

Fil-Am Bowling League 2008-2009

A. LEAGUE OFFICERS

President / USBC Rep: **Jay Perez, (314) 369-6447**
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Sgt. at Arms:

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

*Note: Changes from last year have been **highlighted**.*

1. The league will be known as the **FIL-AM Bowling League** (FABL) through the 2008-2009 seasons. This league will be sanctioned through USBC (yearly dues: \$16.00) and be held at AMF Strike 'n Spare Lanes in St. Louis, MO.
2. The FABL will bowl on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm, beginning **September 28, 2008**, and operate a split season of **25 weeks**. The first half consists of 12 weeks with 2 positions rounds (Week 6 & Week 12). The second half consists of 12 weeks with 2 position rounds (Week 18 & Week 24). The 25th week (April 13, 2008) will be the sweepstakes and championship match.
3. The officers of the FABL will consist of a President (USBC Representative), Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt. at Arms, to be elected at the annual meeting. The officers, together with the team captains, will serve as the Board of Directors and will be the governing body of the league. Only team captains will vote on any issues, unless there is a tie. The President will vote to break ties. A simple majority of the team captains constitute a quorum. *No officers may hold a team captain position.* Special meetings may be requested by a simple majority of the team captains presenting a petition to the President. The duties of the league officers shall be as defined under **USBC rule #102**.
4. Team weekly fees are **\$12.00** (**\$12.00** per bowler which consists of: **\$7.50 lineage, \$4.00 prize fund, \$0.25 Treasurer fee, and \$0.25 Secretary fee**) *payable in full to the Treasurer by the 5th frame of the first game.* Any team with two weeks of overdue fees will forfeit all games until fees are paid in full. Bowlers can bowl to establish scores for the record. Any monies owed at the end of the league will be deducted from that team's prize fund.
5. As compensation for their time and work for the FABL, the Secretary and Treasurer will be paid \$0.25 (25 cents) per bowler for each office position. *If the officer position is combined (i.e., Secretary/Treasurer), the fees will combined and the Secretary/Treasurer will be paid \$0.50 (50 cents) per bowler.*
6. All bowlers must complete an individual membership application and pay USBC dues (or provide proof of payment for the current season) before the completion of the players first session (USBC rule #101b). After the first week, new bowlers must turn in a completed application before their first series is completed. It is the team captain's responsibility to get the application from the Secretary. Non-compliance with this rule will forfeit the bowler's score and a vacancy score will be used. Wins and losses will be adjusted accordingly by the Secretary.
7. All rules and regulations will be enforced until changed by a vote of league members assembled in a meeting. No meeting to change rules may be held without prior notice to all team captains and league officers. Any rules not covered within this document will be covered by the current rulebook of USBC.

C. RULES OF PLAY

1. Team rosters will be limited to 8 bowlers. Teams cannot change rosters after the 5th week. After week 5, no bowler may transfer from one team to another without the approval of all the team captains. Team rosters may consist of any combination of male and female bowlers.
2. Individual handicaps will be figured at 90% of 210. Averages are based on a minimum of 3 games.
3. Team handicaps are the sum of the individual handicaps of the 3 bowlers.
4. The FABL will be using the 7-point scoring system (2 points per game and 1 point for total pins).
5. When bowling a vacancy (blind) team or when a team forfeits, teams must bowl their team average *less 30 pins* to be credited with the win.
6. If a team needs to use a vacancy (blind) score, this score will be 110 (average) + 90 (handicap) = 200 total.
7. If a team needs to use an absentee bowler, the selection of the absentee bowler is based upon the following priority: (a) *most number of games* and then (b) *lowest average*. The absentee score will be the absentee bowler's average, less 10 pins. Handicap of the team using an absent bowler will be based on the absent bowler's average, not the absentee score (which is 10 pins less).
8. No bowler may start a game after both teams have completed the 5th frame. However, a late bowler may pace (play) the rest of the game, but their scores will not count.
9. Once a player quits during the game or at the end of a game, he may not return that night.
10. On position nights, first place teams will draw for lanes. If a play-off for first place of either half is necessary, 3 games will be bowled on the last night of the half after the 3 regular games have been bowled.

11. In case of inclement weather the league officers will determine whether the league will bowl or not. The lanes will be notified by 5:00pm of the decision. Team captains will call the lanes for information.
12. 3 Pre-bowls are permitted per bowler per half. Prior notification to any league officer is required.
13. Pre-bowls will be permitted for position round(s).
14. In accordance with USBC rules, a Pre-Bowl Committee will be established consisting of one representative from each team.
15. The Pre-Bowl Committee will approve ALL pre-bowl requests (upto the set limit of 3 pre-bowls per bowler per half) and will only be called to meet in the event of a contested pre-bowl.
16. All bowlers must have bowled a minimum of 21 games to be eligible for the championship match.

D. LEAGUE AWARDS

1. There will be no trophies purchased/awarded by league. All prize fund monies will be distributed as End-of-the-Year Awards and Sweepstakes Awards.
2. All bowlers must have bowled a minimum of (a) 36 games to be eligible for an individual End-of-the-Year Award and (b) 9 games to be eligible for a team End-of-the-Year Award. All bowlers must have bowled a minimum of 36 games to be eligible for a Sweepstakes Award.
3. All scores for awards will be figured with a 9-game minimum established handicap. Scratch high scores will be accepted any time. Scratch high scores will take precedent over an equal score that includes handicap.
4. The following are the End-of-the-Year Award categories:

High Game (men)	High Game (women)	High Game (team)
High Series (men)	High Series (women)	High Series (men)
Most Improved (men)*	Most Improved (women)*	
High Average (men)*	High Average (women)*	
Final Standings		
5. No team or individual bowler may win more than one award pertaining to High Series or High Game. Teams and individuals will be granted the High Series of High Game award offering the most money.
6. An individual can win Most Improved (*) and High Average (*) in addition a High Series or High Game award.
7. The following are the Sweepstakes Award categories:

High Game (men)	High Game (women)
High Series (men)	High Series (women)
8. A proposed prize fund distribution information sheet will be presented to the league for approval on the 1st Position Round.

E. IMPORTANT DATES

(#1)

DATE	WEEK	
09/28/08	1	<i>Start of 1st Half</i>
11/02/08	6	<i>Position Round</i>
12/14/08	12	<i>Position Round - End of 1st Half</i>
12/21/08		Christmas Holiday - NO BOWLING
12/28/08		New Year's Holiday - NO BOWLING
01/04/09	13	<i>Start of 2nd Half</i>
02/01/09		Super Bowl Sunday - NO BOWLING
02/15/09	18	<i>Position Round</i>
03/29/09	24	<i>Position Round - End of 2nd Half</i>
04/05/09	25	<i>Championship & Sweepstakes Night</i>

(#2)

DATE	WEEK	
09/28/08	1	<i>Start of 1st Half</i>
11/02/08	6	<i>Position Round</i>
11/30/08		Thanksgiving Holiday - NO BOWLING
12/21/08	12	<i>Position Round - End of 1st Half</i>
12/28/08		Christmas/New Year's Holiday - NO BOWLING
01/04/09	13	<i>Start of 2nd Half</i>
02/01/09		Super Bowl Sunday - NO BOWLING
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