

**GATES STATE FARM INSURANCE AGENCY  
THURSDAY MIXED RULES & REGULATIONS**

**2017 – 2018**

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1. The league will bowl a 33 week schedule beginning on Thursday August 31, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. Championship Rolloff / 9-Pin Fun Night will be on Thursday April 26, 2018.
2. Warm-ups start at 6:20 P.M.
3. Bowling fees will be \$15.00 (\$10.50 bowling & \$4.50 prize money) per bowler per night. On the first night of bowling each bowler will pay two weeks fees (the 1st and 33rd weeks). This must be paid no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> week of bowling. Sanction fees must be paid on the first night of bowling with the women and the men paying \$20.00 each. This is per USBC national rules. NO exceptions. No individual can be more than one week behind in their weekly bowling fees. When more than one week behind the scores for this bowler do not count, and receives zero (0) score for the evening. No blind, deadhead, or substitute scores apply. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU BOWL!!  
NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS.
4. Every team must have a Team Captain and they are responsible for making sure envelopes are accurate each week, and turned into league Secretary-Treasurer before the start of the second game.
5. A team sponsor fee of \$40.00 shall be paid by each team and is due by the first week of bowling in October.
6. Each team will consist of four bowlers with any combination of men and women.
7. Bowlers will use last year's final average from this league for the first 9 games, if they had one. If no average in this league last year, bowlers will use their highest book average from last year for their first 9 games. New bowlers will establish their average after their first three games have been bowled.
8. The league handicap will be 80% of the difference between the two team's averages.
9. The deadhead score will be the absent bowler's average minus 10 pins, but the full average will be used in computing the handicap.
10. The vacancy score will be 120 for both men and women.
11. The four-point system will be used with one point for each game won and one point for total pins.
12. A bowler arriving late will not be permitted to bowl if he or she arrives after the fifth frame has been completed, but he or she may bowl the succeeding games.

13. A legal lineup will consist of two regular team members. If a team doesn't have two regular bowlers present for any of the three games it's a forfeit to the other team for each game a legal lineup is not available. If the league has an uneven number of teams, the team bowling the bye team has to bowl within 40 pins of their team average per game and 120 pins for the 3 game total to secure the win(s). The unopposed team must bowl as though actually competing - finishing on one lane before starting on the other lane.
14. The league will bowl in thirds with ten weeks in each third, with a position round on the 11th, 22nd, & 33rd weeks. The winning team of each third plus the wild card team which has the highest number of wins at the end of the season and didn't win a round, (who will make the fourth) will bowl for the league championship. NO team can win more than one round. If a team has already won a round, then this round goes to the next eligible team. Eligible means has NOT won a round. Round goes to the next highest total win team for that round. The league champion with the team which wins after a three game playoff. Handicap will be based on 80% from 210 individual or 840 per team. The first to fourth places will be determined by team total score with handicap. This will be bowled on the 34th week with the rest of the league bowling the optional FUN NIGHT. If two or more teams tie for total wins in a position round or total pins in the championship rolloff each team bowls a one game rolloff to break the tie. If a tie happens again, each team bowls a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame rolloff. If any team leaves before the one game rolloff they forfeit the round. Handicap for a position round sudden death rolloff is as follows: Two teams competing: 80% normal handicap. Three or more teams competing: 80% from 210 individual or 840 per team. Example: Team with an 800 average would receive a 32 pin handicap.  $(840 - 800) \times .80 = 32$ .
15. Rolloffs will be permitted (Single or Team) with the approval of a league officer. Rolloffs must be completed before the next regular scheduled night of bowling. Championship night rolloffs are not permitted. Teams must use a qualifying substitute bowler, or that person's average less ten pins (deadhead) per game.
- 15a. Maximum number of rolloffs per bowler will be eleven (11) weeks. On week twelve (12) or more you must take your blind score (your average less 10 pins) or use an approved substitute.
16. All subs must be sanctioned. It is the responsibility of the team captain to see that a sanction card is completed for each new sub and turned in to the league secretary before the end of the night.
17. All league fees will be paid by the regular bowler. No payments by subs.
18. NO NEW SUBS will be permitted during championship rolloffs. A sub with an established average of 15 games in this league may bowl in rolloff. No new subs will be permitted for the last third of the season.
19. The most improved bowler will be figured after a 21 game average has been established. The improvement to be the difference between this season's final average and the end of the previous season's average. (All bowlers will start after 21 games.)
20. Subs are not eligible for league awards.
21. The league will pay for the Secretary-Treasurers weekly bowling fee of \$15.00 for 33 weeks.

22. The league will pay for league sponsors to attend the banquet. Teams may purchase a ticket for their team sponsor to attend if they so choose.
25. Prize money is determined by total wins per team. If a team quits during the season, they forfeit all prize money due them.  
The cash awards are as follows: First Place Team - \$50.00 per man, Second Place Team - \$35.00 per man, Third Place Team - \$25.00 per man, Fourth Place Team - \$15.00 per man. Individual High Average, High Series and High Game (actual & handicap) for both men and women - \$20.00 per bowler. Awards limited to one per bowler. Only exceptions will be for perfect game (300) awards.
26. 50/50 raffle selling rules. We will start with team #1 and work our way up the teams in number order. Rotate your bowlers so as to not slow down the pace on your pair of lanes. On position nights, the team in the last place will sell the tickets. If we have an odd number of teams, the team bowling the bye team will sell the tickets each week. This same team could sell the tickets before even starting their first game, since they will not be holding anyone up on their pair of lanes. Cost of the tickets are: 2 tickets for every \$1.00 or 12 tickets for \$5.00. The proceeds will be split in half (no change please-if the total is an odd amount, the higher amount goes to the league.)