**Saturday Ale House Couples– League Rules**

**Fall 2025-2026 Rules**

* Ale House Couples will bowl on Saturday at 6:40 pm. Practice starts at 6:30 pm. League will start on September 13th and will finish on April 11th.
* Days off: None.
* There will be 16 weeks of bowling; last night will be a fun night 9 pin tap. We bowl a split season.
* Ale House Couples will be sanctioned as a basic league. The cost is $10 per person to sanction. You are not eligible for any awards but will have a sanctioned average at the end of the season.
* Bowling Fees: $15 weekly dues. $11.50 lineage, $3.50 prize fund. $20 treasurer fee per team must be paid by the 2nd week of bowling. Last week of bowling must be paid ahead of time. No envelopes will be passed out the final week of bowling.
* League will bowl 3 games. The league will use a 7 point system, 2 points for every game, and 1 point for series won.
* Handicap will be 90% of 210 pins with 100% giveback over 210; bowlers will use last year’s league average for the first 6 games, or 2024-2025 Composite USBC average. We will go back 2 years for averages. If no USBC average, averages will be established the first night of bowling.
* Absent score will be bowler’s average minus 10 pins. Vacant scores will be 120.
* Pre bowling is only allowed at certain times: 11AM-5PM Mon-Friday or 9PM-11PM Mon-Thurs. Please be here by 9PM if you are bowling after league to make sure we can get you out right away. Pre-bowling is not allowed on weekends. Post bowling is not allowed.
* Bowlers must arrive before the end of the 5th frame, or they are considered absent.
* If a bowler must leave the league, he/she must give two weeks’ notice or find a replacement for the rest of the season. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of prize money.
* Please make sure recap sheets are filled out completely every week and turned into the front counter. Not filling out the recap sheets will result in loss of points for both teams.
* Envelopes: Only the top portion of the envelope should be filled out by the team. The league treasurer will fill out bottom part. To avoid confusion, ALWAYS show the amount actually paid on the week it was paid! Rule 110a – All participants in a team’s lineup must be no more than one week behind in league fee payments. Any team further behind may not be allowed to bowl games and could be declared forfeited.

* Each team will have a maximum roster size of eight. A legal line-up will constitute of two roster bowlers and a maximum of three bowlers from any gender.
* Any ties for first place at the end of any split or at the end of season will be determined by a one game roll-off between the teams. Roll-off to be done right after that nights bowling has been completed.
* League changes will be a majority vote of league officers and captains.
* Prize money for individual and team highs for scratch and handicap. Each individual/team can only qualify for one game and series prize.
* Substitutes and Pre-bowling during Position Rounds – Substitutes are allowed -must have bowled 6 games to be eligible. Pre-bowling is allowed for position rounds.
* Last week of season will be a 9 pin tap sweeper.
* No Youth bowlers are allowed in the league.
* Any Rules not specifically stated in our league rules will be governed by USBS rules. Our league will still follow all USBC etiquette.
* No Carry-in food or drinks are allowed