

Wednesday Hump League – Fall League

League Rules & Bylaws

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Rule 1-Schedule

- i. The Wednesday Night Hump Invitational Bowling League will bowl on Wednesday nights beginning September 5, 2018, for 15 weeks, ending on December 19, 2018.
- ii. There will be no bowling on Wednesday November 22, 2018.
- iii. All scheduled matches will begin at 7:30PM. A ten minute practice period, as set up by HP Lanes, will be provided prior to bowling for score.
- iv. The league shall be sanctioned through the USBC via the Columbus Association and the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).

Rule 2-Fees and Funds

- i. Team Captains are responsible for the collection of all weekly fees. No member shall be more than 2 weeks delinquent without prior arrangements with the Treasurer. Ultimately it is the Team Captains responsibility to keep the teams fees current. Team Captains must turn in money envelopes to the Treasurer by the completion of the first game.
- ii. Any bowler who is more than two weeks in arrears **will not** bowl UNLESS prior arrangements have been made with the Secretary/Treasurer of the League. The team will use the lesser of the bowler's Absentee score and a vacancy score (120 + 94 handicap).
- iii. The weekly fees will be \$12.00 per bowler, of which \$8.50 will be paid to HP Lanes for lineage. The remainder will be deposited into the league account at HP Lanes. Payments may be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card.
- iv. Checks need to be made payable to HP Lanes with "*Wednesday Hump*" written on the memo line. Any bowler who has 2 checks returned by the bank will lose the privilege to pay by check. Returned check fees are also the responsibility of the bowler.
- v. Payment by Debit/Credit Card will be handled by the front desk. The bowler will receive 2 copies of their receipt; one for their record and the other is to be placed in their money envelope.
- vi. All bowlers must pay the final 2 weeks of bowling by week 13, which is December 5, 2018.
- vii. USBC Certification fees are due annually for all bowlers (Permanent and Substitute) and will expire on July 31st. Certification fees are \$25.00 for both women and men. This must be paid the first night of bowling. All bowlers in this league are required to complete a Certification Card regardless if money is due. Cards and money should be included in the weekly money envelope.

Rule 3-Entering Average/Handicaps

Averages and handicaps will be established the first night of bowling. A bowler must complete 3 games to establish an average & handicap. The handicap allowance will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and the scratch score of 225.

Rule 4-Team Rosters

- i. Team captains will be responsible for turning in a completed team roster to the Secretary and informing the Secretary of any changes to the team. The Secretary will attempt to fill teams prior to the first week of bowling; however, after that it is the team's responsibility to keep team strength at 3.
- ii. Team captains have the right to replace any bowler who fails to keep fees current.
- iii. Substitutes must also register with the Secretary to maintain a list of subs for future league use.

Rule 5-Substitutes and Blind/Vacancy Scores

- i. The Secretary will maintain a list of substitutes.
- ii. No person may bowl for more than one team per week.
- iii. Men may sub for women and women may sub for men.
- iv. Substitutes are not permitted to bowl in the Position Round (See Rule 8).
- v. Blind scores for absent bowlers will be the bowler's average minus 10 pins, plus handicap.
- vi. The Vacancy score will be 120 with a 94 handicap.
- vii. Any sub must establish a handicap by bowling 3 games in one night, or a vacancy score will be used for all games bowled that night. Also, a vacancy score will be used for bowlers who have not established an average or have been missing from your team for two weeks.

Rule 6-Legal Lineup

- i. A legal lineup will consist of 1 of 3 regular bowlers on the team roster, or 1 regular bowler and 1 substitute bowler.
- ii. A legal lineup must be present prior to the completion of the first frame unless agreed upon by BOTH team captains.
- iii. Tardy members may start the current game provided the fifth frame has not been completed. No practice will be allowed for tardy bowlers.

Rule 7-Emergencies/Forfeits/Bowling Unopposed

- i. If a team cannot bowl at their scheduled time, the team must schedule a pre-bowl with HP Lanes, and inform the Secretary at least 24 hours before pre-bowling with the exception that pre-bowling will not be permitted during position round. All pre-bowling must be completed after the conclusion of the current week, and prior to the beginning of the following week. Individuals may NOT pre-bowl; pre-bowls must be done as a team as defined in Rule 6.
- ii. If an emergency exists, the team may be able to post bowl. The League Officers will determine what constitutes an emergency. If a team has to post bowl due to an emergency, then that post bowl must be completed prior to the next week of bowling. Individuals may NOT post bowl; post bowls must be done as a team as defined in Rule 6.
- iii. No fees will be collected during pre-bowling or post bowling games.
- iv. Teams bowling unopposed must bowl the scheduled 3 games and bowl within 30 pins of the team's average each game to win that games point, otherwise the point will remain unearned.
- v. Teams failing to appear after scheduling a pre-bowl or a post bowl will forfeit that week's points.

Rule 8-Position Standings

- i. Position standings shall be determined on the basis of games won, lost and tied. One point is awarded for each win, total pin count is awarded one point, and a ½ point is awarded for each tie.
- ii. The last night of bowling will be a position round to determine the prize winners. If, after position round bowling, a tie remains for first place Co-Champions will be awarded by dividing 1st & 2nd place prizes between the teams.
- iii. A bowler must have 12 games bowled on this league and added to a roster prior to week 13 to bowl in position round.

Rule 9-Awards

- i. A bowler may qualify for ONLY one special award.
- ii. To qualify, a bowler must have completed 21 games.
- iii. Handicap and Most Improved qualifications will begin AFTER a bowler has bowled 21 games.
- iv. Awards will be given to both men and women for the following: High Average, High Game Scratch, High Series Scratch, High Handicap Game, High Handicap Series, and Most Improved. Team awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place teams.
- v. Voting for the Prize FUNd will take place once teams are finalized.

Rule 10-Officers & Elections

- i. Officers shall hold office for a term to include the Wednesday Hump and Wednesday Hump II Leagues
- ii. Elections will be held no later than week 11 of the Wednesday Hump League.
- iii. Elections for the Leagues shall be for the offices of; President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Rule 11-Bowlers in Bad Standing

Any bowler who has quit this league or any of the other USBC Certified Leagues, owing money must present a receipt from a League Officer indicating payment in full has been made for the amount of the arrears in order to participate in this league.

Rule 12-Drugs/Illegal Substances

The use of drugs and/or illegal substances is strictly prohibited in or around HP Lanes Bowling Center. If a bowler is caught using any illegal substance, the bowler will be immediately dismissed from the league. This includes the purchase or consumption of alcohol by or for persons under the age of 21 years.

Rule 12-Salaries

The Secretary/Treasurer will be paid a sum equal to (weekly fees x number of weeks) for supplies and usage of equipment.

Rule 13-Sidepots

- i. The Wednesday Hump Leagues shall participate in the following sidepots:
 - a. POHC Mystery Score – whereas 50% of funds shall be a donation to the organization
 - b. 50/50 – whereas 50% of funds shall be distributed during awards meeting
 - c. Strike Pot – whereas 100% of funds shall be distributed to the winner
- ii. All sidepots shall be governed by "Sidepot Rules & Guidelines" as adopted by the Executive Committee

Rule 14-Other

Any rules not addressed above will follow USBC guidelines as interpreted by league officers.