

2026 SUNDAY FUNNIES LEAGUE RULES

1. Sanctioning: The Buffalo Lanes North "Sunday Funnies Bowling League" shall be sanctioned with The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through the Capital Area USBC Association (CAUSBCA).
2. Management and Officers: League management shall be vested in the Board of Directors which consists of the officers and team captains. Officers will be elected and league rules adopted at the organizational meeting. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Current Officers are:

President:	Shannon Dollar
Vice President:	Gus Vandermeeren
Sec/Treasurer:	Megan Gunther
Sgt At Arms:	Pedro Hernandez

3. The league is scheduled to bowl on Sunday nights for 12 weeks beginning May 17, 2026, ending August 2, 2026.

Lanes will be turned on for practice at 5:45 pm; league bowling will begin promptly at 6 pm.

4. Scoring: Seven point scoring system will be used for each league match; 2 points per game, one point for series.
5. Fees: Bowling fee to be paid nightly is \$20.00 per bowler. Lineage \$14.00, Prize Fund \$5.65, Secretary/Treasurer 35 cents.

Sanction fee must be paid the first night of bowling; the fee is \$25.00. This fee must be paid separately from bowling fee.

Fees for the final two weeks of the schedule are to be paid by the fourth week of bowling.

Team captains are responsible for team envelopes with fees to be totaled and turned into the treasurer by the completion of the third frame of the first game.

Games shall be forfeited by any team whose participating members are not current (defined as two weeks in arrears) in league payments. No pay, no play.

6. League Funds: An account will be opened in the name of the league with Buffalo Lanes, North. Deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt. Withdrawals from the account may be made only with the joint signatures of two authorized officers of the league. (president and secretary/treasurer) The secretary/treasurer shall be paid the amount shown in the "fees" rule per bowler per night but only after final average sheets have been submitted to the local association.

7. Prizes: Three separate prize lists drawn up by a committee appointed by the league president must be presented to the league for approval within three weeks after the start of the schedule. Individual high average prize will be awarded for men and women. Special individual high series and high game prizes shall be awarded. If a member qualifies for more than one award, they shall receive the prize of greatest value. If a member qualifies for prizes of equal value, the scratch prize will be awarded. Any team or individual who withdraws from the league will be ineligible for any prizes.

Prizes will be based on league results after the 12th week of the season. The 12th week will be a position week. Scores from week twelve will count for final standings and awards.

8. Averages: Bowlers will establish their averages after their first three consecutive games bowled in the league on the same night.
9. Handicap: The individual method of handicapping will be used. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between an individual's average and 220. The team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individual handicap for the players in the lineup.
10. Subs: A list of floating or roving subs shall be maintained by the league. No one may bowl for more than one team for regular scheduled games each week. Subs must complete sanction cards through the Sunday Funnies league and pay the sanction fee if not already sanctioned through another league. Any sanction fees due must be paid prior to bowling. No subs will be allowed to bowl in week 12.
11. Teams: The league shall consist of eleven teams with a roster size of four bowlers. The team can be any combination of men and women.

Captains will turn in team rosters to the secretary/treasurer prior to the start of the schedule. Roster changes must be reported to the secretary/treasurer prior to the time the new member bowls. New members may be added to a roster when a team does not have a full playing strength.

A team minimum legal lineup is two eligible players and at least one must be on the team roster. A minimum legal lineup must be present by completion of the first frame of each game. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided three frames have not been completed. Frames missed may be made up.

A team may have a fifth bowler on the roster.

12. Absentee scores will be used when a team has a legal but less than full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the absent bowler's average less ten pins, with the handicap based on the absent member's current average. An absentee score shall not be used by a team for more than three consecutive weeks after which the team must use a substitute or a vacancy score unless the absentee continues to pay the league fees as specified in paragraph 5. The vacancy score is 110 (120 minus 10 pins) with a handicap of 90.

13. Forfeit: When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation, the team must bowl their average less 60 pins per team to earn the points by forfeiture. Points not won for failing to bowl the prescribed score shall not be credited to either team.
14. Postponements: In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the opposing team captain and the secretary or the president of the league at the earliest opportunity. All requests for postponements shall be filed with the board of directors except those caused by emergencies. All postponed games must be made up before the next scheduled match. No substitute bowlers will be allowed for postponed games. Failure to notify, as outlined in the first sentence of this section, will result in the team forfeiting any games pre or post bowled.
15. Bowling Unopposed: Bowling unopposed as an individual will not be allowed. No individual will be allowed to bowl and add scores to a team score.
16. Playoffs: Total pins with handicap in a series of one game will determine the winners of any playoff for first place. All other positions will split prize money.
17. Practice: You may only bowl on your scheduled lanes one hour prior to the scheduled match.
18. Withdrawals: If a team or individual must resign from the league during the season, two weeks' notice in writing plus two weeks payment must be given to the league. This is in addition to the last two weeks which were paid.
19. Miscellaneous: Returned Check Fees: Any fees levied on the league because of member's returned checks or any fees charged to the league due to collecting unpaid bowling fees shall be payable by the individual(s) responsible for the bowling fees.

Prompt Bowling: When a team bowls against another team or alone, the next frame may be started prior to completion of the previous frame.
20. Other Situations: Any situation not covered by these rules shall be governed by the USBC rule book.