



Wednesday Post Office Bowling League League Rules

2026-27

1. The league is a 100% handicap league. The handicap is based on 100% of the difference between each bowlers average and 240. (*Change 2023-24.*)
2. A league meeting will consist of all team captains or representatives and the three officers. All members will have an equal vote. All decisions are binding on those not present.
3. The league will have three officers. The President (\$200), Vice President (\$100), and Secretary-Treasurer \$775 (*Rule change of 2023-24 season.*)
4. Bowling out: A bowler will be allowed to bowl out the last game of a three game series. This bowling out allowance can be utilized **only** once a season. It must also be accomplished in accordance with USBC rule 106d requirements that all other bowlers would continue to bowl and the player should bowl on each lane immediately after the previous bowler completes the frame so that the progress of the game is not delayed.
5. A forty point scoring system will be used. (*Rule change of 2025-26.*)
6. Bowlers that are late will have until the **end** of the fourth frame to bowl. They must be *in sight* and in the building as the opposing team's anchor bowler finishes. They may bowl the second or third game if they are there at the **start** of the game. (*Rule change 2017-18.*)
7. Three bowlers (out of eight) will make up a legal team. The roster will include a maximum of eight bowlers names. *Any three* will be considered as regular. The bowlers on the five man regular roster with the **most number of games** should be used as a replacements for handicap. Split season bowlers included. (*Rule change of 2021-22.*)
8. Team captains will hold the franchise. If they leave the team, any team member may take the franchise.
9. Last year's Wednesday Post Office league average (min 21 games) will be used at the start of the season for all regular bowlers. This average will be used for the first nine (9) games. After the ninth game the current season average will be used.
10. Substitute bowlers (other than the 5 regular) will use last year's Wednesday Post Office league average (min 21 games) for the first nine games just like the regulars.
11. New bowlers (subs or reg.) who do not have an average from last year in the Wednesday Post Office League or a 3 year book average, will be back handicapped immediately after establishing a 3 game average. (*Rule Change 2026-27*)
12. Bowling fees will be \$23 plus \$2 for the raffle. (*Rule change 2023-2024.*)
13. Bowlers listed on a team in the league cannot bowl for another team in the league, except as long term replacement for injured or absent bowler. Team captain must give the league officers one week's notice of the change. Subject to approval by majority of league captains. (*Rule change 2015-16.*)

14. The end of year 50/50 raffle will be split equally amongst all bowlers.
15. Nighly 50-50 winners must purchase a \$10 super bowl square.
16. All Bowlers are *not* required to work for the Postal Service.
17. When multiple teams are tied in the standings, position round match-ups will be determined by the team with the highest team average.
18. Sanction fees will be paid for the 5 Regular bowlers from league funds. All others must pay the first time they bowl. If bowlers pay sanction in another league, those funds can be used by another league bowler.
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19. Team rosters will be made up of 8 bowlers and all considered as regular. Bowlers listed on teams 8-man roster are allowed to bowl with less than 9 games the final 5 weeks. Use book average. (*Rule Change 26-27*)
Last 5 weeks of the season league subs must have at least 9 games in the league to be allowed to bowl.
(*Rule Change 24-25*)
20. The top five averages will receive cash awards at the end of the season.
21. Teams and Bowlers will be eligible for more than one award score, but only one award in each category.
22. Bowlers who are in arrears more than 3 weeks may not bowl until monies are made up.
23. The League will bowl a 31 week season, with 3 position rounds at week 10, 20 & 31. Total points won will determine the overall league champion. In the event of a tie, for first place only, there will be a one game roll-off immediately following the final scheduled game of the season. If 3 teams tie, each team bowls on a single pair of lanes. (*Rule Change 2022-2023*)
24. Trophies are awarded to; First Place Team Sponsor, First Place team members, Individual Average, Individual Game (all), Individual Series, (3), Most Improved, Hi Match Point Winner (If Requested)
(*Rule Change 2026-27*)

There will be one Championship Trophy awarded to the first place team. (*Rule change 2018-19.*)

All individual trophy awards are optional. If bowler declines a trophy, award cash value of trophy to individual. (*Rule change 2018-19*)
25. New teams to the league will be invited to join in the order that the request is received (first come, first served). In order to maintain league integrity, new teams to the league must supply a team roster, including current averages, to the league officers for review. Upon acceptance, new teams will be required to advance the cost of the first night's of bowling fee (i.e. \$90 in 2019), as a deposit. This deposit will be applied towards the first night's bowling. There is no refund of this deposit after August 15, of the year. (*Rule change Jan. 2019*)
26. Bowling the blind. Must bowl team average minus 50 pins to win game points. Team average minus 150 pins to win total score. (*Rule addition 2020-21*)