

THURSDAY NIGHT MIXERS

2025 - 2026 Revolutions Lanes

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*****League Rules*****

- Averages will be established the first night of bowling. The average will be figured on the three games bowled and then individual handicap will be figured for the team handicap which is based on **90%** of the difference between teams combined averages.
- The absentee bowling score for the first night will be 140. In the event a team does not have at least five –person roster, the team will use a score of 140 for each vacant spot until the spot is filled.
- Secretary / Treasurer bowling will be paid lineage fee as compensation for the duties.
- Starting time is **6:30 pm** shadow balls start at **6:15**. Any tardy bowlers will not be allowed to bowl after the 5th frame of the game unless there is consent from the opposing team.
- The amount to be paid for each bowler each night is **\$14** to cover the cost of bowling. **The fee is broken down to \$11.75 for lineage and \$2.25 to the prize fund.** Any changes shall be voted on by all members.
- **USBC Membership is \$23 per year** and all bowlers regular and substitute must purchase a USBC Membership prior to bowling on the first night. Memberships

can either be purchased through the league secretary or on line at **bowling.com** **(recommended)**. **If you purchase online you will get your card immediately.**

- Bowlers will be allowed a two-week leeway to pay for bowling that they were unable to pay at the time of bowling. By the 3rd week if the bowler is still delinquent then that bowler will not participate and no substitutes are allowed for that spot until all fees are made whole.
- Final two weeks of bowling will be due on **1/15/2026**.
- The team captain is responsible to ensure that the pay envelope has the correct amount in it each week. The pay envelope shall be turned into the Secretary / Treasurer by the end of the 1st game.
- The score used for absent bowlers will be the bowler's average minus 10 pins per game.
- Bowlers will be allowed to pre-bowl (individual) for league nights that they know that they will miss.
- When there are more than one absence from a team and the team is using less substitutes than there are absences the following will be followed:
 - If an absent bowler will be used then the team will use the bowler with the most games as absent score and fill out the team from there.
 - If both bowlers have the same amount of games then the bowler with the lowest average will bowl absent (USBC Rules).
- When figuring the handicap the average of the absent bowler minus 10 pins per game will be used.
- The team roster will consist of five (5) regular bowlers. A team can have up to two (2) substitutes on their roster if they choose. Otherwise they can use any substitute from the shared league substitute list.
- If a team has two (2) regular bowlers they are considered to have a legal lineup. This includes regulars that prebowl.
- Team captains are responsible for totaling the score sheets each night and returning to the league Secretary.

- All high score awards from the bowling center must be requested by the bowler to the League Secretary / Treasurer. The award score sheet must be completed and turned into the control counter by the league Secretary / Treasurer within 14 days.
- The length of the bowling season is **31 weeks** starting on **8/28/2025** and ending on **4/16/2026**. There will be a seeded final week bracket single elimination roll-off to occur on **4/23/2026** where the winning team will receive **\$100**. Any ties that occur at the end of bowling on week 31 will be decided on highest "Pins + HDGP" amount from week 30 recap sheet.

The following awards will be cashed out for the bowling league season. All Bowlers must bowl a minimum of two-thirds of all league games (62 of the 93 league games) to be eligible for cash prizes. A bowler will receive prize funds from one category except for the 1st place team. Awards will be issued in the following order:

- \$100 Team that wins the end of year roll off bracket
 - \$10 Men's high 10 scratch (single game)
 - \$10 Women's high 10 scratch (single game)
 - \$10 Men's high 30 scratch (best series)
 - \$10 Women's high 30 scratch (best series)
 - \$10 Men's high average
 - \$10 Women's high average
 - \$10 Most improved bowler by average Man
 - \$10 Most improved bowler by average Woman
- The remaining prize money will be awarded to the teams in a percentage basis by team weighted wins after the regular league season. Should a team not have a full 5-bowler team the prize Fund will be pro-rated by how much was placed into the prize by the team.

- Teams will be allowed to bowl unopposed or blind in this league and be able to win USBC Awards.
- Individuals will be allowed to pre-bowl for upcoming potential absences.
- A minimum 75% of the league Captains and 50% of League Officers constitutes a quorum for decision making.
- In the event of an emergency post-bowl can be allowed for the entire team as long as they communicate the Emergency to the league officials prior to the commencement of the current weeks bowling league.
- Each team will be responsible for final payment of all outstanding league dues and prize fund dues on by **4/2/2026** else any outstanding fees will be taken out of that team prize fund.
- Head gear and ear pods / phones are allowed in this league as long as they do not interfere with the flow of play.

- **The league will not bowl on Thanksgiving Thursday (11/27/2025), Christmas Thursday (12/25/2025), or New Years Thursday (1/1/2026).**

Chapter 8: Equipment Specifications

Bowling Balls

1. **Approved.** Bowling balls must be identifiable as a ball listed on the [Approved Ball List](#). Since all bowling balls manufactured prior to January 1991 have been previously approved, their acceptance is at the discretion of the tournament or league official.
2. **House Balls.** As a courtesy to league and tournament participants, House Balls may be used even though they are not specifically posted on the [Approved Ball List](#). Please see the [USBC Equipment Specifications Manual](#) for House Ball specifics.
3. **Identification.** Each ball must have the original brand name/logo, original ball name and some form of serial number (the serial number may be re-engraved).
4. **Bowling Ball Surface.**
 - a. Shall be free of all depressions or grooves of specific pattern, except for holes or indentations used for gripping the ball, identification lettering and numbers, and incidental chipping or marking caused by wear.
 - b. No foreign material may be placed on the outer surface of the ball including but not limited to powder, rosin, marker or paint.
 - c. If a crack is located within the bowler's track area, or if a fissure is present anywhere, the ball is not permitted for use during USBC certified competition. A crack is defined as a partial break or split that appears on the surface of the ball, which is no more than 3" long and no more than 1/8" wide. A fissure is defined as a break or split 3" long or greater and/or 1/8" wide or greater, usually occurring from some breaking or parting.
5. **Ball Plugs, Inserts and Slugs.**
 - a. Removable devices must be approved and on the [Approved Removable Bowling Ball Devices list](#).
 - b. Ball plug or slugs may be used for the purpose of re-drilling a ball. When a slug is used, there must be a hole drilled completely through the slug leaving no void at the base.
 - c. Plugs, inserts, tape and slugs may not extend beyond the surface of the ball.
6. **Weight.** The weight of the ball shall not exceed 16.00 pounds. There is no minimum weight.
- * 7. **Drilling Requirements.** All balls used in USBC certified competition must meet the following requirements:
 - 1) **Holes.**
 - a) Holes or indentations for gripping purposes
 - i) Shall not exceed five and shall be limited to one for each finger and one for the thumb, all for the same hand.
 - ii) Shall not exceed 1-9/16" diameter and 4-1/2" deep, including holes required to install removeable devices.
 - iii) Must be used on every delivery.
 - b) Any secondary hole drilled inside of a gripping hole that is not intended for gripping purpose is considered a void and not allowed.
 - * c) No balance holes are allowed.
 - d) Balls without a thumbhole must have a scribed or engraved cross-hair lines ("+") near the center of the palm to indicate the grip orientation. The ball must be delivered in the marked orientation (i.e. palm must cover the "+").
 - e) One vent hole for each finger and/or thumb hole, not to exceed 1/4 inch in diameter is permitted.
 - f) One mill hole for inspection purposes not to exceed 5/8 inch in diameter and 1/8 inch in depth is permitted.
 - 2) **Balance.** For balls weighing more than 10.00 pounds (all measurements are to be taken with respect to the center of grip):
 - a) No more than 3 ounces of top/bottom weight, left/right weight and finger/thumb weight.
 - b) A ball used without any holes or indentations may not have more than three-ounce difference between any two halves of the ball.

For center of grip determination and balls weighing 10.00 pounds or less see the [USBC Equipment Specifications Manual](#).

Commonly Asked Questions – Bowling Ball – Holes

- * **Is a bowling ball with a thumb hole thrown by a no-thumb or two-handed bowler legal?**
A bowler who doesn't use the thumb during a delivery cannot have a thumb or a balance hole. If the ball does, it is illegal and games are subject to forfeiture. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.



What if a bowler does not use their thumb for a strike ball but does use their thumb for a spare shot?
A bowler who doesn't use the thumb during a delivery cannot have a thumb or a balance hole. If the ball does, it is illegal and games are subject to forfeiture. All holes drilled must be used for gripping purposes on every delivery.

If the bowler covers the thumb hole with their palm, would that count as gripping?
No, the bowler is not gripping the ball if they are just covering the hole with their palm.

- * 8. **House Balls.** Balls are exempt from item 7. House balls are defined as:
- a. Being supplied by the center in which the certified competition is being used.
 - b. Having a polyester or basic urethane coverstock.
 - c. Having a differential RG less than 0.025 inches.
 - d. The ball is not drilled to fit the bowler specifically.

* **NOTE:** A ball left in a bowling center by a bowler to be used as a house ball is not considered a house ball.

9. **Out of Specification.** If it is found that a bowling ball is or is suspected of being out of specification, the bowler must be told by the tournament or league official to remove the ball from competition until it can be measured. If the ball is not removed or the bowler had prior knowledge of such, games are subject to forfeiture or disqualification. If the bowler had no prior knowledge, the games would not be subject to forfeiture, but the ball would not be able to be used until it meets specifications.

Commonly Asked Question – Bowling Ball - Out of Specification

How is this rule enforceable and what is the penalty for those who don't comply?

Once it is discovered that a bowler is using equipment which is not within specifications, the ball must be removed from competition and corrected before it can be used during certified competition. If the bowler uses a ball that is non-conforming with knowledge that it is out of specification, the scores are subject to forfeiture.

