

DIXIE ROLLERS BOWLING LEAGUE RULES
2026-2027

ELECTION OF OFFICERS / LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

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Office vacancies shall be filled by the President. If the office of President becomes vacant, the league members shall hold a special election to fill the vacancy. The management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall include the officers and team captains. At least one officer must be a woman and one must be a man. The Board of Directors may call a meeting to decide any questions that arise during the season.

RULE 1 – SCHEDULE / SPLIT SEASON / WEATHER

SCHEDULE: The Dixie Rollers Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress through the local association (CAUSBCA). The league shall consist of 42 teams with a playing strength of 4 members. The league will bowl on Monday nights for 34 weeks commencing August 24, 2026 and ending April 26, 2027. Practice will begin at 6:30pm., with bowling to start at 6:45 pm. Three games will be bowled each session, with **2 points** awarded for each game won and **3 points** awarded for series won. Position matches will be included in the schedule on weeks **11, 22, and 33**.

Holidays taken this season:	September 7th (Labor Day)
	December 28th (Christmas / New Year break)

SPLIT SEASON: The season will be divided into 3 thirds with 11 weeks in each third. At the end of each third, a first place winner will be announced and the wins and losses will start over, but the averages of all bowlers will continue. If there is a tie for first place in any third, a one game roll off, bowled immediately following, will determine the winner for that third. The winners of each third plus a wild card team will bowl in a playoff to decide the league championship, to be held on Week 34. The Wild Card team is determined as the team with the most points won for the season, but did not win one of the thirds. If a team wins two thirds, then a second wildcard team will be added. If a team wins all three thirds, they will be declared the League Champion. If there is a roll off, The Championship winner is determined by the team finishing the Championship round with the highest handicap series. The teams that are not involved in the Championship round can bowl if they choose and may enter the optional tournament. All final team positions shall be determined by overall points each third.

WEATHER: In the event the regularly scheduled bowling night has to be cancelled due to weather conditions, the week(s) missed will be added to the end of the league season. League officials will determine a weather postponement no later than 3:00pm on bowling night.

Any weather related cancellations will be posted on the bowling center's website, www.buffaloelanesnorth.com and their Facebook page: Buffaloe Lanes North.

RULE 2 – SANCTION FEES / WEEKLY BOWLING FEES / LEAGUE FUNDS / SALARIES

Sanction fees are \$25.00 for both men and women. These must be paid no later than the second game on the first night of bowling.

Weekly bowling fees are \$22.00, of which \$14.50 will cover the cost of bowling lineage, with the balance to be placed in the league treasury. Team captains are responsible for the collection of league fees for remittance to the league treasurer. Bowling fees for the last two weeks of the season are due by each member before completion of the fifth week (Sept 28th) of the schedule.

League bowlers will be granted a **ONE**-week grace period for payment of their normal weekly bowling fees. This does not apply to the last two weeks' fees. If a bowler is more than one week behind in their fees, then payment must be made to catch the bowler up, **BEFORE** the bowler may return to bowling **OR** before a substitute can be used. If payment of league fees by a bowler is made by check and that check is returned by the bank, the bowler is responsible for any fees assessed to the league.

League funds will be maintained by Buffaloe Lanes North through In-House banking. The bowling center will supply a monthly statement each month. The League President will verify each monthly statement.

Salaries to be paid the Secretary, treasurer or any other offices shall be established by the league members. The salary for the Secretary will be paid after he/she submits all league members' final averages to the local association at the end of the league schedule and is verified by the League President.

Salary for the 2026-2027 season shall be:

\$0.50 per bowler per week to Secretary/Treasurer

RULE 3 - ENTERING AVERAGES / HANDICAP

Entering Averages for all returning Dixie Roller league bowlers will be their ending averages from the previous season for the first nine games bowled. All other bowlers will use their highest 2025-2026 book average based on 21 games, for the first nine games bowled. Thereafter, the bowler's average and handicap will be computed weekly. Bowlers not included in the CAUSBCA yearbook, or do not have an average based on 21 games, shall establish their average in the first three consecutive games bowled on the same evening and have handicap apply for those three games.

Handicap allowance shall be 90% and shall be based on the difference between the bowler's average and a scratch figure of 220.

RULE 4 - TEAM ROSTERS / LEGAL LINEUP / TARDY BOWLERS

Team Rosters will be turned in, by each team captain, to the secretary at the start of the bowling schedule. Any roster change must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new team member bowls. If a bowler is absent for a two-week period with no notification or reason known for the absence or non-payment for games, the team captain may remove the delinquent member from the roster. Extenuating circumstances must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Legal Lineups are defined as two players from the team's current roster that must be present to bowl. Vacancies shall not constitute a legal lineup. In the event of a forfeit, the team present must bowl no less than 60 pins below their team average in each game to get credit for a win. If not, a game will be declared a "no game". During play competition, bowlers should bowl when their name appears on the telemonitor.

Tardy Bowlers shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first frame, provided the match has not progressed beyond the completion of the third frame of each game. Tardy bowlers arriving after the third frame will be allowed to pace.

RULE 5 - SUBSTITUTES

A list of substitutes shall be maintained by the league Secretary. No substitute may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week. Substitutes will not qualify for prizes and individual league awards or trophies. No substitutes allowed in position or roll-off weeks. Members should notify their **Team Captain** when they are going to be absent so a substitute can be obtained. If you are a 5th roster member, you may NOT substitute bowl for any other team.

RULE 6 - ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES / WITHDRAWALS

Absentee Scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full line up, at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less 10 pins with handicap based on the actual average. **If a team has an optional 5th bowler on their roster, the absent score of the member with the most games bowled will be used as the absent score. If 2 absent scores are to be used and the absent bowlers have the same number of games bowled, then the absent score of the bowler with the highest average will be used.** A team shall use an absent bowler's score only three weeks in succession and thereafter revert to a vacancy score of 120, unless the position is paid up current. A bowler may use the bowling out provision only if an emergency situation exists.

A **Vacancy Score** of **120** shall be used when a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full line up. The handicap will be based on **120**.

If a team or individual must **withdraw**, the following procedure is to be followed:

- a. Two week notice must be given along with sufficient cause for resigning.
 - 1) A team shall give notice to the league secretary.
 - 2) A member resigning from a team shall give notice to the captain and the league secretary.
- b. The resigning member(s) must pay league fees for two weeks if the bowler is not replaced within that period.

If proper notice and sufficient cause is not given, all franchise, prize and any other money for which the team or individual may have been eligible will be forfeited, unless the league board determines otherwise. In addition, the member(s) shall be subject to suspension of USBC membership. The last 2 weeks' pre-payment will be used for two weeks' notice payment.

RULE 7 – PRACTICE

Teams or team members may only practice on their scheduled lanes 1 hour or less prior to the scheduled match. Practice will be limited to 1 game per person and no more than 3 games on any pair. Any bowler found in violation of this rule will be ineligible for all games that week and the team must use their absentee score for that night.

RULE 8 – PRE-BOWLING / POST-BOWLING / UNOPPOSED BOWLING

Pre-Bowling and **Post-Bowling** will be allowed for **teams only**, during normal competition weeks (1-33), PROVIDED that the team requesting such cannot field a legal lineup for the league session in question. The opposing team captain and a league officer must be notified as soon as possible of this request, so that a make-up time can be scheduled with the Bowling Center. If a team fails to appear for its scheduled match due to reasons beyond its control, the team may request a postponement. Postponed games must be bowled no later than seven days after the date of scheduled competition. No substitutes may be used in pre-bowled or post-bowled games. A league officer, not bowling, MAY be present during ALL pre-bowled or post-bowled games. **Any score corrections MUST be made by staff of Buffaloe Lanes North ONLY.** Pre-bowled scores will be revealed to the opposing team during each game. Because pre-bowling and post-bowling cause teams to bowl **UNOPPOSED**, the absent team will only qualify for some USBC, state and local association awards.

RULE 9 - PRIZES

Prior to the start of the schedule the President shall appoint a Prize Committee of at least 3 members to draw up a prize list which must be distributed within five weeks after the start of the schedule and approved by the membership. There will be no individual awards given, only team placement based on standing sheet.

The Dixie Rollers Bowling League shall comply with all rules as set out by USBC if not covered above.