

**AUTO DEALERS BOWLING LEAGUE 2011-- 2012**

President.....Louis Jara  
Vice President.....Carlene Guittari  
Secretary/Treasurer.....Fred Brace  
Sgt at Arms.....Bill DeVita

**RULE 1. SCHEDULE** The Auto Dealers Bowling League shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) thru their local association(s). The league shall consist of 24 teams with a playing strength of 4 people. The league will bowl on Wednesday's for 34 weeks, commencing on 24 Aug 2011 and ending on or about 18 Apr 2012. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Practice at 6:50PM. The league will not bowl on 23 Nov 2011.

The league will bowl a split season with an equal number of games in each half. The first half of the season will end after a position round of week number 17. The second half will end with a position round on week 34 of the schedule. Prize fund payoff and league championship will occur the following week.

**RULE 2. MANAGEMENT** The management of the league shall be vested in the board of directors (BOD) which shall consist of the officers and team captains. The team captains shall elect the officers and the board shall adopt league rules. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

**RULE 3. FEES** Make all checks payable to "Auto Dealers." The amount to be paid by each player each night shall be \$18.00 , of which \$10.50 will cover the cost of bowling, with the balance (\$5.75 (prize fund) and \$0.50 (50/50 Fund) ) to be placed in the league treasury. The bowling fees for the last two weeks shall be paid by each member before the completion of the tenth week of the schedule. Games shall be forfeited by any team whose members are more than two (2) week in arrears.

Sanction fees for each league member must be paid the first night of bowling, unless already paid through another league. USBC BA - \$20.00, USBC WBA- \$15.00

**RULE 3a INSUFFICIENT FUNDS:** If a check is returned to the league secretary for insufficient funds, a fee of \$30.00 plus the face value of the check in question will be payable, in cash, to the league sect/treas within fourteen (14) days after written notification by the league secretary to the member and team captain. Failure to comply with this will result in disciplinary action against the individual. No further checks, from this individual, will be accepted for the balance of the bowling season.

**RULE 4. SALARIES** The salary to be paid to the secretary shall be established by the BOD, and shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule. Full payment shall not be authorized until the secretary has furnished to the secretary of the local association(s) all average sheets requested, including final average sheets. The salary shall be \$0.75 per man per week.

**RULE 5. 50/50** A 50/50 fund will be accomplished on each night of the league. One dollar from each bowlers nightly fees will constitute the 50/50 fund (\$0.50 deposited in the 50/50 Prize Fund and \$0.50 as a prize each night of bowling.) The Sect/Treas will place four 50/50 tickets in the team envelope at the start of each bowling session. Team Captains will be responsible for insuring distribution of team members tickets. Prior to the completion of the second game, a winning ticket will be pulled by the counter person and the nightly prize awarded to the winner.

**RULE 6. LEAGUE FUNDS** An account (Dover Federal Credit Union) shall be opened in the name of the league in which funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the joint signatures of the president and the secretary.

If a check to an individual is lost and must be rewritten, the current "stop payment fee" (\$25.00) will be deducted from the new check.

**RULE. 7 PRIZES** Prior to the start of the schedule, the president shall appoint a committee of at least three members to draw up a prize list. The prize list must be approved by the BOD and distributed to each team captain within five weeks of the start of the schedule.

To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have bowled in two-thirds (68) of the scheduled games.

A bowler or team can qualify for only one specific award for high series or game. High average and most improved awards can be won as well as an individual award. When a team or individual qualifies for an award in each category, and prizes are of equal value, the series prize will be awarded. In handicap leagues, special prizes and awards shall be on a handicap basis. Award priority is as follows: High Series Handicap, High Game Hdcp, High Series Scratch, High Game Scratch.

**RULE 8. ENTERING AVERAGES** Entering averages of all players shall be determined in the following order:

1. Average established in this league last season, based on 21 games or more.
  2. Highest average from the previous season in any USBC league in Lower Delaware USBS BA, based on 21 games or more.
  3. Bowlers who do not have a qualifying average outlined in items 1 or 2 will establish their average the first session they bowl.
- Entering averages will be used until the bowler has completed twelve (12) games, then the current average will be used nightly for the duration of the season.

**RULE 9. HANDICAP** The handicap allowance shall be ninety percent (90%), and shall be based on the difference between each individual's average and a scratch figure of 220.

**RULE 10. TEAM ROSTERS** Captains will turn in rosters of team members to the secretary prior to the start of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to four (4) players. A team may name a permanent substitute, eligible to bowl as a regular member of that team on any league session. Any roster changes must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time that the new team member bowls. New players cannot be added to a team's roster in the final four (4) weeks of the schedule without the approval of the BOD.

Note: Unmarried students under 18 must have written parental consent in each league. See General Playing Rule 13.

**RULE 11. SUBSTITUTES** A list of roving or floating substitutes shall be maintained by the league. No one may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week. No new substitutes, floating or regular, may be added to a team roster on position rounds or after week 32 of the season. The first night that a substitute bowls, last years average (21 games or more) in the Auto Dealers league or the highest book average ( 21 games or more) for the Lower Delaware Men's/Women's Bowling Association will be used against the individual he/she is bowling for. A substitute's average may not exceed the regular bowler's average by more than ten pins. Once an average is established in this league, it will be used to determine eligibility thereafter. A roving/floating sub may not bowl for a team's permanent sub.

**RULE 12. LEGAL LINEUP** A minimum legal lineup must include at least two (2) players from a team's roster. A minimum legal lineup must be present by the completion of the fourth frame of the first game. A team's regular substitute, (as well as a player from the team's roster who prebowls) counts toward the legal lineup.

**RULE 13. FORFEITURES** When a forfeiture occurs or a team fails to have a minimum legal lineup, (See Rule 12), the opposing individuals must bowl within forty (40) pins of their current team average in order to win points by forfeiture. Points not won for failing to bowl the prescribed score will not be credited to either team.

**RULE 14. ABSENTEE AND VACANCY SCORES** Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average less ten (10) pins. When there are additional members on a team's roster, the absentee score of the absent member with the most games bowled will be used. If two absentee scores are needed, the average less 10 pins of the absentee with the next highest number of games shall be used. When two absent members have the same number of games, the lower absentee score will be used. The handicap shall be figured on the actual average of the designated absentee(s).

When a team does not have enough players on its roster for a full lineup, a vacancy score of 120 shall be used. Such scores shall be the basis for the handicap.

**RULE 15. POSTPONEMENTS/PRE-BOWLING** A committee shall be appointed to determine what is sufficient cause to grant a postponement. In emergencies, the captain of the team unable to attend shall notify the opposing team captain and/or the secretary or president of the league at the earliest opportunity.

All requests for postponements/pre-bowling shall be filed with the BOD, except those caused by emergencies.

An individual/team may request a pre-bowl with the approval of a league officer. The opposing team captain will be notified and given the option of bowling against the team, or witnessing the individual, that must reschedule, on the new night. All pre-bowls will be accomplished prior to the next regularly scheduled night of bowling. The house will supply a copy of the games bowled, as well a computer printout of these games, to the league secretary. No individual prebowls will be allowed for position rounds or the last two weeks of each half.

If the scheduled night of bowling is canceled for weather/emergency, the individual/team prebowl may be declared void by the members involved without the need for BOD approval.

**RULE 16. BOWLING UNOPPOSED** Teams scheduled to bowl against each other must be in direct competition on adjacent lanes.

**RULE 17. TARDY PLAYERS** A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided four (4) frames have not been completed. The frames missed may be made up.

**RULE 18. POSITION STANDINGS** Position standings shall be determined on the basis of games won and lost, with one point awarded for each game won and one point won for the high team series in each match. There will be six (6) position nights during league season. In order to be eligible to bowl on any position round, a bowler must have an established average in this league of minimum 3 games.

**RULE 19. LEAGUE MEMBERS** No member of the Auto Dealers League will be a substitute for another league in the same bowling establishment on regular scheduled night.

**RULE 20. PLAYOFFS** To determine the winner of any playoff for first place or any other trophy position, a three (3) game series shall be bowled under the same conditions and rules governing league play during the regular season. One point for each game won with handicap will be awarded. (3 Points only) We will not use total pins. An extra complete tenth frame shall be bowled in the event of a tie at the end of the playoff series. One-tenth (1/10) of the total team handicap will be added to the tenth frame total.

When more than two teams are tied, four adjacent lanes shall be used. Starting lanes will be selected by draw. Teams will rotate after each game as follows:

Lane	A	B	C
First Game	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2
Second Game	2	3	1
Third Game	1	2	3

The team bowling alone must bowl a complete frame on one lane before the lead-off player starts the succeeding frame on the alternate lane. Should other positions end in a tie, ties will be broken by total pin fall count of each team. Scores bowled in such playoffs shall count toward individual or team averages and special prize awards offered by the league. The provisions of this rule shall apply to ties for first place in each segment of a split season.

**RULE 21. SPLIT SEASON** At the end of each half, a first place winner will be named and the wins and losses will start over, but the averages of all bowlers will continue. If there is a tie for first place in any segment, a playoff will be held in accordance with Rule 20 to break the tie.

Team prize money shall be divided based on the approved prize fund and distributed at the end of the season according to the standings in each segment. If team payment is based on total standings, all ties will be determined by total pins. The first place winners of each segment will bowl in a playoff in compliance with Rule 20 to decide the league champion. The loser will be the league runner-up. If the same team wins both halves, it shall be named the champion and the two second place teams will bowl a playoff to decide the runner-up.

**RULE 22. ELECTION OF LEAGUE OFFICERS** The Auto Dealers League will elect officers for the new bowling season during a general membership meeting prior to the start of the new season. All members in good standing will be allowed to vote.

<b>PRIZE COMMITTEE 2011 -- 2012</b>	Internet League postings:
1. Fred Brace	<a href="http://www.bowl.com">www.bowl.com</a>
2. Dave Fowler	<a href="http://www.leaguesecretary.com">www.leaguesecretary.com</a>
3. Carmine Alessandro	<a href="http://www.lowerdelawarebowling.com">www.lowerdelawarebowling.com</a>
4. Steve Collins	

Bylaws voted and approved 17 Aug 2011.  
Frederick C. Brace III  
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