

# **Huntsville All Star League 2016-2017 Constitution & Rules**

## *Schedule & League Formation*

The league shall be called The Huntsville All Star League, and will be sanctioned through the Huntsville United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Association. The league shall consist of 8 teams with a playing strength of 3 members and a maximum of 5 bowlers per roster. The league will bowl on Thursday evenings with practice starting at 8:20pm at AMF Pin Palace Lanes with a 36 week schedule beginning on August 11, 2016 and ending its regular season on April 27, 2017. The league will not bowl on November 24, 2016, December 29, 2016. No new teams will be added after the second week unless to replace a vacant team. No vacancy teams will be allowed. Teams who have representation the prior year will have first option before new teams are added for the next season. All teams participating in the league must give written notice to the league secretary if they do not plan to participate in the next season's league.

The 36 week schedule will be divided into three periods with a position round every 12<sup>th</sup> week. Week 12-October 27, 2016 - Week 24-February 2, 2017 - Week 36 April 27, 2017 will be period ending dates, with each winner being paid \$300.00 per team.

## *League Competition Format*

The league will use a 25 point system. Individual games will be worth 1 point and individual series will be worth 2 points. Team game will be worth 2 points and team series will be worth 4 points.

In the case of a tie for each period champion (based on points) the teams with the most total points for the third will bowl a one game roll-off the night of the schedule period ending to determine the champion. The team with the most roll-off points will be declared the champion. If a tie still exists then handicap pins for the roll-off will decide the champion. A drawing will be held of available pair of lanes to decide starting lanes for the roll-off. Pairs that either team has used that night will not be considered in the drawing.

## *Playoff Format*

Following the 36th week a Roll Off will take place on May 4, 2017 with the championship roll-off that shall consist of each winner of the periods. A "Wild Card Team" will advance to the championship roll-off. The wild card team will be the team with the most season points that did not win one of the periods. In the event that one team wins more than one period, an additional wild card team will advance to the roll-off. This team will be the team with the second most season points that did not win one of the periods. If one team wins all the periods, the three non-winning teams with the most season points will advance to the championship roll-off. In the semi-finals, the teams with the most total points will bowl the team with the least points and the other two teams will match against each other. The roll-off will be held on May 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The team(s) with the most total points for the year will draw to determine which lanes will be used. Total points for the season will determine seed position: seed one vs. seed four and seed two vs. seed three. Winners advance to the championship match. The team with the highest number of Peterson points won will advance to the next round or be declared the league champion.

Averages for the roll-off: If a bowler has any pin difference in average from a period won by the team and the final average for the league, the bowler will use the higher average of the two.

#### *League Fees-Salaries-Funds.*

The amount to be paid by each member each week shall be \$25.00 of which \$8.00 will be paid for lineage, \$1.00 will be paid for secretary/treasurer salary, and the remaining will be deposited in the AMF League Banking Account weekly. AMF Pin Palace will donate lineage fees for the 35th and 36th weeks to the prize fund. Each team shall have a sponsor with fees for sponsorship of \$250.00. This fee will be deposited in the league banking account and shall be added to the prize fund. It is the team's responsibility to provide a sponsor. If a team is unable to obtain sponsorship, AMF Pin Palace will assist in the effort if notified before the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the schedule. Any teams not having a sponsor will cover the cost of sponsorship fees. All teams' sponsorship fees of \$250.00 must be paid by October 27, 2017. No team that is in arrears will be allowed to bowl in the roll-off. Funds will be verified monthly by the President.

It is the team captain's responsibility to collect all fee's and turn into the League Secretary by the end of the third frame of the first game. **NO TEAM MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOWL THAT IS IN ARREARS.** The last two weeks of the season must be paid by September 24, 2015. There will be no charging of fees. All checks must be made payable to **AMF Pin Palace**. Any returned check will be charged back to the league account including a \$30.00 service fee. It will be the bowler's responsibility to make the bank charges and the check amount up to the league within one week after returned check is submitted back to AMF Pin Palace.

The Leagues Secretary will be paid \$1.00 per bowler per night. The League Secretary will not be paid a salary until the end of the schedule and final averages have been turned into the local association.

#### *Prizes*

No individual awards will be paid in this league. There will be only team prizes. The prize list will be presented by the 5th week of bowling. The prize list will not be altered unless teams resign from the league. All teams will cash. Pay-off will begin at 8:00 pm on May 12, 2016.

#### *Entering Averages and Handicaps*

League membership must have either a lifetime All Star League average of 180 or a minimum average of 180 for the 2014-2015 season or summer league 2015. Bowlers who bowled in the All-Star League for the 2014-2015 will use his/her final average with a minimum of 21 games for their first 9 games of the league. Those bowlers who did not participate in the All Star League last season will use his/her high book average for the 2014/2015 seasons for the first 9 games. Or if none of the above applies, the bowler will establish an average for the first night. It is the bowler's responsibility to furnish the League Secretary with such average within one week of bowling if they do not have a Huntsville USBC Association average. This rule also applies to any bowlers wishing to join a team roster anytime during the 36-week season.

Handicap percentage shall be 80% of 230 with a maximum handicap of 40.

*Subs-League Lineup, Tardy Players-Absentee- and Vacancy Scores*

No roving substitutes will be allowed. Legal lineup is 1 member of the current team's roster. Lineup must be present at the start of each game in order to compete. No new team members added to roster on Period ending weeks or League roll-off night. Absentee score will be the absent bowlers average less 10 pins plus handicap. Vacancy score will be 180 plus 40 pins handicap. A team with a vacancy must have a full roster by the 3rd week of bowling. The vacancy fees are to be paid by the new member by the 4th week of the league. Vacancy fees are \$25.00 for each week missed. Any member wishing to withdraw from the league must give a two weeks' notice with all weekly fees due plus the last two weeks to be paid. Failure to do so will result in possible suspension from USBC. Each team is allowed one pre-bowl without approval. Any other pre-bowling or post-bowling must be approved by the board of directors.

*Postponements*

Bowling unopposed is authorized by teams only in an extreme emergency. Postponements will be granted only in emergency cases. Postponement will be granted only by the league officers. All postponed matches must be made up 1 week prior to each period. USBC will not give honor score awards to bowlers or team who bowl unopposed. Pre-bowling is recommended instead of post bowling. Team members from opposing teams are not allowed to view any scores shot by a team who is pre-bowling.

All rules not covered above will be in compliance with the current USBC rule book.

Above rules approved and adopted by the league voted on August 11, 2016.

President: Tony Churchey

Vice President: Larry Swanson

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Webber