

SILVER FOXES LEAGUE RULES 2026 –2027

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TEAM: Teams Consist of 3 bowlers

SCHEDULE: The 2026 –2027 Season will run for 34 weeks from August 25, 2026, to May 12, 2027

NO BOWLING ON 9/16, 11/25, 12/23 and 12/30

BOARD OF DIRECTORS consist of Team Captains and League Officers

The two Half Season Position Rounds are Week 16 and Week 33. Tie breakers will be bowled immediately if needed. No Pre-Bowl or Post Bowl on Position Rounds

Week 34 is the roll-off between the two half-season winners for League Champion and Second Place. If the same team wins both halves, that team will be the League Champion. The Second Place Team will be determined by YTD points won. A Second-Place bowl-off will be bowled if two teams have tied for second place. All other teams will be bowling in a Fun Day Activity. A meeting to distribute Prize Fund monies will follow.

CERTIFICATION: The Silver Foxes Senior League is a 100% of 220 Handicap mixed league certified under the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Capital Area Association (CAUSBCA). The current Senior membership fee of \$23 MUST be paid before completion of the bowler's first series.

MEMBERSHIIP: All bowlers must be 50 years of age or older during the bowling season. The following rules should be followed: Observe one lane courtesy. The bowler on the right should bowl first if you both reach the approach at the same time. Stay off the approach while you wait. Step off the approach once you have delivered the ball. Refrain from using abusive language or obscene gestures. Do not coach other bowlers during games.

LEAGUE OFFICERS are elected by majority vote at the first scheduled meeting of the Fall Season, and they will serve for one year to include the Summer season. Two members of the same family may not serve as officers. In the event of the absence of the President, the Vice President will serve as Acting President. In the event of absence of any other office, the President will appoint an acting replacement.

SCHEDULE/RANKING: Practice starts at 12 noon each scheduled Wednesday. Matches begin following practice. Three games are bowled each session. Two points are awarded for each game won and three points for highest total pins.

INDIVIDUAL BOWLING DAYS may be cancelled for exceptional situations, such as extreme weather. Official Cancellation Notification is through Buffalo Lanes North and members should call there or check their website (www.buffaloelanesnorth.com) to determine if bowling is cancelled. In any case, use your best judgement according to conditions in your area. If a bowling session is cancelled due to weather, the season will be extended a week to make up for the missed session.

POSITION ROUNDS occur on the last day of each half. If a tie occurs for First Place at the end of either half, a one game roll-off will be held to break the tie immediately following completion of the bowling that day. Handicap will be the same as bowled in the previous game. Should a tie occur for First Place between two teams who just bowled each other, a one frame roll-off will be held, scored as a 10th frame.

LINEAGE AND LEAGUE FEES: Weekly Fee is \$14 consisting of \$10.75 lineage and \$3.25 League Fund. (League fund is \$2.75 prize fund and \$0.50 cents secretary/treasurer compensation. League Fund for the final two weeks of bowling (\$6.50) is to be paid in advance, no later than Week 5. A weekly fee is to be paid each week by each member. You may pay one month in advance except for the last two weeks. The lineage fee of \$10.75 must be paid by each bowler who bowls on these days. This is not a Guaranteed League which means if you are absent, you do not pay Lineage fee of \$10.75. You pay only \$3.25 League fee. If you have a substitute bowler, they are responsible for lineage fee of \$10.75. Please make sure your substitute knows this. If you wish to pay for substitute's lineage, you may do this.

AWARDS, PRIZES, BUDGET Two bowlers named by the President will comprise the Prize Committee. Prize Fund will be voted on by League Members. Team cash award consideration is given to members of Teams winning 1st and 2nd Place. Individual cash awards are given to male and female in rank order for High Average, High Scratch Series, High Handicap Series, High Scratch Game, High Handicap Game, Most Improved. Any bowler receives only one individual award. If qualified for more than one award, a bowler will receive the highest ranked award. Team Awards are Scratch Game, Scratch Series, Handicap Game, Handicap Series. Each team can win only one award. The remaining Prize Fund monies are distributed to league members based upon YTD points won. Bowlers must bowl 2/3rd of games to be eligible for prize monies. Games bowled as a substitute do not count for individual prize monies.

AVERAGES: An individual average is based upon total pin fall divided by games bowled.

ENTERING AVERAGES: Entering average is used for all regular and substitute bowlers as follows for the first 9 games:

1. For returning members, use the previous Fall Season Silver Foxes average.
2. For members who did not bowl in Silver Foxes last fall but bowled in Silver Foxes Summer League for at least 21 games, use that average.
3. For bowlers new to Silver Foxes, use CAUSBCA previous season average.
4. To establish an average for a bowler without an entry average, use the average of the full three games bowled in the first session. These games must be bowled on the same day. This will be used for the next session. Then, use the average of those two sessions in the new bowler's third session.

LEGAL LINEUP: One regular team member constitutes a legal lineup.

SUBSTITUTES/REPLACEMENTS: Bowlers or their team captain may arrange for a substitute when they know they will be absent. No one may bowl with more than one team in the regularly scheduled games each week. Substitutes who have bowled at least 9 games may bowl during the last two weeks of any half and any roll off. Substitutes may not bowl in Fun Day bowling. Substitutes are eligible for USBC and CAUSBCA awards. All substitutes must complete a sanction card before bowling. If the substitute has not paid a sanction fee in another league or online, they must pay sanction fee of \$23 before bowling. See secretary for sanction card.

VACANCY: Subject to Officer Approval, a team can add a new team member if a permanent vacancy exists.

PACERS are not permitted.

FORFEITURES: A game is declared forfeit when a team fails to field a legal lineup. When a game is forfeited, the team present must bowl as though the game was contested and complete a frame on one lane before starting the next frame on the adjoining lane. A team must bowl no less than 30 points under their current team average to win points for a game and no less than 90 pins under their three-game team average to win points for total pins. Points not won for failing to bowl the prescribed scores shall not be credited to either team.

PRE-BOWLING AND POST-BOWLING: For pre-bowling, notify President or secretary and Captain of opposing team that you are Pre-bowling. Post bowling is allowed on an emergency basis and must be bowled before the next scheduled league bowling. League officers will decide if it is an emergency. No substitutes are allowed in Pre and Post Bowling. This type of bowling should be the exception. Plan for pre-bowling and post bowling with Buffaloe Lanes staff.

LATE ARRIVAL: Any bowler failing to appear at the scheduled time is not permitted to bowl in a game when the last bowler of the opposing team has completed the third frame of that game. A bowler arriving too late to participate in an active game is permitted to bowl in the next full game.

ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES: Absentee scores are used when a team has a legal line-up but less than a full line-up at the start of any game. The absentee score is equal to an absent bowler's average less 10 pins. When a bowler must be absent for more than three weeks, the bowler can remain on the team roster if requested by bowler and the absence is due to illness or some other valid reason. Team Captain and League officers will determine the length of this extension. An absent bowler is required to pay the regular absent bowler fee regardless of whether a substitute is used and remains listed on the team roster and dues envelope. Except for resignations, an absentee score is used for the first three consecutive weeks, including excused absences, after which a vacancy score is used. A vacancy score is used immediately in the case of resignations, whether voluntary or situational. A vacancy score is 110 with a 100 handicap. For bowler members yet to start the current season, a vacancy score is used instead of an absentee score.

BOWLING OUT: If a bowler must bowl out in any game, the bowler may return and resume bowling for any subsequent game. Absentee score is used for any games not bowled. TEAM CAPTAINS are responsible for monitoring any disciplinary actions against either a league officer or a league player and should bring this situation to the Board of Directors. Please let the President know if you have any other concerns or questions.

MISCELLANEOUS: TEAM CAPTAINS SHOULD COUNT MONEY AND MAKE SURE EVERY BOWLER HAS PAID AND MONEY IN ENVELOPE IS CORRECT.

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