

DOMM'S FRIDAY "B" LEAGUE RULES - 2026/2027

1. The League shall be USBC Governed.
2. The League bowls every Friday at 6:40 p.m. Practice starts 6:30pm.
3. 10 point scoring system, 2 points each game, 4 points for totals.
4. Lane fees - \$13.50 per bowler. Bowling fee is currently \$21.00 per bowler for 31 weeks.
5. Team Handicap – **80%** of the difference between the two team averages. (e.g. 1000 avg vs 1030 avg = 24 pins handicap to lower average team.)
6. Bowlers returning from the previous season uses their Friday "B" League average from the 2025/2026 season (if 21 games bowled) until they've bowled 9 games.
 - New Friday "B" League bowlers shall use their 2025/2026 highest book average (minimum 21 games) until they've bowled 9 games. After they've bowled 9 games, the team average will be computed using the bowler's current weekly average.
 - If the bowler has no adult league average from the previous 3 seasons, they'll use **200** as their average until 9 games are bowled. This also includes bowlers coming out of junior leagues.
7. Persons with only 7 or 8 games bowled prior to the start of bowling that night will keep that average for all 3 games. Don't recalculate their average & team handicap after they've bowled their 9th game. This may require a manual correction in the Domm's system.
8. Blind Score – For an absent bowler, use their average minus (-) 10 pins.
 - If two regulars are absent and there is only one sub, the regular bowler with the most games bowled will be used as the blind.
 - If both absent bowlers have the same number of games bowled, then the one with the highest average will be used as the blind.
9. Open substitution is allowed. Roving subs are OK.
10. Pre-bowling will be allowed, **but only for a full team**. It must be pre-bowled during the same week that the team will miss. The team must notify Domm's and the League Secretary (Jim Gross) ahead of time. Post-bowling will not be allowed.
11. A tardy bowler has until the last bowler on each team has completed the 4th frame.
12. Three (3) bowlers must be present by the end of the 4th frame to constitute a legal lineup or the game is forfeited (follow USBC rules for bowling unopposed). Also, if a 5-person team, at least **two** members of the original roster must be present. If it's a 4-person team, at least **one** member of the original roster must be present.
13. A 4-person or 5-person team can use up to three (3) subs.
14. The league will bowl a 31 week schedule which includes 1 position round each half. On week 31, the 1st and 2nd half winners will bowl for champion trophies/prize money.
15. If there is a tie for first after week 15 (1st half), week 30 (2nd half), or week 31, there will be a 1-game roll-off that same night. USBC rules to govern when more than 2 teams tie for first.
16. There is an "estimated" prize list for each half of the league schedule. There is also a small prize list for Total Overall Points for each position.
17. In the event of a lane breakdown, the teams shall roll canceled games within ten (10) days. If this occurs on the last night, these games should be made up within two (2) days. All unfinished games to start over. Any team unable to field a legal lineup shall forfeit.
18. Secretary/Treasurer office is combined. Pay is \$25 per team (e.g., \$400 for 16 teams).
19. A bowler needs to bowl 2/3^{rds} of the season to qualify for special prizes. (Only paying regular bowlers qualify.)

20. A committee shall be put together for nominations for the George Peters Sportsmanship Award. The person's name goes on the plaque displayed at Domm's Bowling Center. The 2026/2027 committee will consist of the following people: Terry Daniels, Pete Drew, Bob Gately, Paul Gross & Desiree Winkie. Each team will be asked to provide the name of one nominee (from any team in the league). The committee then determines which names will be included in the league-wide vote. Each team will then have one vote to determine the winner.
21. Any paying regular bowler rolling 700 for the 1st time ever shall receive a trophy if they don't qualify in the High Handicap Series category. Team Captain must notify Jim Gross.
22. A Singles tournament is run on week #31. Only paying regular bowlers are eligible.
23. All bowlers are to be USBC sanctioned. \$25.00 Sanction fee is to be paid the 1st night. If a team knowingly uses an unsanctioned bowler they shall forfeit all the games the bowler was used in. (Captains are to have all bowlers fill out sanction cards, including subs that are being used for the first time this season. See Jim Gross for blank forms.)
 - If a bowler is already sanctioned in another NY region (e.g., Canandaigua, Bergen, Sodus, Buffalo), a **\$9** sanction fee must be paid to cover Rochester USBC costs.
 - If a bowler paid their dues out of state or via USBC Collegiate, a **\$10** sanction fee must be paid to cover Rochester & NY State USBC costs.
24. Each team to pay a franchise fee of \$30.00 to be held in escrow by the league secretary until they leave the league. If a team notifies the league secretary by the last week of the season that they don't plan to return the following season, the money will be refunded to them. After this date there is no refund given.
25. At the end of the season, no more than \$25.00 to be carried on the books. Franchise Fees are excluded.
26. The league President shall keep a check on league funds and report any discrepancies to the league.
27. A league meeting will be held **1 week following the season finale** at Domm's Bowling Center to hand out prize money/awards. That date is currently April 23, 2027.
28. All captains to be canvassed during the month of March to nominate the person(s) of their choice to run for league office the following season. Entire league to vote in April.
29. The league will donate \$15 in the memory of any league member or an immediate family member who passes away. A fruit basket or equivalent will be sent to a league member ill for more than 6 weeks. (Team Captain must notify the Secretary.)
30. A team shall not be more than 2 weeks' fees in arrears. For a 5-person team, that would be \$211; a 4-person team = \$169. The team must not be **more than** the designated amount in arrears **before** the start of the 5th frame of the first game. Otherwise, they will forfeit all points for that night. Secretary to immediately notify the opposing team that they are bowling in a forfeit situation. Teams bowling in all forfeit situations shall follow the USBC rulebook (i.e., a 5-person team must be within 50 pins of team average in order to win the game).
31. All individual High Game or High Series awards shall be with handicap (based on a 220 average). No award money for High Team Game or High Team Series is in the prize list.
32. Terry Daniels will sell the league's 50/50 raffle tickets. League Secretary (Jim Gross) provides the tickets to him. Terry provides all money collected & all sold/unsold tickets back to Jim Gross. 50% of the money gets deposited in the League Account. There will be 2 drawings for the remaining 50%. 2/3 of the money goes to the first winner. 1/3 of the money to the 2nd winner.
33. NOTE: League Captains voted to not implement a Prize Committee" or "Audit Committee". League Secretary/Treasurer and President will continue to perform those functions.