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### **League Organization**

The league will bowl at St. Monica Lanes at 6:30pm and 8:30pm on Thursdays. This schedule consists of 7 weeks of scheduled league play and a championship week.

League fees must be paid at the time of online registration.

All bowlers must observe the rules and regulations of St. Monica Lanes, which includes not smoking in designated areas and responsible use of their facility.

### **Teams:**

Team rosters must consist of at least 3 players and up to 5 players. Teams must designate a captain to be the primary point of contact for league communications. Captains are also responsible for identifying the scored bowlers per game on the provided score sheets.

### **Schedule:**

The league schedule will be randomly generated and provided prior to the start of league play.

### **Averages and Handicap:**

League starting averages of all players shall be determined in the following order:

- Prior year's league average
- Highest average from the 2016-17 season in any USBC league, based on 21 games or more.
- Highest average from the 2016-17 season from non-USBC league with verifiable standing sheet, based on 21 games or more.

*Bowlers who do not have a qualifying average outlined above will establish their average the first session they bowl. Bowlers must establish an entering average before scores will be counted in team play.*

The league will track a bowler's average for both SCORED GAMES and ALL GAMES and provide them on a standing sheet on a weekly basis.

The league will determine wins and losses on a handicap basis. Handicap will be 90% of the difference between a bowler's SCORED GAME average and a scratch figure of 225. No negative handicaps apply for averages over 225.

## Scoring:

Team position standings shall be determined on a 5 point basis, with 2 point(s) awarded for each game won and 1 point awarded for the high team highest cumulative score in the match.

League standings will be determined based on total number of wins. For the purpose of playoff seeding, ties in the league standings will be broken by Total Scored Pins.

Name	HDCP	Game 1		Game 2		Series
Peter	90	130	X	140	X	270
Lois	20	200	X	210	X	410
Stewie	60	140	X	150	X	290
Chris	30	190	X	180	X	370
Meg	100	105		100		205
	Pin total	660		680		1340
	HDCP	200		200		400
	Game total	860		880		1740

Win – 2pts

2 points

Name	HDCP	Game 1		Game 2		Series
Homer	85	142	X	130	X	272
Bart	112	108		110	X	218
Marge	121	113	X	78	X	191
Maggie	49	166	X	160	X	326
Lisa	20	201	X	200		401
	Pin total	622		600		1222
	HDCP	275		266		541
	Game total	895		866		1763

Win – 2pts

Win – 1pt

3 points

Sample scoring of Stonewall Bowling – Simpsons vs Griffins  
X = Scored Bowler, A = Absence

## Weekly Play:

Each week, the team captain, or delegate, must identify the players present and record their scores.

Each game, the total pins plus handicap for each scored bowler will be added together for a total game score. A win is worth 2 points and a tie is worth 1 each. No tie-breakers exist in regular season play.

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 3 frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up.

When bowling in a known forfeit situation or scheduled against a non-existent team, the team must bowl at least the team average less 10 pins per player to earn the points.

The minimum legal lineup of 3 players must be available before the completion of the third frame of each game, or forfeit the points for that game. If a team has less than 4 bowlers but at least 3 bowlers - the 4<sup>th</sup> bowlers spot will be scored as 10 points less than the lowest absent players average for that game. Any team with less than 3 bowlers will have to forfeit that game(s) and scored zero points for each game unable to bowl.

*Special Absence:* In the event a team is unable to provide a legal lineup to do an injury, the team captain may request to use a substitute bowler from another team whose scored average is +/- 10 pins from the injured bowler. This request requires approval from both captains and a member of league leadership.

### **Playoffs:**

During the playoffs, a head-to-head, single-game elimination tournament will occur with bracket seeding based on league standings.

In the event of a tie game during playoffs, games will continue as “extra 10th frame” until the tie is broken.

### **Code of Conduct:**

As a player in the Stonewall Philadelphia Bowling League, you are a representative of Stonewall Sports. Your demeanor, both at weekly league play and during league tournament competition, reflects upon the image of Stonewall Sports as a whole.

While Stonewall Philadelphia Bowling and Stonewall Sports strive for a fun, recreational atmosphere it is understood that tensions arise as competition increases. The League Management Team reserves the right to warn, suspend or remove a member from the league whose conduct or actions conflict with that of the spirit of Stonewall Sports. The same applies to anyone caught abusing the equipment and property that our host venues have so graciously provided.

Should any member of Stonewall Philadelphia Bowling be caught violating these terms, appropriate action will be taken that can include loss of turn, loss of game, or full expulsion from the league. In addition, sponsor locations reserve the right to refuse service or eject any patron at any time. Please respect our hosts and treat their property with respect.