

## WEDNESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE FALL (EST. 2015)

### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2015 FALL SEASON – 16 Weeks Sept. 9 – Dec. 23

Secretary/Treasurer: Inman's (Shaun Ciesielski) | President: Ted Rosenquist | Vice President: Kyle Hennelly

The Wednesday Classic Invitational League at Inman's Bowling & Recreation Center in Valpariaso, IN shall be sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress. All "USBC" rules shall govern league play with the inclusion of the following:

- 1. League Schedule:** The league will bowl all games at Inman's Bowling & Recreation Center on Wednesday's at 7:00pm commencing September 9, 2015 and will follow a 16 week schedule.
- 2. Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors will consist of all Team Captains, President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. Each director will have an equal vote in all league decisions and will meet when necessary to review matters and resolve problems.
- 3. Team Rosters:** The league will consist of the number of teams as designated by the Board of Directors. Each team will field 4 bowlers each night from a roster limited to 7 bowlers. Any mix of Men or Women with no limits of gender per team
- 4. League Fees:** Team Captains are responsible for collecting and paying all league fees. The weekly bowling fee will be \$25.00 per person per week (\$10.00 bowling fee plus \$15.00 prize fund). Therefore, each team must pay \$100.00 every week. If a team shortage totals more than \$100.00, then that team will forfeit points until the shortage drops to \$100.00 or less. All 16 weeks of payment must be paid in full by week 15. This means sometime in the first 15 weeks, you must pre-pay week 16.
- 5. Sponsor Fee:** Each Team must pay a one-time \$40.00 sponsor fee (\$10 a bowler). This fee will be added to the leagues prize fund for sweeper night. This must be paid by week 4 or points will be forfeited for week 4 and any weeks going forward until it's paid.
- 6. Sanction Fees:** All "USBC" sanction fees (\$18/bowler) must be paid through the league payment envelopes. It is the Team Captains responsibility to make sure all bowler on the team including subs have paid sanction fees. All Sanction fees not paid will be deducted from that teams prize fund .
- 7. Entering Averages:** Bowlers will use their highest average from this league, Fall or Winter season, going back 1 year. If a bowler has no prior "WCL" average from 1 year Fall or Winter, then the highest average from a League bowled at Inman's Bowling & Recreation Center will be used with 21 games or more. If no prior "Inman's" League average from last year, then bowlers will use their highest "USBC" average of the last three years with 21 games or more. If a bowler has no "USBC" average from any of those years, then the first 3 games bowled will be used as the entering average for that bowler. Failure to abide by this rule on any night will result in the forfeiture of points won with the illegal line-up. There is NO team average limit.
- 8. Handicap:** Each bowler shall receive a handicap of 90% of the difference between 220 and the bowler's actual average. Bowlers will use entering average for their first week bowled. The bowler's handicap thereafter will be determined after the first 3 games bowled. This handicap will be adjusted according to Rule # 7. No bowler's handicap can exceed 90. Anyone under a 120 average gets 90 handicap.
- 9. 15 Pin Handicap Drop Rule:** If a bowlers average drops more that 15 pins from their entering average, their handicap will be locked in at that 15 pin average drop. Example: Entering average 200, True Average 181. They can only get handicap based at 185, 15 pins less their entering average.
- 10. Legal Line-Up and Forfeits:** Lanes will be turned on promptly at 7:00pm for 10 minutes of practice. League Scoring will begin at 7:10pm Each team must have at least 1 members of its roster ready to bowl at the start of each game or will forfeit that game after the opposing team completes one full frame. Teams bowling against a forfeit must bowl their own team average less 60 pins to earn points for that game. If bowlers arrive late, they can start the next game.
- 11. Tardy Bowlers:** Provided that a legal line-up exists, other roster bowlers who arrive late may enter any game provided that five full frames of that game have not been completed by both teams. Blatant stalling by any team

could result in the forfeiture of a game depending on the decisions of the Board of Directors. (Only protests in writing will be reviewed.)

12. **Blind and Vacancy Scores:** If a bowler is absent, the team shall use a blind score of the bowler's average less 15 pins plus that bowler's handicap. Teams must use the roster bowler with the most games unless that bowler would violate the eligibility rules set forth in Rule #16. If there is no roster bowler to use for this absence, then the team will receive a vacancy score of 115 with 90 handicap = 205 w/hcap. This rule is in effect every night of scheduled bowling.
13. **League Season and Schedule:** The league season shall bowl 16 weeks with a 15 week schedule including one position round on week 15. Week 16 will be a Playoff/Championship and Sweeper. On Week 16, Teams will be locked their standings position after week 15 is completed. They will bowl for prize money as 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> vs 6<sup>th</sup> and so on. If a Tie in point total for standings to determine the Top 2 teams that will bowl against each other on Week 16, there will be a 1 game roll off that night on week 15. If other places tie below determining the Top 2 places, position will be decided by Handicap Total Pins.
14. **Point System:** Scoring for the league will be based on a 11 point system. Team points will be 2 points for each handicap game won, 1 point for each scratch game won, and 1 point for the handicap series won, and 1 point for scratch series won. Ties will result in the equal division of those points.
15. **Position Rounds, Sweeper, Playoffs/Championship Eligibility:** To be eligible to bowl in the week 15 position round, a bowler must have 15 games bowled. To be eligible to bowl in the week 16 Playoff/Sweeper and the Championship each bowler must have 15 games bowled. Extra Bowlers who meet the game requirements can bowl the sweeper on extra lanes and will pay \$25. Their prize fund portion (\$15) goes straight to sweeper prize fund. Any extenuating circumstances like a bowler injury or removal from a team, the board of directors will make any final decisions in the best interest of the league.
16. **Prize Money:** The league will post the league prize fund based on the amount of teams they have by week 5. Prize fund may only change if there is a change in number of teams in the league. Prize money will be distributed at the conclusion of week 16.
17. **Quitting the League:** Any individual or team quitting this league before the season's end will forfeit all claims to prizes. The team or individual quitting will also be responsible for all debts up to 2 weeks after their date of resignation. A 2 week notice must be given and 2 week must be paid for by an individual. The team will be responsible to pay for 4 bowlers for the full amount of weeks the league bowls. Any team shortages will be deducted from the total team prize money on the final night.
18. **Bowl Outs/Pre-Bowling:** No bowl-outs are allowed unless allowed in accordance to USBC rules. League Secretary must be notified and will make arrangements.
19. **Substitutes:** A league bowler may not bowl on another team. Once a substitute bowler bowls on a team, they become part of that teams roster. See rule #3 Team roster for limits. Team captain's will decide if a Sub pays or does not pay. The team will be paying for 4 bowlers weekly regardless, so teams will decide who pays and how prize money is distributed within each team.
20. **Sweeper, and Playoff/Championship Night Week 16:** The 16th week of bowling will be the final night of the season. See Rule #15 for Amount of games needed to bowl. All cash prizes will only be paid out to the Team Captains for their cash distribution to their team members unless captain notifies us differently. On this night a "Scratch/Handicap Series Sweeper" will be held. The cash prizes for that event will consist of Sponsor Fees, 50/50 collections, and prize fund left over from the team payout. The Sweeper is open to all league bowlers with 21 games or more. The "Playoff/Championship" will also take place in conjunction with the Sweeper. Bowlers competing in the Championship Roll-Off must have also completed 21 or more games to participate in this event. No bowl-outs will be allowed. All prizes for the Sweeper and Championship Roll-Off will be paid out that night.
21. **No Solicitation:** At no time can a member of the league or any other non-league person solicit the league members for money unless approved by the Board of Directors prior to that solicitation.