

**Rock 'N' Roll to Reno League  
Fall 2009/2010 Bylaws**

BYLAW 1 - GOVERNING BOARD:

The governing board is composed of the Captains of all teams as well as the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. All items are decided by majority vote at the start of the season at a meeting of this Board. If necessary, a meeting of the Board may be called to decide other matters.

BYLAW 2 - ELIGIBILITY:

All bowlers ages 18 years of age and older will be eligible to compete in the Rock 'N' Roll to Reno League. All bowlers must be U.S.B.C. members. Bowlers who are not members of U.S.B.C. must by U.S.B.C. membership cards to remain eligible for league play. U.S.B.C. membership cards are \$19.00. Cards are valid through October 1<sup>st</sup> of the next season, or until he/she is required to pay annual dues in a USBC league for the next season, whichever occurs first.

Membership obtained after March 15 either in a summer league or associate membership is valid for the balance of the current season and next season. Possession of a valid membership card entitles the individual member to bowl in all USBC leagues in the association and in all USBC tournaments when otherwise qualified.

BYLAW 3 - TEAM ROSTERS:

Will be established by team Captains prior to the first scheduled night of bowling. After this date roster changes may occur only as approved by the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Team rosters must contain at least 4 bowlers.

BYLAW 4 - LEAGUE LOCATION:

League will bowl every Sunday from September 13, 2009 through May 2, 2010. League play will take place at:

Fireside Lanes  
7901 Auburn Blvd  
Citrus Heights, CA  
916-725-2101

BYLAW 5 - BOWLING FEES:

Currently \$15.00 per night. \$7.50 Lineage, \$4.75 Prize Fund, \$.25 Trophy fee \$.50 sweeper fee, \$1 secretary/Treasure fee, \$1 monthly challenge. Bowling fees may be changed by a majority vote of the governing board. The last two weeks of the season must be paid no later than Sunday, October 18, 2009.

League members who are more than two weeks in arrears in league fees, are subject to suspension from the league until outstanding fees have been reconciled.

League members are required to pay mandatory Reno League Championship sweeper dues for Saturday, May 8 2010. Entry fee is \$16.00. Bowlers who have delinquent balances as of May 3, 2010, will not be eligible to bowl the Reno League Championships Sweeper.

BYLAW 6 - WITHDRAWALS/RESIGNATIONS:

Rule 114a. Members of a league may withdraw from a league during a season. If a team or individual must withdraw, the following procedure is to be followed:

- A. Two weeks notice must be given along with sufficient cause for resigning.
  - 1) A team shall give notice to the League Secretary.

2) A member resigning from a team shall give notice to the captain and to the League Secretary.

B. The resigning member(s) must pay league fees for two weeks if the bowler is not replaced within that period.

C. If proper notice and sufficient cause is not given, all franchise, prize and any other money for which the team or individual may have been eligible will be forfeited, unless the league's board determines otherwise. In addition, the member(s) shall be subject to suspension of USBC membership.

BYLAW 7 - BOWLING TIMES:

Sunday nights. Practice bowling starts at 6:45 p.m. and league play begins at 6:55 p.m.

BYLAW 8 - LEAGUE RULES:

The Rock 'N' Roll to Reno League is governed by USBC rules. The league is a handicapped league.

BYLAW 9 - TEAM SCORING:

7 points per match determined as follows. Two points will be awarded for each game won, one point will be awarded for each game tied, one point will be awarded for total handicap pins and one-half of a point will be awarded if total handicap pins are tied.

BYLAW 10 - LEGAL LINEUP:

A legal lineup is defined as two or more eligible bowlers from a team roster. A team must have at least two eligible bowlers before the completion of the third frame of the opposing team's fourth bowler.

A team may use a maximum of two (2) substitutes to fill the four bowler lineup. If a team is using a bowler without an established handicap, refer to the rules stated in the Handicap section to determine that bowler's handicap for the night. If a team can not field a legal line up, follow USBC forfeit rules.

BYLAW 11 - BOWLING AGAINST VACANT OR FORFEITING TEAMS:

Teams bowling against a vacant team or a forfeiting team must bowl within 40 pins of their team average to win the points for game or series. Should a team fail to bowl within 40 pins of their average, the points will be deemed to be unearned and no points will be awarded.

BYLAW 12 - BLIND SCORES:

Blind scores shall 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 blind score shall be the average, less ten (10) pins, of any absent bowler who has missed more than three weeks in the season. If a bowler has missed less than three weeks, the blind score shall be the blind bowler's average.

A team may use the score of a late arriving bowler, if the fourth bowler on the opposing team has not completed the third(3rd) frame.

BYLAW 13 - VACANCY:

If a substitute and blind score is not available, a score of 140 will be used and handicap will be calculated using the score of 140.

BYLAW 14 - POSTPONEMENTS AND UNOPPOSED BOWLING:

1. Postponements (pre or post bowl) will be granted by the executive board only.
2. Request must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to the night to be postponed.
3. For other conditions to postpone, see USBC Rule
4. In the event the two team captains cannot agree to the approved postponements, the request will be taken to the executive board. The executive board will decide the merit of the request, setting the date and time of the match with decisions to be final and binding.
5. Teams bowling unopposed will not know the outcome of the opposing teams scores until after each game.
6. A league officer not bowling in the postponement must be present for postponement. In the event a league officer cannot be present, a designated team captain may observe.
7. A league officer must be notified 48 hours prior to bowling the approved pre or post bowl.
8. Post bowls must be made up within one week of the missed night of bowling. Post bowls and pre-bowls will be in a team format. Individual pre-bowls and Post bowls are prohibited.

BYLAW 15 - CONDUCT:

1. Behavior that unsportsmanlike will not be tolerated. Behavior which is obscene or disruptive, to include damaging equipment, intentional fouls throwing objects, yelling, and gestures towards the pins will not be accepted. Yelling at bowlers on approach will not be permitted.
2. Misconduct or insubordination of a league officer will not be tolerated.
3. Any bowler of the league can make infractions known to the Sergeant at Arms.
4. The fines and consequences for infractions will be as follows:

First offense: \$2.00

Second offense: \$4.00

Third offense: \$10.00 and review for possible suspension with fees due.

Fourth offense: \$20.00 and suspension from league with fees due.

5. Suspensions and fines are determined by the Board of Directors. Consequences may be modified depending on the severity of the incident.
6. Fines collected will be added to the Reno League Championship sweepster.

(Terms of suspension will be decided by the executive Board of Directors).

All appeals must be presented in writing to the Executive Board of Directors within 7 days.

BYLAW 16 - HANDICAPS:

1. Established Average - bowled at least 21 games in the previous season
  - A. Before 9 games have been bowled, each bowler with an established average will continue to use last year's average.
  - B. After 9 games have been bowled, handicap will be calculated by using the following formula:

$$\text{HDCP} = (220 - \text{Ave}) * 90\%, \text{ \{if Ave over 220 then HDCP=0\}}$$

2. Non-established Average - bowler has not bowled in the league before or did not bowl 21 games in the previous season
  - A. First 3 game series - Handicap will be calculated based upon the actual score for the series using above mentioned formula

B. Second and third 3 game series - Handicap will be based on the lower of

- 1) Handicap based on the previous games bowled, or
- 2) Handicap based on the current nights score

**For purpose of monthly intra league tournament USBC rule 319a shall apply (10 pin increase in average rule)**

BYLAW 17 - SUBSTITUTE SYSTEM:

If a team has a known shortage of bowlers, they can contact the League Vice President for an assigned substitute by following the steps outlined in "Substitute Sign-Up and Assignment Guidelines".

1. The league will permit roving substitutes.
2. A substitute's scores will not be eligible for prizes. But, will count toward his or her Average and Handicap.
3. A team can not bowl with more than two substitutes on any night.
4. League Vice President should be advised of substitute availability from 8:30 a.m. Monday through 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.
5. A new list will be compiled each week listing the substitute's name and phone number.
6. Substitutes can withdraw from list at any time.
7. A team designated substitute can not bowl against his or her own team.
8. Substitutes will be listed and assigned on a first-in/first-out basis.
8. Substitutes will be available for assignment by the League Vice President starting Thursday.
10. Substitutes will not be permitted the last two weeks of league play.
11. Substitutes will not be permitted to bowl during position rounds.
12. There will be no pacing of an absentee bowler at any time.

BYLAW 18 - CAPTAINS DUTIES:

1. Field a full team and/or request the necessary substitutes
2. Collecting and verifying team bowling fees, place in envelope provided, write the amount of money included on the front of the envelope and deliver to the Secretary/Treasurer by the end of the first game.
3. Check accuracy of scores.
4. Deliver completed original score sheet (signed by the opposing captain) to the Secretary immediately after completion of bowling each night.
5. Verify accuracy of scores for the opposing team.

6. Sign opponents score sheet.

- Each captain will also be the representative of his team on the Board of Directors, and will be allowed one (1) vote on all league matters brought up for discussion and decision. He should, however, consult with his team members when possible to get a consensus of opinion before attending any meeting and voting.

BYLAW 19 - PLACEMENT IN STANDINGS FOR POSITION NIGHTS:

Positions will be determined by total number of points won. Any point ties will be broken and placement made by using total Handicap pin fall.

BYLAW 20 - CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL-OFF: The winning teams from the first and second half of the league season will compete for the league championship. The league championship roll off will take place during the Reno League Championships on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The roll off format will consist of a best of three game baker style match-play final with each team member alternating frames to complete an entire game. The roll off will take place before the start of the Reno League Championship Sweeper.

In the event of a tie during a deciding third game, a 9th and 10th frames will determine the winner. A bowler competing in the Championship roll-off should have bowled 21 games. If a bowler didn't bowled 21 games the rules for non-establish average will be followed.

BYLAW 20 - LAST NIGHT FOR DETERMINING AVERAGES:

The last night of bowling that will be used for determining a bowler's average will be the second to last night of bowling. The last night of bowling will determine the second half team champion.

BYLAW 21 - ELIGIBILITY FOR SEASON PRIZES:

1. To qualify for Individual Series and Games requires that the bowler must bowl a minimum of 2/3 of the current season.
2. To qualify for High Season Average requires that the bower must bowl two-thirds (2/3) of the season's scheduled games.
3. To qualify for Most Improved Bowler requires that the bowler must bowl a minimum of two-thirds(2/3) of the current season's games.

BYLAW 22 - SEASON PRIZES:

A. Team Prizes

1. League Champions, winner of the roll-off or winner for both first and second half
2. League runner-up, - team finishing in second place for the league championship.

B. Individual Prizes

1. High Average (2) 1 male and 1 female
2. Most Improved (2) 1 male and 1 female
3. High Scratch Series (3) male and female
4. High Scratch Game (3) male and female
5. High Handicap Series (3) male and female
6. High Handicap Game (3) male and female

Individuals are eligible to win only 1 prize from each of these categories.

7. Player of the Year - Men's and Women's Divisions A and B.