

USBC RULES - 2019-2020

1. A legal line-up consists of 2 people on a league with 4-member teams and 1 person on a league with 3-member teams. Any team without a legal line-up forfeits all points.
2. If all team members fail to appear and there are no make-up games, the opposing team will bowl a blind made up of their averages minus 10.
3. Absent bowlers are given a blind score. This score is their average minus 10 pins. For example: if a bowler's average is 100 minus 10 pins = 90 is given for each game for this bowler.
4. Tardy bowlers have until the end of the 4th frame of each game to start bowling otherwise they must take a blind score. If a child misses the first game he will be put in to bowl the second and third games. If you know your child has to leave early on a particular Saturday, he/she may come in early and make up the last game before the league starts.
5. If there is an uneven number of teams on a league, the blind team will be made up of 10 points below each bowler's average on the opposing team.
6. A member shall receive only one individual recognition award from the following categories: league high series or league high game or high series w/handicap or high game w/handicap. A bowler must bowl 2/3rds of the games scheduled during the league's season.
7. The most improved bowler is determined by comparing the final average (with a minimum of 21 games) from the previous season to the bowler's average after 21 games are bowled. If you are a new bowler with no previous year's average, your final average will be compared to your average after 12 games.
8. Games can be made up **before bowling on Saturday**. Any games made up after bowling on Saturday **will not count**. **Scores from make-up games will count towards USBC awards and league house awards**. They do not count for league high game and series awards or tournament qualifications. They **will count** towards the bowler's average. **No games can be made up on Friday after 6:00 p.m. When you are finished bowling your makeup games, have the desk print out your scores. Be sure to put your full name, league and date to be used on the printout of your scores. Give your \$10.00 to the person at the desk and they will attach it to your scores. Mark paid on your printout. If there is only a first name on the recap sheet the scores will not count until we verify who the scores belong to.**

If you prebowl (make-up games), your prebowl scores stand for the date given. If circumstances change and you have prebowed already, you cannot come in and bowl. You must use your prebowed scores for that date. Honor scores bowled in prebowl do not count for awards. Prebowed scores do not count towards national team scores.

If you need to prebowl for more than one week ahead of time, you must get prior approval from league officials.

9. (Rule 6b. Illegal Pinfall) When any of the following occur, the delivery counts but the resulting pinfall does NOT:
 1. a ball leaves the lane before reaching the pins
 2. a ball rebounds from the rear cushion
 3. a pin rebounds after coming in contact with the body, arms or legs of a human pinsetter
 4. a pin is touched by mechanical pinsetting equipment
 5. any pin knocked down when dead wood is being removed
 6. any pin knocked down by a human pinsetter
 7. the play commits a foul
 8. a delivery is made with dead wood on the lane or in the gutter and the ball contacts such dead wood before leaving the lane surface
 9. a delivery is made with dead wood on the lane or in the gutter, and a pin, after coming into contact with the dead wood, knocks down one or more pins

If an illegal pinfall occurs and the player is entitled to additional deliveries in the frame, the pin(s) illegally knocked down MUST be respotted where it (they) originally stood before delivery of the ball.