

# ***Friday Night Mixed***

## **2025 – 2026 League Rules**

1. This organization shall be known as the Friday Night Mixed. This will be a USBC (United States Bowling Congress) Certified handicap league.
2. League officers for the 2025 – 2026 season are:  
President: John Phelan 708.297.0310  
Vice President: Rick Pearce 815.478.3420  
Secretary/Treasurer: Carl Swan 815.485.5177
3. The board of directors shall consist of the officers and team captains. The board shall decide on any disputes or protest and it is within its power to discipline any member or team for violation of any provision of the league rules or USBC rules and regulations.
4. The president must verify monthly bank statements per USBC rules.
5. This league will bowl on Fridays at 6:30pm (6:15 practice) for 34 weeks starting on September 05, 2025 and ending on May 01, 2026. **Off December 26, 2025**
6. Friday Night Mixed league team consists of 4 bowlers over the age of 18, of which at least one has to be of the opposite gender. Maximum of 8 people on a team roster.
7. Certifications: All members' certification fees must be paid the first week of bowling in order for scores to count. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure all their team members are aware that Friday Night Mixed is league Certified through the USBC Joliet Association. Certification fee is \$27.00 for both men and women. Outside association fee is \$ 10.00 for both men and women. It is the secretary's responsibility to turn in all sanctioning thirty days after league start.
8. The full season is as follows:  
Weeks 1-10, week 11 position round - Weeks 12-21, week 22, position round - Weeks 23-32, week 33 position round - Week 34.Championship Roll-Off.  
The winners of each 1/3 (or 2<sup>nd</sup> place if a team has already won a third) plus 1 wild card (Team with most season points without qualifying for any Third )will roll off to determine the league champion.  
**Roll Off Rule:** The 4 playoff teams will be ranked by total wins and compete in a stepladder final. Lanes to be used for match play and Championship to be determined based on amount of teams.
  - First match: 4<sup>th</sup> seed vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> seed
  - Second match: Winner of first match vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> seed
  - Third match: Winner of second match vs. 1<sup>st</sup> seed
9. Handicap is 90% of 220 per bowler. USBC book average from previous season will be used for the first 3 weeks while new bowlers will establish average.

10. We have to pay for every bowler/lane that we use for scoring. Vacant bowlers count towards payment. Any shortages in the league account will be deducted from that team's prize money. If a team is missing a bowler, please have your team's captain let the league secretary or any league officer know if there is a problem in finding a replacement. We will do our best to help you find someone.

11. Bowling fees are \$20.00 per bowler per week for the 2025-2026 bowling season. The breakdown of the league fees are as follows:

Lineage \$ **13.00** per week  
Prize Fund \$ 7.00 per week  
Secretary/Treasurer \$ 400.00 per season

Team prize money is given to the team captain at the end of the season to be distributed to the team members.

12. The team captain's responsibilities are to make sure all league fees are paid each week. Don't let your team get behind in the weekly fees as any team's shortages are deducted from the team prize fund at the end of the season. The league does not absorb the loss. **The last 2 weeks bowling fees will be due by week 30 (March 27, 2026).** **No checks will be accepted the last 2 weeks of bowling.**

13. A person can be no more than two (2) weeks behind in paying for bowling. If they are, their score do not count. All money must be completely paid for by position rounds or that individual cannot bowl. After position round, if the fee is still not paid, bowling for that individual person will not be allowed until paid in full. Their scores will not count and they will receive a ZERO (0) for all games until paid. Please talk to the treasurer if there are any issues.

14. Scoring System: This is a seven (7) point system; two (2) points per game and one (1) point per series. Team standings are based on total points and games won/lost.

15. The absentee score is the bowler's average minus ten (10) pins with that bowler's handicap. Individual vacancy score will be 120 with a 90 handicap.

16. Tardiness – Tardy bowlers will be allowed to catch up, provided that they notify the opposing team captain that they are present before the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the opposing team. Those who come in later will not be allowed to PACE.

17. All new subs need to check in with an officer before bowling starts. No new subs may be added to the 8 person roster during the last six weeks of bowling. This year's cutoff date is February 28, 2025. In case of an emergency, a captains' meeting can be called to vote on amending this rule.

- a. Floating Sub Rule:
  - i. Cannot bowl position round
  - ii. Must pay sanction fee
  - iii. Cannot pre-bowl

18. Forfeit Rule – A legal team must have two (2) members on their roster present by the end of the opposing team's first frame. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in the team's ineligibility for points for that game. If a team does not have a legal lineup, the opposing team does have to bowl their team average minus forty (40) pins in order to win their points. Scores still count towards averages for the bowlers that do bowl.

19. Legal Line-up – Each team must have two (2) permanent bowlers at the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> frame of the first game to be considered a legal line-up. Pre-bowls count. All subs on a team's roster need to be sanctioned.

20. Pre-bowling – Subs may not pre-bowl. A permanent team member or team may pre-bowl for any night with the exception of the following: **NO PRE-BOWLING FOR POSITION ROUNDS OR ROLL OFFS.**

**NOTE: Pre-Bowling may be done at any time for a scheduled date. You do not have to wait until the week you bowl ex: If you know you'll miss week 5, you may put that date on the pre-bowl envelope. Fee MUST be paid at time of bowling**  
**NO Pre-Bowling Saturdays or Sundays.**

**ABSOLUTELY No Pre-Bowling December 19<sup>th</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup> NO EXCEPTIONS**

21. To bowl Position round, week 11, bowlers must have 9 games bowled. week 22, 15 games bowled, week 32 & 33, 21 games bowled.

22. If at the completion of a 1/3 there is a tie for first place, a 1 game roll off will take place immediately.

23. Individual awards are paid in both scratch & handicap categories, but individual may only cash in one (1). Bowlers cannot cash in both high game and high game handicap. This is also the case for team game and series awards. Individual pre-bowls scores do not count for season awards,

24. To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must be a permanent team member and bowl 51 games by April 24, 2026.

**25. We understand that you may have to bring your children with you on Friday nights; however, we are asking that they not run around and are never on the tiled area.**

26. Smoking – Please be courteous; if your first bowler smokes and is done bowling then by all means, go have your cigarette. The whole team should not be out at the same time.

27. In addition to the above rules, USBC rules will govern the operation of the league.

**Beat the Champs:** Our league will participate 100%. The cost is \$3.00 per bowler (pending no increase) which will come out of the prize money. Per Beat the Champs rules, the High Man & Woman automatically advances. Beat the Champ date will be announced later.

**Pre-Bowls are NOT allowed.**

**The League is allotted 3 hours to complete.**

**At 9:30 the Lights go off & Cosmic starts ! !**

**\*\* Pending no lane issues or a Roll-Off**