

The NORTHERN DIVISION POWER PLAYERS (NDPP) league shall consist of 10-12 teams, with a playing strength of five players each.

The League shall bowl on Monday nights for twenty-eight weeks commencing Monday, September 12, 2011 and ending April 2, 2012. April 9, 2012 will be the roll-off week. The league will not bowl on December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012.

All scheduled matches will start promptly at 6:30 P.M.

The league shall be sanctioned as an adult league with the United States Bowling Congress through the Midlands SC USBC association.

RULE 1 - MANAGEMENT

The management of the League shall be vested in a Board of Directors, which shall consist of the elected officers, and team captains.

RULE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the NDPP league is limited to anyone 18 years or older that is invited by a current league member. All proposed memberships must be approved by a majority of the elected officers.

RULE 3 - SECRETARY'S SALARY

The secretary's salary shall be \$0.50 per bowler per week (12 x 5 x 28 x \$0.50 = \$840) and shall be paid in two installments (at the end of each half). Payments shall be authorized by the league President and Vice-President; the second installment will be made only after the Secretary has submitted final individual averages to the association.

RULE 4 - FEES

Each bowler shall pay to the League an \$11.00 weekly bowling fee. Team captains are responsible for collecting bowling fees and turning them to the Treasurer prior to the start of the second game. The amount to be paid by each bowler each night will cover the cost of bowling. Other league expenses shall come from existing league funds. Any bowler more than two weeks in arrears shall not be allowed to bowl. The Treasurer shall notify each team captain of any ineligible bowlers prior to the start of bowling each week.

RULE 5 - SANCTION FEES

Each member shall be responsible for paying a sanction fee of \$18 within the first two weeks of bowling.

RULE 6 - LEAGUE FUNDS

The league Secretary/Treasurer shall deposit the funds in the league checking account weekly. The President and the Secretary/Treasurer shall sign for all withdrawals. The President shall verify the balance each month. A minimum banking balance of \$500.00 will be maintained. Any remaining funds will be maintained in the bank account at the end of the season to cover expenses in the next season.

RULE 7 - PRIZES

All individual and team prizes are eliminated to keep weekly bowling fees at a minimum.

RULE 8 - ENTERING AVERAGES

New averages will be established after bowling three consecutive games the first night of bowling.

RULE 9 - HANDICAP

The handicap will be on each individual bowler. Averages will be 80 percent of the difference of the bowler's average subtracted from 200. There will be no negative handicaps.

RULE 10 - TEAM ROSTERS AND LEGAL LINEUP

Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the secretary by the second week of bowling. Rosters will be limited to eight active bowlers (men and/or women). New bowlers cannot be added to rosters on position rounds or roll-offs.

Each team must have three bowlers from their roster to constitute a legal lineup at the beginning of each game. If a team cannot fill a legal lineup then they will forfeit those games. A maximum of two vacant bowlers will count towards legal lineup.

RULE 11 - SUBSTITUTES

A substitute is a person who is on another team or the substitute list. A person may not substitute for a team if it means bowling against his/her own team. Substitutes may be used during league bowling with the consent of the opposing team captain. No substitutes will be allowed during position rounds or roll off.

RULE 12 - POSTPONEMENTS

League Officers will approve postponements or rescheduling provided that three days notice is given to the President. Failure to do this will result in loss of all points that would be otherwise awarded. The other team shall have the right to bowl on the scheduled night or bowl with postponing team on a night that is satisfactory to all. The league Secretary shall keep the team score secret until after the other team bowls. If a bowler or substitute bowls in a postponed or rescheduled game, he/she may not bowl in a regular game as a regular or substitute. This means that you can only bowl once for a specific week in the league schedule.

RULE 13 - EARLY OR PRE BOWLING

Team Early Bowling - Team Pre-bowling will be allowed as long as all bowlers are current with bowling dues and the league secretary is notified prior to the scheduled bowling night.

Individual Pre Bowling – Pre-bowling will be allowed as long as the bowler is current with bowling dues and notifies the league secretary prior to the scheduled bowling night.

RULE 14 - BLINDS

Blind scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the bowler with most games bowled less 10 pins. In case two or more bowlers have the same number of games bowled, the bowler in this group with the highest average will be used as the blind score less 10 pins. If two blind scores are needed, use the bowler with the next highest number of games less 10 pins.

RULE 15 - TARDY BOWLERS

A tardy bowler shall be allowed to bowl and catch up provided they are present and ready to bowl before the third frame has been completed (indicated by the first ball being rolled in the fourth frame). An exception can be made up to the start of the fifth frame if agreed to by both team captains and there will be no impact on timely completion of games. Members present must bowl in turn and must not wait on tardy members. If a team has already forfeited and a tardy player shows up, the game is still a forfeit.

RULE 16 - STANDINGS

Standings shall be determined on a point basis with two points awarded for each game won and two points for the highest team series (total of eight points).

RULE 17 - POSITION ROUND

Position rounds shall be placed so as to promote competition. The first place team will bowl the second place team, third bowls fourth, etc. There will be one position round at the end of each half. A play-off will be held on the 29th week to determine the league champion.

RULE 18 - PLAY OFFS

All Play-offs will be on a handicap basis. If two or more teams are tied for first place at the end of a round, the winner shall be determined by a separate roll-off. If a roll-off is involved, the bowling fees (if any) will be paid out of league funds. The final play-off will be paid for by Anchor Lanes including lineage for all bowlers.

RULE 19 - LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND CHAMPIONSHIP

The NDPP bowling league will have one division with a split season. The first 14 weeks (Season A) shall have a champion and the second 14 weeks (Season B) shall have a champion. The League Champion shall be determined by a play-off the 29th week with the team bowling the most total pins in the play-off being the league champion. If at the end of regulation bowling there is a tie, the 10th frame will be bowled over until a winner is determined.

RULE 20 - LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The league-bowling schedule must be approved by the league board of directors prior to the start of the season.

Rule 21: CHILDREN IN THE BOWLING AREA

There shall not be any children allowed in the pit area of the bowling area.

RULE 22 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers will be elected at the beginning of the season.

RULE 23 - SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed near the bowler's area. Please limit smoking to designated areas.

RULE 24 - OTHER RULES

Any rules not covered herein shall be governed by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC)

2011-2012 OFFICERS

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