

Industrial Park
By-Laws
2011 – 2012 Season

Rule 1. Schedule.

The Industrial Park League will be certified by the United States Bowling Congress through the Lewiston Auburn USBC Association. The league will consist of 24 teams with a playing strength of five players per team. The league will bowl on Thursday nights for 33 weeks beginning August 25, 2011 not including November 24, 2011. There will be 4 position rounds (week # 8, 16, 24, & 32) for the season that will be included in the split season schedule. During position rounds, teams will be paired according to their league position standing and games bowled count as won and lost. Ties will be broken by the team with the total pin fall taking precedence. The league warm-up will begin at 6:20 and matches begin at 6:30.

Rule 2. Management.

The management of the League will be vested in the Board of Directors which will consist of the officers and team captains. A majority will constitute a quorum. At the start up meeting, the league membership will adopt the league rules. The league membership will elect the officers before the distribution of league awards at the close of the season. Voice voting is allowed during the season. League officers for 2011/2012 are President – Scott Moore, Vice President – Rick Leger, Secretary – Mark Fortier, Treasurer – Eleanor Douglas.

Rule 3. Fees.

The amount to be paid by each bowler each night will be \$16. Ten Dollars (\$10) will cover the cost of bowling, \$1 for a 50/50 ticket, and the balance, less the 50/50 payout will be placed in the league treasury. The last week of bowling will be paid in advance and must be paid by the 10th week of bowling. Annual dues must be paid by the completion of the first session which the bowler competes. USBC dues will be \$20 for the 2011/2012 season (\$10 national, \$1 state, \$9 local).

Rule 4. Salaries.

The secretary will retain an annual salary of \$.25 per bowler per week with a \$75 expense account. The treasurer will retain an annual salary of \$.10 per bowler per week. Full payment cannot be made until the final averages have been reported to the local association manager.

Rule 5. Franchises.

The franchise will be held by the team captain as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the Board, except that a franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause. A captain must notify the secretary of the team's intention to retain the franchise by the preseason meeting. Disputes pertaining to the captaincy or sponsorship must be decided by the Board.

Rule 6. League Funds

An account will be maintained at Mechanics Savings Bank in the name of the League in which the balance of the weekly dues and the raffle money will be deposited weekly and the funds will earn interest. Withdrawals from the accounts will be made only with the joint signatures of at least two (2) of the three (3) authorized officers of the league, with the President verifying the account monthly by initialing it. At the end of the season, the treasurer will leave \$25 in the account unless directed differently. This is a cash league, no checks will be permitted.

Rule 7. Prizes.

Prior to the start of the schedule, the President will appoint a committee of at least three (3) members to draw up an estimated prize list. The estimated prize list must be approved by the Board and distributed to each team captain within five (5) weeks after the start of the schedule. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled two thirds (2/3) of the scheduled games. A bowler or team can qualify for only one (1) award for high series or game. When an individual or team qualifies for an award in each category, the higher or highest valued prize will be awarded. A bowler that is awarded high average or most improved can also qualify for an individual award. This league will pay scratch and handicap awards, with scratch awards taking preference. A trophy or wall plaque for the sponsor may be purchased for the winning team, cost not to exceed \$55. Payouts for the roll offs are to be determined by Board or prize fund committee.

Rule 8. Entering Averages.

The entering average will be the bowler's 12 game or more average from last season in the Industrial Park league only. This entering average will be used until the bowler has reached 12 games bowled in the Industrial Park league in the current season. Bowlers without a 12 game average from the previous season in the Industrial Park league will establish an average on the bowler's first night of bowling and the bowler's year to date average will be used in subsequent sessions (**note: USBC rule 118c states: A bowler who does not have an entering average or until they meet the requirement(s) defined by league rule(s), average is determined by dividing the total number of pins by the total number of games bowled in the first league session**).

Rule 9. Match Points.

Standings will be determined on a 25 points system. There will be one (1) match point per bowler per game totaling fifteen (15) match points individually. There will be two (2) match points per game per team and four (4) match points for total team series. The team scheduled on the odd lane number will enter its lineup first. No change may be made in the order of players in the lineup during a series. If a substitute is present, the substitute bowler must take the replaced bowler's position in the lineup. A bowler who is bowling against an absentee score must bowl within ten (10) pins of the bowler's own average to win the individual point. If each team has the same number of absentees, the players present will be placed opposite each other for individual matches and the winning team will be credited with the individual points for the absent/vacant bowlers. If one of the two teams has an absentee or vacancy and a player on the opposing team is unable to complete the series, any game in progress will be completed with no change in the competing team's lineup. However, the lineup of the team that lost it's player must be changed, if necessary, to comply with the provision of this rule for any subsequent game(s) in the series. When teams compete with an absent or vacancy bowling opposite one another and the team game is tied, teams will split points for the team as well as individual point(s) of absent or vacant bowlers.

Rule 10. Handicap.

The handicap allowance will be 95% of the difference between the bowler's average and 225, with no maximum handicap.

Rule 11. Team Rosters.

Team captains will turn in rosters of team members to the secretary before the start of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to eight (8) members. Any roster change must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new member bowls. New players may not be added to a team's roster during the last 3 weeks of each half of the season without approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board.

Rule 12. Substitutes.

Roving substitutes will not be allowed in this league.

Rule 13. Legal Lineup

A minimum legal lineup must include at least three players from a team's current roster including substitutes. If a legal lineup is not present to complete the first frame of any game, the game will be forfeited.

Rule 14. Forfeits.

When a team fails to have a minimum legal lineup, the team present must bowl within 50 pins of its current average to win the team points by forfeit and each bowler must bowl within 10 pins of the bowler's average to win the individual points. Team points and individual points not won for failing to bowl prescribed score will not be credited to either team or any individual. The team points and individual points will be recorded as unearned team points.

Rule 15. Absentee & Vacancy Scores.

Absentee 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 absentee score will be the absent member's average less 10 pins. The absentee's entering average will be used until a current average of three (3) games has been established. Where there are additional members on a team roster, the absentee score of the absent member with the most games bowled shall be used. If two absentee scores are needed, the average less 10 pins of the absentee with the next highest number of games shall be used. When two absent members have the same number of games, the lower absentee score shall be used. A vacancy score will be 150 plus handicap less 10 pins.

Rule 16. Bowling Unopposed.

Teams scheduled to bowl against each other must be in direct competition on adjacent lanes. The scores count in deciding league games and qualify for USBC average based awards. Note: Unopposed bowling outside of league schedule does not qualify for USBC high score recognition.

Rule 17. Postponements.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will make up the committee for postponements. Postponed games must be bowled no later than seven (7) days after the final date of the scheduled competition for team standings. When a postponement has been granted, the league secretary will immediately notify all parties involved.

Rule 18. Tardy Players.

A tardy bowler shall be permitted to begin bowling from the first game with the score to count providing that no more than twenty (20) minutes has elapsed since the beginning of bowling. This applies to game one only. The bowler must be ready to start from the 1st frame of the 2nd and 3rd games. Games including absentee scores will not be credited to the bowler's year to date average. The President of the league is the official timekeeper for late starters. If a bowler arrives late, the team captain must check with the President to see how much time has elapsed since the start of bowling. Team captains from both teams will govern the decision to allow for the tardy bowler to start from the 1st frame of the 1st game only, upon arrival to the bowling center beyond the 20 minute rule provided that both team captains are in agreement.

Rule 19. Roll offs and Sweepstakes.

Week 33 will be used for roll Offs. The roll offs will pair the first place teams from each half of the season and the second place teams from each half of the season. The two first place teams will roll off for 1st and 2nd place while the two second place teams will roll off for 3rd and 4th place. All other teams will bowl for prize money

based on their scores from the roll off week. The prize fund will determine the payouts. Individual scores will count for final averages. Also counting on the last night will be high team series and game along with high individual series and game. All USBC honor scores will also be recognized. The sweepstakes will cost \$1 for singles and doubles, with your partner paying fifty (50) cents. The scores will include handicaps.

Rule 20. Playoffs.

To determine the winner of any playoffs for first place or any other trophy position, a one (1) game match will be bowled immediately following that night's match under the same conditions and rules governing league play. This match will take place on a pair of lanes not used by either team that night. An extra complete tenth (10th) frame will be bowled in the event of a tie. All participants in a playoff will use their current averages and handicaps at the time of playoff. That average and handicap will include all games bowled to date, not including games bowled in an earlier squad. Prize money for other positions affected will be divided equally among those tied. The provisions of this rule shall apply to ties for first (1st) place in each segment of a split season. When teams are involved in a playoff, total pins from the playoff shall decide the winner.

Rule 21. Personal Conduct.

Any bowler who engages in excessive profanity or acts in a manner that would damage equipment, intentional or unintentional, will be subject to the league's disciplinary procedures. First offense will be a warning by the league president, second offense will be a 2 week suspension, and third offense will result in expulsion from the league.

Rule 22. Winter Storms.

Cancellation of the league will only occur if the bowling center is closed.

Rule 23. Team Captains.

The team captains will be responsible for the collection of their team's fees. If there are any arrearages, the shortage will be deducted from the team's point money. If there are any emergencies, there will be a meeting of the Board. The team captain is also responsible for the conduct of the team.

Rule 24. Banquet.

This league will not hold a banquet. Instead, the Board will meet at the bowling center at the discretion of the Board to distribute prizes and awards.

Rule 25. Breakdown Lanes.

If breakdown lanes are utilized, all bowlers will be allowed to bowl one practice shot on each lane.