one of which must be secretary/treasurer.

5. TEAMS AND LINEUPS

Teams will have roster size and playing strength of three, any ratio. A fourth person may be on the roster. This person may substitute for other teams. Team captains will turn in rosters to the secretary/treasurer prior to the start of the schedule. Any roster changes must be reported to the secretary/treasurer before the new member bowls. A team minimum legal lineup is one member. A minimum legal lineup must be present to complete the first frame of each game. A frame is considered completed when all bowlers present on each team have made his/her last deliveries in that frame.

6. PRIZES.

a. A prize list drawn up by a committee appointed by the president must be approved by league members within five weeks after the start of the schedule. Awards described in this rule will be given but the committee may recommend other individual and team awards.

b. The following prizes will be awarded (male and female), listed in order of value from highest to lowest: (1) High Average (2) High Series Scratch (3) High Series Hdcp (4) High Game Scratch (5) High Game Hdcp. (6) Most improved (7) High Team Scratch Game (8) High Team Scratch Series (9) High Team Hdcp Game (10) High Team Hdcp Series

c. To qualify for individual awards bowlers must bowl two-thirds of the scheduled games, but no individual can qualify for more than one prize. A bowler qualifying for more than one will receive only the one of greatest value, based on the above list. If a substitute later becomes a regular league member, games bowled as a substitute will be included in the required number of games, but scores bowled as a substitute will not qualify for game or series awards. Team may win only one award. If a team does not pay all fees any team prize awarded will be adjusted accordingly. Recipients of the USBC Most Improved Bowler Award will be determined by comparing the final average for the season with entering average after 12 games.

7. **AVERAGES** An average will be established in the first session of bowling which must begin with game one of the scheduled three game series. These games must be bowled on the same day.

8. **HANDICAP** For individual handicap awards, Handicap is 100% of the difference between an individual's average and 210. For team competition, each team will have a handicap consisting of total of each individual's handicap.

9. SUBSTITUTES

- a. A list of roving substitutes will be maintained.
- b. Substitutes cannot qualify for league awards (see PRIZES rule).
- c. Substitutes will use entering averages as stated in the AVERAGES rule.
- d. No one may bowl for more than one team for the regular scheduled games each week.
- e. Substitutes who have bowled at least nine games in the league may bowl in the position round.

10. ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES.

Absent bowler score will be Average less 10 pins and vacancy score will be 110 with handicap of 90. If an individual on a roster is absent the first session of bowling and a substitute does not bowl, a vacancy score will be used. This procedure will be used until the individual is present and bowls.

11. FORFEITS. When bowling in a known forfeit situation, the team present must bowl at least the team average less 15 pins per player in order to earn points for game won, and at least the team series average less 45 pins per player to earn points for series won, regardless of individual scores. Points not won for failing to bowl the prescribed scores shall not be credited to either team.

12. PREBOWLING AND POSTBOWLING

a. A request for pre bowl/post bowl must be made by contacting a league officer at least 48 hours before the scheduled time, except for emergencies. In case of emergency, the captain of the requesting team shall contact a league officer at the earliest possible opportunity. As a courtesy, the opposing team should be notified when any pre bowl/post bowl is granted. Individuals may not pre bowl nor post bowl. It is done by team only. No substitutes permitted

b. The league shall grant postponements for emergencies when a team fails to appear for its scheduled match due to reasons beyond its control.

c. All postponed games must be made up before the next scheduled league session.

d. Team bowling unopposed is allowed. A league officer or representative may be present. If a representative is not available, any scoring changes must be made by house staff.

13. TARDY PLAYERS. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game, providing three frames have not been completed by the opposing team and the tardy bowler is in the bowling area ready to bowl. In this situation, frames missed may be made up. If bowler

arrives after the third frame, the bowler may bowl as a pacer for the game with score not counting.

14. SCORING a. Nine-point scoring will be used: two points for each game; three points for series. All team standings will be determined by YTD points. If there is a tie for first place, the team with the highest total pins with handicap for the season will be declared the League Champion.

15 WEATHER.

a. If a session is cancelled because the bowling center is closed due to inclement weather, the board (officers and team captains) will discuss options and decide what action to take regarding making up the session or revising the schedule.

b. If the bowling center remains open during inclement weather, the league officers will decide based on weather conditions and notify bowling center by 10 am on day of bowling. Bowlers should contact Buffalo Lanes, North, at 919-876-5681 or check their web site as to league status. In any case, use your own best judgment.

c. If other schedule-related issues arise, league officers will decide what action to take, notify the bowling center and attempt to notify team captains who will contact team members. Members should contact the bowling center if there is any doubt - 919.876.5681

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) If a team or individual resigns from the league during the season, two weeks' notice must be given and two weeks league fund must be paid to the league.(b) No league member (or substitute, if practicable) is to practice on scheduled lanes less than one hour prior to scheduled match. (c) Pacing is permitted, if teams involved agree and if no more than six bowlers are on the pair of lanes. Pacers are responsible for paying lineage.

d. Team captains will turn in money envelopes to the secretary/treasurer by the end of the third frame of the first game. Team captains should count money and make sure every bowler has paid and money is correct.

e. Any situation not covered by these rules will be governed by USBC rules.