



2026 – 2027 Bylaws

1. This league known as Battle In The Bay Travel League is a **Managed League**. Battle In The Bay Travel League will consist of a 4-team member roster. This league will allow for (2) designated subs to be placed on your league roster for a maximum of a 6-member roster. **Designated subs are permanent for the duration of the season. Designated subs cannot be interchanged for new subs throughout the season.** The only instance where a designated sub can be released/removed from a team is if they are becoming a permanent member of another team that has a vacancy position (See USBC RULE 110/C).
2. There will be 10 bowling sessions, beginning on August 1, 2026, and ending on May 1, 2027. The league will bowl on the 1st Saturday of each month at 12:00pm. This league will be sanctioned through USBC. All USBC sanction cards must be paid on the first league meeting date. Members have the option to purchase sanction cards online prior to the first league's meeting date at www.bowl.com otherwise sanction cards must be satisfied on the league's first meeting date.
3. **Battle In The Bay Travel League is a Managed League**, with the following officers:

League Manager/Secretary– Wonya Mitchell

President – Jay Robinson

Vice President – Marla McQuay

Sgt. of Arms – Demetrius Ford

4. Battle In The Bay is a **GUARANTEED LINEAGE LEAGUE**. **In the event of absence, the bowler is required to pay league fees in full upon return.** The league bowling fees are \$40 per month per bowler. The bowler will be responsible for paying for ten (10) months of league fees (\$400). **The league will not allow for arrears. Teams will be responsible for paying \$40 monthly for any vacant spot(s) on your roster until filled with permanent paying bowler. In the event a roster member is delinquent in bowling fees the team as a whole will be responsible for any shortages.** BITB operates as a **STRICT NO ARREARS LEAGUE**. Bowlers are required to remain current on all league bowling fees. Any bowler found actively participating in any session, brackets, or optional side pots while in arrears will cause the entire team to forfeit any points earned.
5. A bowler who misses two (2) consecutive months without payment will be dismissed from the league due to unpaid bowling fees, barring extenuating circumstances approved by the League Manager, President, and Vice President. Beginning with the third consecutive month of non payment, the team will receive the league established vacancy score of 150 with handicap until the team fills the vacancy with a permanent paying bowler. Prior to submitting a new roster member to fill the vacancy all outstanding fees attributable to the vacant position must be brought current.
6. If for any reason a check is returned to the league for nonpayment, \$38 NSF Fee plus the amount of the check must be paid before the member will be eligible to bowl. The bowler will not be allowed to write checks for the remainder of the season.

7. The **last (2) months of bowling fees must be paid on or before January 2, 2027**, or the individual will not be eligible to bowl.
8. In accordance with USBC rule 121a, a member withdrawing from the league must give two weeks' notice along with cause for resigning from the league. It will be to the team's discretion to divide prize fund monies between the resigning bowler and the replacement bowler. If a bowler does not give notice and leaves the league, then in accordance with USBC rule 121a (2) all prize fund monies for that individual(s) will be forfeited. **The team will be responsible for any outstanding fees that are due for vacancies.**
9. **There is no team cap for this league. Individual handicap will be 90% of 220.** Bowlers returning to Battle In The Bay from the previous season will return with their ending average provided a minimum 20 games were bowled. All others will use their highest USBC book average from 2025-2026 as shown on Bowl.com. A bowler without an average will establish their average after bowling the first 4 games. **Entering averages will be used for the first 4 games only (1 session). BITB will enforce the 10-pin drop rule for the entire season for averages.**
10. One member of the team's roster shall constitute a legal line up. A team must have a legal line up at the start of league play otherwise game(s) are forfeited until a legal line up has been established.
11. BITB will have (1) Position Round on May 1, 2027.
12. A tardy bowler may enter the game **provided the third (3rd) frame has not been COMPLETED by both teams.** The bowler will be allowed to make up the missed frames.
13. BITB point system will be on a 31 Point System. The 31 points will be achieved in the following manner. **(1) point per handicap game for bowler's match play (16 points max), (1) point per handicap series for bowler's match play (4 points max), (2) points for each handicap team total per game (8 points max), and (3) point for total team handicap series.** Your monthly line up with the Petersen Point System will be from lowest to highest average. If you are using a designated roster sub bowler their position during league play will be according to their average. **An absentee bowler's average minus 10 pins will count towards match play points as well as team points. A vacant spot will not be awarded any points under any circumstance in this league.**
14. When bowling against a vacant team, the present team must bowl within 40 pins of their team's scratch average to earn two (2) points per game. The individual bowler must bowl within 10 pins of their average to win the (1) point per game for head to head competition. The individual bowler must bowl within 40 pins of their scratch average to earn the (1) point per game towards the series points. The team collectively must bowl within 160 pins of their scratch average to earn the (3) point for total team series.
15. In the event of a tie (win/loss) for **FIRST PLACE ONLY** a **10 frame roll off** will commence immediately after league play to decide the overall winner. All other win/loss ties will be determined by handicap pin count.
16. If any of the bylaws conflict with USBC rules, then League Manager has the final say.