

Thursday Night Guys & Gals

League Rules 2026-2027

Carl Swan, Secretary / Treasurer

1. The Board of Directors will consist of League Officers and team Captains.
2. The League starts bowling at 7:00pm (practice at 6:45pm) every Thursday.
3. This not USBC certified league but will adhere to those rules.
4. The season runs 33 weeks, from September 3, 2026 thru May 6, 2027.
OFF November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving) & December 24, 2026 & December 31, 2026.
5. Handicap will be 90% of 210. Although not certified through USBC, new bowlers without a USBC average for the previous year will bowl for average for the first 3 games and handicap will be determined. Bowlers who have bowled in house and have an established average will use that average for the first three weeks otherwise, bowlers will use last year's final average for the first 9 games.
6. Any new teams joining after week 1 will have to pay the prize money for previous weeks. Any new team will be given the vacant team points.
7. A Team roster will consist of a maximum of eight (8) bowlers over the age of 18, of which 4 bowlers will bowl each week, of which at least one, must be of the opposite gender. No new bowlers may be added after January 1, 2027 without the approval of the Board of Directors.
8. Blind (Vacant) bowlers will receive a score of 150 with 54 pins handicap.
9. The League point system gives a team two (2) points for winning a game and one (1) point for the series.
10. Weeks 8, 16, 24 & 32 are position rounds. Week 33 will be the Championship. Bowlers must have a required number of games bowled before bowling Position rounds. Week 16, 9 games – week 24, 12 games, week 24, 18 games & week 32, 21 games. **NO PRE-BOWLING ON POSITION ROUNDS –or- ROLL-OFF.**
11. No team can win both halves. Second place for second half will be considered the winner if first place for second half won the first half. The two teams will bowl 3 games with the best of three being declared the League Champion. If there is a tie, a one game roll-off will be bowled.
The remainder of the league will be the nine-pin no tap tournament with all prize money dispersed on this night.
12. There is a 10 pin deduction for absent bowlers.
13. The League fees are \$ 20.00 per week, with the last two (2) weeks being paid in by March 26, 2026. Any bowler more than two (2) weeks in rears, will not be able to bowl and will be dropped from the league.
14. Checks will be accepted except for the last 2 weeks of bowling, payable to Laraway Lanes.

15. A team must have at least two bowlers by the end of the first frame or forfeit that game. Late bowlers must arrive and be ready to bowl by the end of the fifth (5) frame in order to bowl that game. Otherwise, they **MUST** sit out until the next game.
16. Payment envelopes must be brought **to the Counter** by the start of the 5th frame of game one.
17. Pre-Bowling will be allowed. A person will be allowed to pre-bowl as many times as needed except for Championship Roll-Off at end of season. League fee must be paid at time of pre-bowling. A bowler must check ahead of time with the house for lane availability. Post bowling will only happen in emergency situations per Board of Directors vote.
18. In case of an uneven number of teams, the team bowling unopposed shall bowl their averages less ten pins per person (40 pins per team), scratch, per USBC Rules. This also applies to bowling against a forfeit.
19. A team must have at least two (2) bowlers present at the beginning of each game to have a legal line-up. A person who pre-bowled plus another bowler is considered a legal line-up.
20. Individual awards are paid in both scratch & handicap categories, but individual may only cash in one (1). This is also the case for team game and series awards. Individual pre-bowls scores do not count for season awards.
21. When a team or individual qualifies for high series or game, the series prize will be awarded over the game. Bowlers must have bowled 2/3 (64 games) of the season by the 32 week to qualify for awards.
22. All complaints are to be brought to the Secretary's attention **before** or **after** bowling, **NOT** during a game.
23. The league will automatically entered in Beat The Champs.
24. For all rules not mentioned, USBC rules will prevail.
25. League standings will be posted on www.LarawayLanes.com/Standings.