

Starlight Mixed Rules

2026 - 2027 SEASON

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1. Schedule

- 1.1 The Starlight Mixed bowling league shall be sanctioned with the USBC through the local association, CAUSBCA. The league will be governed by USBC rules in addition to or as amended by the following league rules:
- 1.2 The league will consist of 30 teams of 4 bowlers each with the option of a 5th bowler on the roster. There is no ratio required.
- 1.3 The league will bowl on Sundays for 34 weeks beginning August 23, 2026 and ending April 25, 2027. Practice is scheduled to start at 5:45pm followed by scheduled matches starting promptly at 6:00pm.
- 1.4 The league will bowl in thirds. Position rounds will take place week 11, 22 and 33. In case of a tie for first place in any third, there will be a 1 game tiebreaker to be bowled that same position round night. The winners of each third will qualify for a position in the 4 team roll-off to be held on the 34th week. The 4th team in the roll-off will be a wildcard team. The wild card will be determined by the team with the highest total win/loss for the season without winning a third. The league Champion will be determined based on the High Team Handicap Series during the 4 team roll-off. The standings for all teams from second to last place will be based on the final win/loss record at the completion of week 33. If a team wins two of the thirds, there will be a second wild card team added. If a team wins all three thirds, then they will be the League Champion. All prize money will be paid out at the end of bowling on week 34.
- 1.5 The league will bowl early on February 14, 2027 with practice beginning at 12:45 and the matches beginning at 1:00pm.
- 1.6 No team or team member may practice on their scheduled lanes 1 hour or less prior to the scheduled match. 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.
- 1.7 The league will not bowl on December 27, 2026 and March 28, 2027 (Easter Sunday)

2. Fees

- 2.1 The amount to be paid by each bowler shall be \$20.00 of which \$14.50 will cover the cost of bowling (lineage) with the balance to be placed in the league treasury.
- 2.2 Bowling fees for the last 2 weeks shall be paid by each member before completion of the 5th week of the season. If you have a vacant on your team, the team is required to pay the prize fund but not the lineage.
- 2.3 A bowler cannot bowl if he or she is more than 2 weeks in arrears. If the team is paid up, then the bowler can bowl. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that the league fees are kept current and can remove a bowler from their roster if the bowler is 3 weeks or more in arrears. If the bowler is found to be illegal, the bowler will receive a score of 0.

2.4 In the event of a returned check, the league shall be responsible for the collection of those funds and penalties. Buffalo Lanes has a returned check fee of \$35.00. In the event the amount of the check and all applicable fees are not able to be collected, the team is responsible for paying this total amount.

2.5 Any team that has a vacancy must pay the league the amount of the prize fund for each week they have a vacancy (\$5.50)

3. Salaries

3.1 The Secretary/Treasurer salary will be \$0.50 per bowler per week.

4. League Funds

4.1 An account will be opened in the name of the Starlight Mixed at Buffalo Lanes North in which funds will be deposited weekly.

5. Prizes

5.1 The president will appoint 3 members to draw up prize list options. The options will be voted on by the membership of the league within 5 weeks from the start of the season.

5.2 If there is a tie for any place other than first, the final standings will be determined based on total pins with handicap for the season.

5.3 A member can qualify for High Average and one of the following individual awards: High Scratch Series, High Scratch Game, High Handicap Series, High Handicap Game and Most Improved. Members that qualify for more than one individual award must accept the award with the highest monetary value.

5.4 High Average for men and women shall be the highest individual monetary award.

5.5 All individual and team awards will be finalized week 33.

6. Averages and Handicap

6.1 Both regular members and substitutes will use their ending Starlight Mixed average from the 25-26 season based on 21 games; if no league average then current 2025-2026 CAUSBCA yearbook or Bowl.com average based on 21 games for the first 9 games of league competition. If they do not have any of the above averages, they will establish their average after the first 3 consecutive games bowled in the same night.

6.2 An individual's handicap shall be 90% of the difference between that individual's average and a scratch figure of 220.

7. Team Roster

7.1 Team captains will turn in a roster of team members to the secretary on the first night of the schedule. All roster changes after the first week must be reported to the secretary prior to the time a new bowler bowls.

7.2 Team rosters may include a 5th bowler. Roster members may sub on other teams.

7.3 A 5th bowler may NOT be added to the team's roster in the designated position round weeks without the approval of the Board of Directors.

8. Substitutes

8.1 A list of roving or floating substitutes shall be maintained by the league.

8.2 Substitutes may be any gender.

8.3 No substitutes are allowed during the designated position, roll-off or tournament nights (weeks 11, 22, 33 and 34)

8.4 No substitutes are allowed during pre/post bowling.

9. Legal Lineup

9.1 A minimum legal lineup must include 1 member from the team's roster and 1 substitute.

9.2 A legal lineup must be present by the completion of the 3rd frame of each game or the game is declared a forfeit if the opposing team has completed the 3rd frame.

10. Forfeitures

10.1 A team must bowl no less than 60 pins of their current team average in order to win points by a known forfeiture. Points not won by failing to bowl the prescribed score will not be credited to either team.

11. Absentee and Vacancy Scores

11.1 An absentee score will be the bowler's average minus 10 pins. No team may use a bowler's absentee score for more than 2 weeks for which the bowling fees have not been paid; thereafter a vacancy score must be used.

11.2 A vacancy score will be 110 with the handicap figured on 120 and the handicap will be 90. After 5 consecutive weeks of using a vacancy, a vacant score of 100 will be used with handicap of 90 pins.

12. Postponements

12.1 A request for a postponement should be filed with the president or secretary. The board of directors will serve as committee to approve requests for postponements.

12.2 A team may prebowl or postbowl a match within 1 week from the date of the scheduled match provided a minimum of 48 hours' notice has been given to the president or secretary, unless there is an emergency causing the pre / post bowl. If a league officer cannot be present then the team may bowl unsupervised, but the scores for each game must be printed and all score changes must be initialed by one of the bowling center staff. The team captain or a league officer must notify the opposing team of their intent to pre or post bowl. The score shall be put in the system for the opposing team to see.

12.3 Pre or post bowled scores will not qualify for league awards.

12.4 Position rounds or roll-off and tournament nights (11, 22, 33 and 34) cannot be pre or post bowled.

13. Tardy Players

13.1 A member who arrives late may enter the game provided they are ready to bowl and three frames have not been completed. Frames missed may be made up.

13.2 A frame shall be considered complete when the bowler in the anchor position on each team has completed the 3rd frame or 15 minutes has elapsed since the start of competition.

14. Position Standings

14.1 Standings shall be determined on a point basis with 2 points awarded for each game won and 1 point for the high team series with handicap in each match.

ANY RULES NOT COVERED WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE USBC RULE BOOK.

Inclement Weather:

The League President & Secretary will decide if the league will be postponed due to inclement weather and notify the bowling center by 3:00pm the day the league is scheduled to bowl. Buffalo Lanes will post on their website www.buffaleolanesnorth.com and social media.