



## **SUNDAY BRUNCH FALL LEAGUE**

2025 - 2026 1<sup>st</sup> HALF SEASON RULES

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**\*\*These rules were approved by league vote at the 09/07/25 Organizational Meeting\*\***

1. This League shall be known as the Sunday Brunch League. The League will bowl on Sundays beginning at 3:00PM at HP Lanes. Practice bowling will begin ten (10) minutes prior to league play.

The Sunday Brunch League will be split into two separate leagues, each 14 weeks in duration, with the two halves beginning on September 7, 2025, and January 4, 2026. The halves will be referred to as the "Sunday Brunch Fall League" (1<sup>st</sup> Half League) and the "Sunday Brunch Winter League" (2<sup>nd</sup> Half League).

Teams may join the Sunday Brunch League and bowl in the Sunday Brunch Winter League without having bowled in the Sunday Brunch Fall League.

2. This will be an USBC Certified League and an IGBO Certified League. All League bowlers and substitutes must pay their USBC Certification fees by the end of their first three game series. USBC Certification fees are currently \$30.00 per bowler (subject to change by USBC). The League will pay the fee for IGBO membership (International Gay Bowling Organization) on each league bowler's behalf.
3. The cost of bowling will be **\$16.00 per bowler per week**. Of this amount, \$10.50 will be for lineage (to HP Lanes) and \$5.50 will be deposited into the League Treasury prize fund account at HP Lanes.
  - a. All bowlers must be paid in full by Nov 23, 2025, for the Sunday Brunch Fall League (the last two weeks must be paid in advance to allow for timely season ending payouts at the conclusion of bowling Week 14). All checks shall be made payable to "HP Lanes". Bowlers writing checks will be responsible for any returned check fees and will lose their 'payment by check' privileges if two checks are returned (for any reason). All league fees are nonrefundable should the bowler quit the league.
  - b. Any bowler who is more than two weeks in arrears cannot bowl unless prior arrangements have been made with the Treasurer of the League (Fred Coey). Until arrangements have been made or fees are made current, the bowler's team cannot take the bowler's absentee score and must use a vacancy score (120 pins + 89 handicap). The Team Captain may replace any bowler who is in violation of this rule. The Captain must notify the President and Secretary/Treasurer in writing if a bowler quits or is replaced on their team (for any reason). Failure to provide this notification will result in the team being held responsible for that person's league fees.
4. Individual bowler's averages will be established after the bowler's first three games are bowled for all members who did not establish an USBC book average (twenty-one (21) games or more bowled) in 2024-2025. Bowlers who did establish a USBC book average in 2024-2025 will use their 2024-2025 composite book average (as shown on Bowl.com) for the first nine (9) games of the 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch Fall season. After nine (9) games are bowled in Sunday Brunch league play, the bowler's average will then be readjusted to their new average. *If established, bowlers will use their established averages from the Sunday Brunch Fall League for their initial nine games bowled in the Winter League (in place of using a book average).*
  - a. Individual bowler Handicap will be based on 85% of the difference between the bowler's average and 225.
    - i. There will be no negative handicap.
  - b. Absentee scores will be the individual's average minus ten (10) pins plus their handicap.
  - c. Vacancy scores will uniformly be 120 pins plus 89 pins handicap.

5. If a team cannot bowl on a scheduled bowling week, the team captain must notify a league officer, in writing, prior to pre-bowling games (an acknowledged email, Facebook, or text message suffices as written notification). Pre-bowls cannot be bowled more than two calendar weeks in advance of the scheduled bowling date. Pre-bowls cannot be bowled during regular league play hours. The team captain or team designate must also, in advance, schedule a pair of lanes with HP Lanes. Officers are not required to be present during pre-bowls and teams may bowl unopposed during pre-bowls. Score changes must be made by an employee of HP Lanes. HP Lanes will make a printout of the pre-bowl games. The Team Captain is also required to retain a copy of the pre-bowl scores.

**NOTE:** Teams pre-bowling must maintain a pace of play equivalent to regular league play and shall not take unnecessary time while bowling. Pre-bowling is a courtesy extended by HP Lanes, and league bowlers should respect that the lanes they are occupying could otherwise be rented to open bowlers. A warning can be issued by an HP Lanes employee for violations of this policy, and in extreme circumstances, pre-bowling privileges can be ended or suspended. This rule can be enforced by HP Lanes management, at their discretion, and a league officer will be notified.

Pre-bowled scores will not be provided to the opposing team until after each game has been completed during regular league play. Violating any portion of this rule will result in the team forfeiting all points for the match.

- a. The team pre-bowling must pre-bowl together as a team. This league does not allow individual pre-bowls.
  - b. This league does not permit scheduled post-bowls.
  - c. There will be no pre-bowls or post-bowls during any position round. If a Team cannot field a legal line-up for any position round, then they will forfeit all the points for that match.
6. The Sunday Brunch League is a Mixed League. A team in this league shall consist of any combination adult bowlers of any sex and shall total four (4) bowlers competing per game per team. Teams must have a legal line-up by the end of the opponent's first frame. A legal line-up requires two regular bowlers of the team to be present (bowlers on the team's roster). If a legal line-up is not present at the end of the first frame, the opposing team must bowl at least their team's average minus 40 pins (per game) to earn the match's points.
- a. If a team carries a roster larger than four bowlers, these extra team members may not substitute for a bowler on another team in this league at any time. The maximum number of bowlers any team in this league may carry ***on their roster*** is six (6). The official team roster will be based on the formal written team roster submitted by the team's captain to the league officers. Extra team members may bowl in a position round, provided they have established an average consisting of nine (9) games bowled in the current half of the 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch League.
7. Bowlers arriving late to league play may make-up missed frames, as long as the last bowler of the opposing team has not completed their fifth frame. Exceptions made to this rule require both involved team captains and a league officer's agreement in order to allow for extenuating circumstances that may have caused extreme tardiness.
8. Substitute bowlers ("subs") will be permitted to bowl, provided the team has a legal line-up. Subs will not be allowed to bowl during the position round unless they have bowled twelve games or more during the current half of the 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch League season.
9. The Sunday Brunch League shall have the following committees, which the below designated officer shall chair. The President may solicit volunteers to assist the committee chairpersons. The prize fund should be voted on and decided prior to the completion of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) week of the league season.

#### **CHAIRPERSON**

President/Secretary:

Vice President:

Secretary/Treasurer:

Secretary/Treasurer:

#### **COMMITTEE**

Audits & Elections

Potlucks & Assist or Fill in for President as needed

Prize Fund

Individual & Team Awards

- 10.** The league will pay full weekly bowling fees (\$16.00 per week) for the season for the Secretary/Treasurer (one individual). The President and Vice-President receive no monetary compensation.
- 11.** Sunday Brunch Officers serve a 1-Year term to encompass both the 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch Fall League and Sunday Brunch Winter League seasons. Officers for the 2026-2027 Sunday Brunch League seasons will be nominated four weeks prior to the end of the 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch Winter League season and voted on and elected the following week. Once nominations are completed, the President will form an election committee comprised of three (3) regular league bowlers who are not running for office. This committee will be responsible for gaining acceptance of nominations by the nominees; distributing and collecting voting ballots; and will count and verify the election results. The committee will then provide results to the Board for validation and communication of the election results to the league.

Substitute bowlers will not be permitted to vote, and regular league bowlers must be present to vote (no proxy voting will be allowed). The election of all league officers shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the present regular league members on the voting day. Each team is allowed a maximum of four votes for all elections (if four regular league bowlers are present on the voting day). If a majority vote is not received, a two (2) person runoff election shall be held for the contested officer position.

- 12.** To be eligible for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled two-thirds (2/3) of the Half League Season (28 games). Scratch award eligibility will begin in the first week of bowling. The first nine (9) games bowled by each bowler in the first half which they are members of the league will not count toward individual handicap awards (a nine (9) game league average must first be established). Individual awards will be given for each half of the league, and bowlers who qualify may win awards in each half (as they are considered separate leagues).

The Most Improved Bowler Award shall be based on the averages of individuals after the first nine (9) games have been bowled through the last week of league bowling.

Bowlers are only eligible to win one (1) award per half season. If a bowler qualifies for more than one award, the following order of awards shall determine which award the bowler will receive: High Average, High Series Scratch, High Series Handicap, High Game Scratch, High Game Handicap, Most Improved Bowler. In such case, the next place bowler shall be deemed qualified for the next listed award. Separate awards shall be given for men and women for each category listed above.

In the event no person qualifies for any one or more of the above listed awards, the league officers shall determine how any prize money that may have been allocated to the award will be returned to the league.

- 13.** League prize funds will be distributed at the conclusion of each half season's Position Round.
- 14.** League standings will be based on earned points. Points will be awarded on a weekly basis as follows: Two (2) points earned per game win, and One (1) point earned per series win (total pins). There will be a total of seven (7) available points per match. Should a game or series result in a tie, the available point(s) shall be split evenly between the two teams. The league standings will be posted online as soon as practicable after the completion of each week of bowling.
- 15.** The last week of the 14-week season will consist of a position round. After the completion of the Fall League's position round, all team points will reset to zero (0) prior to the start of the Winter League. There will be no playoffs. The final standings at the conclusion of the position round for each 14-week League will determine the 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch Fall League Champion and subsequent place finishers, and 2025-2026 Sunday Brunch Winter League Champion and subsequent place finishers.
- a. In the event teams are tied for a top three (3) position after completion of either position round, a one (1) game roll off shall be played. If teams remain tied after a one game roll off, each team will bowl an additional full team 10<sup>th</sup> frame until such a time as the tie is broken, and a winner is determined.
- 16.** Sportsperson of the Year and a Sports Team of the Year awards will also be awarded and selected by vote. Nominations for these awards shall be made the week following the officer elections during the Sunday Brunch Winter League Season, and the election shall take place the following week. To be eligible to be on the ballot for Sportsperson or Sports Team of the year, a person/team must receive at least six (6) nominations.

Bowlers from both the Fall and Winter leagues may be considered for this award. Once nominations are completed, the President will form an election committee comprised of regular league bowlers who are not running for Sportsman/Sports Team of the Year. This committee will be responsible for gaining acceptance of nominations by the nominees; distributing and collecting voting ballots; and counting and verifying the election results. The committee will then provide the results to the Board for validation and communication.

Substitute bowlers will not be permitted to vote, and regular league bowlers must be present to vote (no proxy voting will be allowed). The election of Sportsman and Sports Team of the year shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the present regular league members on the voting day. Each team is allowed a maximum of four votes for all elections (if four regular league bowlers are present on the voting day). If a simple majority vote is not received, a two (2) person or team runoff election shall be held for the contested award.

- 17.** Any bowler who has quit and owes money to any bowling league or bowling organization shall not be permitted to bowl in this league until proof of payment has been received from an officer of the league or bowling organization to whom the funds were owed. In cases of dispute, the burden of proof of payment lies with the bowler and not the Sunday Brunch League.
- 18.** Each week a 50/50 Raffle may be held, with the proceeds being donated to two charitable organizations at the end of the season. The two organizations to receive the proceeds will be determined by a vote of the League members. Nominations for the charitable organizations shall be held on the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) week of the Winter (2<sup>nd</sup> Half) League. The final selection of the organizations shall be determined on the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) week of the same league. A simple majority shall determine the League's two charitable organizations for the league year.
- 19.** Each week a voluntary Mystery Score drawing may be held, with the proceeds to benefit the COMIC tournament. The drawing will be organized, run, and held by a COMIC representative each week.
- 20.** Each week a Strike Pot drawing may be held, with 100% of the proceeds returned to the entering bowlers. The drawing will be organized, run, and held by a representative to be appointed by the League President.
- 21.** In case of inclement weather, teams can call HP Lanes (614-267-0321) to see if bowling has been canceled. The officers will notify the lanes by 1:00PM on the day of bowling. A league officer will also post this information on the league's Facebook Page "Sunday Brunch Leagues – Fall 2025 & Winter 2026" *as well as on the League Website (<https://pridebowlingcolumbus.org/sunday.html>)*. In the event of cancellation, the league officers will determine if the cancelled week will be permanently bypassed or made up at a later date.
- 22.** All league members must be adults over the age of 18 at the start of their first league game bowled.
- 23.** Anyone found with an illegal substance in their possession will be banned from the league for the remainder of the season and will forfeit all league funds and fees paid to that point, as well as remain responsible for any remaining funds owed to the league for the remainder of the league season. This includes purchase for or consumption of alcoholic beverages for/by people under the age of twenty-one (21).
- 24.** Any rules **not** addressed in this document will be governed by the most recent USBC Playing Rules.

**Thank you all for making this league great!!**

**We are all looking forward to another season of friendship, fellowship, and fun!!**