

The 2025-2026 USBC Dues this season are \$23.00, payable online at bowl.com or by writing a check payable to St. Joseph USBC. The League will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by USBC. The bowler must fill out the application card and pay the USBC Dues before any games are bowled or all games will be forfeited due to an ineligible bowler. When a team has a new bowler or a sub, the captain must get a USBC application from the league secretary.

Starting Time: Bowling begins at 6:30 p.m. Lanes assigned by the bowling center will be turned on for 15 minutes of practice at 6:15 p.m. The 30-week league season begins on **09.03.2025** and ends on **04.15.2025. NO league bowling the night before Thanksgiving, 11.26.2025, Christmas 12.24.2025, & New Year's 12.31.2025.**

Bowling Fee: The regular bowler must pay the **\$13.00** fee each week. Team captains are responsible for collecting bowling fees. **All members are to pay the last 2 weeks of bowling by January 14, 2026.** The NO PAY – NO PLAY rule is in effect. Pay envelopes will be distributed to each team each week. The team captain is responsible for checking and totaling the envelope. Envelopes should be returned to the Secretary/Treasurer by the end of the 1st game. Bowling fees pay the house lineage, Secretary/Treasurer salary, and the prize fund. Weekly fees collected will be deposited into a bank account. Bank statements are to be verified by the Secretary/Treasurer and the President.

Arrears: A bowler may not be more than 2 weeks behind and may not bowl until paid up. If a bowler does not pay what is owed, her USBC card will be revoked, hence forth unable to bowl in any USBC sanctioned league. If the prize fund is short of lineage due to a bowler owing fees or leaving the league owing money, the shortage will be absorbed from the prize money of the team with delinquent bowler.

Prize Fund/Salaries: The prize fund distribution will be determined by the dollar amount collected. Monies will go to 1st & 2nd place teams, HI-10 & HI-30 and remaining balance will be distributed equally to the rest of the bowlers. The Secretary/Treasurer bowling fees will be paid at the end of the league's season.

Legal Lineup: A team shall consist of only 4 regular members. A legal lineup for a game will consist of at least 1 regular member of the team. If a team does not have a minimum legal lineup of regular bowlers at the start of any game, they have until the last bowler on both teams has thrown her 1st ball of the 1st frame before the team must forfeit. The team with the legal lineup must bowl at least their team average less 40 pins each game to win. There are no automatic forfeits in this league. A late bowler, to bowl any game, must be present to bowl by the end of the 3rd frame [must be present before the last bowler throws the last ball on both teams]. No bowler may delay bowling her turn. No waiting until other bowlers on the opposite team have finished. When the screen flashes arrows on a bowler's name – they must bowl. Everyone must bowl in sequence. Bowlers must keep the pace moving.

Termination: All bowlers are required to give 2 weeks' notice. Team captains are responsible for turning the notice into the Secretary/Treasurer.

Open Sub List: This league will have an open sub list and all names must be turned into the Secretary/Treasurer. A sub that has not set an average in this league cannot bowl the last 2 weeks of the bowling season. A sub may be a floater.

New Team Entry: For any new team arriving after the season has started, said team will pay the prize fund for all missed weeks and receive the win/loss status of the current last place team.

Handicap: The handicap will be 80% of the difference of each individual average and 220.

Blind Scores: The vacancy score shall be the average of 125 and handicap of 76 until a member establishes an average. All averages shall be established after the first 3 games and will be used as the absentee score thereafter. However, new bowlers and subs on the first nights of bowling must have their handicap figured after 3 games.

Unopposed bowling: This league shall have unopposed bowling for teams only [not individual]. All postponements shall be requested at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled time except in emergencies. In case of an emergency, notify the Secretary, President, or the Center as soon as possible. If notification is not made, then the games cannot be made up. The opposing team will then have to bowl at least their team average less 40 pins each game to win. The games can be bowled before or after the scheduled match. Make up games must be bowled no later than 2 weeks from scheduled match.

Championship Tie: To determine the champion when a tie exists for first place at the end of the league schedule, a one game playoff will be bowled immediately following the last game.

Miscellaneous Rules: Each team is responsible for any of their visitors. Please have consideration and show common courtesy for all bowlers. Please refrain from using foul language. No pacers are allowed. USBC does not have any restrictions on league officers being on the same team. During unopposed bowling, the bowlers may set their own pace.

Parties: Birthday celebrations will be held on the first Wednesday for all bowlers who have were born in that month. The Christmas party will be held on 12.17.2025 and you may bring food of your choice. Bring a \$5.00-15.00 gift if you wish to participate in receiving a gift for the first strike you throw. The end of season gathering will be at 6:30 p.m. on 04.22.2026.

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