

*Boy's Night Out (BNO) League*  
*2013 - 2014 Rules & Regulations*

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## RULE #1: SCHEDULE

The Boy's Night Out (BNO) Handicap Bowling League will consist of teams with a playing strength of 4 bowlers, of which the league must be sanctioned/certified by the USBC through the local association (NCAUSBCA). The league will be governed by the rules provided by USBC, however, where applicable, the league may adopt rules specific to the 2013-2014 BNO League.

The league will bowl on Tuesday evenings for a period of 35 weeks commencing on August 27, 2013 through until May 06, 2014. The league will NOT bowl on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Practice will begin at 6:25pm with a practice time of 10 minutes.

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## RULE #2: MANAGEMENT

Those members present at the organization meeting will constitute a quorum and adopt league rules, based on simple majority (i.e. 1 vote more than half constitutes a decision being carried forward).

The management of this league will be vested in the league's Board of Directors which shall consist of its league officers and team captains. League meetings conducted during the course of the season (1<sup>st</sup> night of bowling through 35 weeks) must have two-thirds of the team captains and at least 1 league officer for a quorum. In order to change a league rule during the course of the season (i.e. after the 1<sup>st</sup> ball is thrown week 1), 100% approval by team captains will be required. The league officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations for these positions will be accepted and voted on during the night of league payout.

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## RULE #3: REGISTRATION, SANCTION, FRANCHISE, and LEAGUE FEES

### 3a: REGISTRATION

Registration into the league is done in the form of a "Franchise Fee". The Franchise Fee is the responsibility of the team captain as the authority of the franchise/team. The fee is **\$60.00** which is to be paid prior to the start of the league season. Teams who were in the league last season have until July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year to pay their Franchise Fee and reserve their spot in the upcoming season. Once the deadline passes, the waiting list will be invoked. The Franchise Fee will go directly into the Prize Fund and will be returned 100%.

### 3b: WAITING LIST

A waiting list will be established for all new teams along with any individual bowlers who may have disbanded from their current team and wish to enter the league for the upcoming season. The waiting list will be first come, first served. Any team that does not renew their status in the league by the due date above will be placed behind any new teams already on the waiting list as of August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### 3c: LEAGUE FEES

The cost of bowling for each member shall be **\$25.00 weekly - \$13.20** will cover the cost of bowling; **\$.50** will cover the Secretary salary; with the balance of **\$11.30** being awarded for league prizes. **The last 2 weeks of bowling MUST be paid by WEEK 5** and is non-refundable should you resign from the league under any circumstances. **Fees and weekly dues must be paid by cash, check, or online via our system.**

### 3d: LEAGUE SANCTION

USBC Sanction/Certification fees must be paid on the bowler's first night of league play. USBC fees are **\$21.00 (USBC - \$10, State - \$1, Local \$10) per bowler**. Every bowler must complete a sanction card, even if sanctioned through another league. All checks are to be made payable to **BOYS NIGHT OUT** and **NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER WEEK 30**. Any returned check fees shall be borne by the writer of the check and a **\$30.00 service fee** will be paid to the league in cash and the money placed into the league's slush fund. Returned checks shall be

immediately replaced in cash, including any bank charges. Bowlers experiencing a returned check shall be unable to pay for bowling via check for the remainder of the league season.

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#### RULE #4: ARREARS

A bowler is allowed to be **ONLY ONE WEEK** in arrears. All games shall be forfeited by any team with a member who is more than one week in arrears or in arrears for **CONSECUTIVE** weeks with league fee payments, excluding those who are currently absent. The team captains shall be responsible for collecting and verifying the weekly fees and turning the money envelopes into the Secretary by the end of the first game. A bowler may not piggy-back off of another team member who is paid ahead.

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#### RULE #5: LEAGUE FUNDS

An account shall be maintained in the name of the league at BB&T in which funds shall be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be done only with the joint signatures of at least 2 officers of the league. The President shall verify the balance monthly in accordance with USBC rules. Any discrepancy should be reported to BB&T.

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#### RULE #6: PRIZES/ELIGIBILITY

The Vice President of the league shall appoint a committee of 3 to present prize lists to the league by the 5<sup>th</sup> week of bowling. The prize lists presented will be voted on by the league and the league will accept the prize list with the majority of the votes. If no majority, then the top 2 prize funds will be selected and the league will revote. A bowler must have bowled 2/3 (70 games) of the season, as a paying member to be eligible for any individual prizes. A team may win only one team prize excluding team position. An individual may win only one prize excluding most improved and/or high average. Handicap prizes take precedence over scratch prizes, series over game prizes. Most Improved average will be determined from the 12<sup>th</sup> game to the completion of the league.

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#### RULE #7: ENTERING AVERAGES & HANDICAPS

The rules are as follows for both regular and substitute bowlers:

- Bowlers will use their 2012-2013 BNO average (min. 21 games) for the first 12 games bowled.
  - If a bowler does not have a 2012-2013 BNO average, then the bowler will use their highest 2012-2013 NCAUSBCA book average for the first 12 games bowled.
  - If a bowler does not have a 2012-2013 BNO average or book average, then the bowler will use their 2011-2012 NCAUSBCA book average for the first 12 games bowled.
  - If a bowler does not fall under the criteria above, then the bowler will use their first 3 games bowled to establish an average and that average will adjust each night.
  - Handicap will be based upon 90% of the difference between 230 and the bowler's average. The team handicap shall be the combined handicap of the individual bowlers added together.
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#### RULE#8: 10-PIN DROP

During the league season, all bowlers (members and substitutes) will be subject to the 10-pin drop rule. Guidelines for this rule are as follows:

- If using a BNO average from 2012-2013 (min. of 21 games), a bowler will not be awarded additional handicap if they are averaging 11+ pins less than that BNO average (see example).
- If using a book average from 2012-2013, a bowler will not be awarded additional handicap if they are averaging 11+ pins less than that book average.
- If using a book average from 2011-2012, a bowler will not be awarded additional handicap if they are averaging 11+ pins less than that book average.
- If the bowler does not have a BNO or BOOK average, that that bowler will be handicapped according to RULE #7. After 12 games, that bowler's established average will be subjected to the 10-pin drop from that point forward.

**EXAMPLE: A bowler's book average is 200. The first 12 games of bowling the bowler will be handicapped based on 200. After 12 games, if the bowler averages 185 (less than 190), the bowler will only be awarded handicap based on 190.**

## RULE#9: TEAM ROSTER

A roster with a maximum of 6 team members, including addresses and phone numbers, will be submitted to the Secretary by each team captain during the first night of bowling. **Any changes to the team roster must be reported to the Secretary 24 hours prior to bowling.** Roster changes and substitutes will **NOT** be allowed during the final 5 weeks of the league schedule unless approved by the Board of Directors. **Any bowler that is added to a roster during the course of the season must remain on the roster for a period of 10 weeks before being allowed to drop.**

## RULE#10: POSITION ROUNDS

The league will function with a "Standard Schedule". A "Standard Schedule" means the league will have regularly scheduled matches throughout the season and every 5<sup>th</sup> week of bowling will be deemed a position round. Along with the standard schedule, the last 2 weeks of bowling will also be a position round.

**For the 2013-2014 Season, regular position rounds will be scheduled on week #5, #10, #15, #20, #25, #30, #34, #35.**

Substitutes will **NOT** be allowed to bowl on a position round week. If you wish to add a person to your roster prior to a position round, **any changes must be reported to the Secretary at least 24 hours prior to bowling.** Position round for the last week of bowling will have a Lock-Out Rule applied. If 1<sup>st</sup> place cannot be won via a regular match, then the 1<sup>st</sup> place team will bowl the last place team, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will bowl, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> place, etc.

## RULE #11: SUBSTITUTES

The league will maintain a list of roving substitutes. No one may sub for more than one team during the regularly scheduled games each week; this includes league make-ups (pre- and post-bowls). Substitutes will not be eligible for league prizes. Substitutes joining the league as a regular member shall be eligible for prizes only from the time they joined the league as a paying member. The substitute must also meet eligibility requirements for prizes (see Rule 6). No substitutes will be allowed to bowl on a position round week or during the last 5 weeks of the league (weeks 31-35).

## RULE #12: ABSENTEE SCORES

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has less than a full lineup but maintains a legal lineup of any given game. The absentee score shall be the missing bowler's true average less 10 pins with full handicap as it coincides with rule 8. When lineups are set and absentees are matched up against each other, the point will go to the team that wins the team game.

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### RULE #13: VACANCIES

When a team does not have enough players on its roster to fill a lineup, a vacancy score of 215 will be used and a handicap of 0. A vacancy will be used in place of a new bowler (person without a BNO or BOOK average from last year, based on 21 games) to the league until that bowler shows to bowl.

**Explanation:** If the new bowler is absent week one and the above information is true (no BNO or Book average), a vacancy is used for that week and the bowling will be responsible for only the Secretary and Prize Fund monies.

When a bowler is matched against a vacancy, the bowler must beat the 215 score using their score plus handicap. If the bowler does not beat the vacancy score, the team with the vacancy bowler must win the Team Game for that game in order to earn that individual point. Any individual point not won based on this criteria will be deemed "UNEARNED".

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### RULE #14: RESIGNATIONS (supported by rule 114b (2))

If a bowler decides to resign from the league, the bowler is responsible for notifying a league officer a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of their departure. The bowler is responsible for paying league fees up to the date of resignation. If a bowler resigns, without proper notification, the bowler will be responsible for 2 weeks of league fees after the date of resignation.

All money paid up to the date of resignation is forfeited to the league, unless no notification was given and therefore the additional 2 weeks after the resignation date is also forfeited. Any money that was paid in advance for weeks past the resignation date will be fully refunded. The final 2 weeks of bowling is non-refundable and does not count toward the payment of dues up to or two weeks after resignation.

**Explanation:** Week 10, John Doe notifies an officer that he will be resigning in 2 weeks; John Doe will only be responsible for paying league fees for upcoming Week 11 & 12 based on proper notification. If John Doe had paid in advance already to Week 15, he would be refunded \$75 as he is not responsible for Weeks 13, 14, or 15.

**Explanation 2:** Week 12, Jack Frost decided to quit the league without notification to a league officer. Jack Frost is held responsible for league fees for Week 13 & 14 even though he has quit.

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### RULE #15: LEGAL LINEUP

A minimum of 2 roster bowlers must be present by the completion of the opposing team's 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the given game or the game shall be forfeited. When a team fails to present a legal lineup, the team bowling must bow as though the games are contested. The individuals must bowl with 10 pins of their average and the team must bowl within 40 pins of their team average in order to win points. There will be automatic forfeited losses but no automatic wins. Any points **NOT** won will be deemed "UNEARNED".

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### RULE #16: PRE- & POST- BOWLING

Pre- & Post- bowling may be done on a **TEAM BASIS ONLY**. The following is a list of guidelines that pertain to all Pre- and Post-bowling:

- Team Captains are responsible for notifying a league officer (preferably in an email) and notifying the opposing team captain, giving the opposing team the option of bowling opposed.
- If a team pre-bowls with less than a full team, those team members not pre-bowling will **NOT BE ALLOWED** to compete on the night that those scores are scheduled to be used.

- If you attempt to pre- or post-bowl without notification to a league officer, then the league has the right to not accept the scores unless approved by the Board of Directors.
  - If you attempt to pre- or post-bowl without scheduling an appointment with the center, the center has the right to deny the request based on lane availability, etc.
  - If a team, after learning their opponents are pre- or post-bowling, decide to bowl during their regularly scheduled match, they forfeit their right to protest the match under any circumstance (lane conditions, not properly notified, etc.)
  - The Secretary will provide a Captain's Contact list and a league schedule showing the weekly matchups for the entire season (except where position rounds are scheduled).
  - Any additional rules shall be represented by USBC Rule 111.
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### RULE #17: TARDY PLAYERS

Bowlers arriving late and after the match has begun shall be permitted to make up missed frames providing the opposing team has not completed the 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the given game. If the bowler arrives after the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> frame, he may complete the remaining games except for the game in progress. Tardy bowlers must pay weekly fees.

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### RULE #18: POSITION STANDINGS

Position standings shall be determined by Wins and Losses. One point will be awarded for each match game (game plus handicap) and match series (series plus series handicap), while four points will be awarded for team game (game plus team handicap) and team total series (series plus team series handicap), equaling 32 total possible points per night.

When bowling a match against an absent bowler, the bowler must beat the absent bowlers score with handicap in order to win the individual match point. ***Teams are not required to, but may match absent or vacant bowlers against each other at the discretion of the lower seeded team. When absentee or vacant bowlers are matched against each other, the individual point is awarded to the team who wins the team game/series.*** (This is necessary when a full team has a bowler running late enough or doesn't show up at all against a team with one blind. Without the provision, USBC mandates going head to head which poses a problem when the unexpected blind is not matched against the known blind at the start of the match.

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### RULE #19: ROLL-OFF

In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, there will be a 1-game roll-off on the final night using the match play scoring of the league to determine the winner. In the event of a tie from the 1 game roll-off, an additional game shall be bowled until the winner is determined.

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### RULE #20: PROTESTS & FORFEITS

The rule is clearly defined by USBC Rule 119 and may not be superseded by a league rule.

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### RULE #21: EQUIPMENT ABUSE

Abuse of personal and bowling center equipment will not be tolerated. This includes, but not limited too the ball return, foul light mechanisms, gutter caps, scoring consoles, chairs, tables, ceiling tiles, etc.

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## RULE #22: RULE VIOLATIONS

All members are responsible for reporting any rule violations to the President of the league for action.

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## RULE #23: ALL OTHER RULES<sup>1</sup>

The Secretary salary shall be paid upon the completion of the league when all duties have been completed.

Any other guidelines not covered in the bylaws shall be left to the decision of USBC Rule. If USBC rules do not address the situation, the Board of Directors will make the final decision.

*\*\*REMINDER – USBC RULE 50 (Eligibility) – USBC will recognize the achievements listed in this chapter bowled by USBC members participating in USBC leagues and tournaments. To qualify for recognition all provisions of the USBC Bylaws, specifications, and rules must have been complied with at the time the score was bowled. (See Rules 100a and 300b) USBC High Scores Awards designated with an (\*) cannot be earned while pre- or post- bowling unopposed. Scores are determined on a scratch basis.*

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### LEAGUE OFFICERS FOR 2013 – 2014

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VICE PRESIDENT	DON HUSS
SECRETARY / TREASURER	STEPHEN HAHN

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<sup>1</sup> Inclement Weather Policy – By 4:00pm the President will notify the Center and the Secretary will notify the league via website update and email blast. Captains are responsible for communication amongst their team.