

**League Bylaws - 2011/2012**  
(Updated August 2011)

**General:**

- The Clover Club 84 Men's League (hereinafter referred to as The League) will consist of 20 teams in two divisions for purposes of competition, standings will be reflected as one division.
- The League will bowl on Thursdays. League bowling will commence at 6:00 pm. The lanes will be turned on for practice at 5:55 pm for five (5) minutes of practice.
- The season will be 30 weeks in duration. The first night of league play will be September 8, 2011 and the last night of bowling will be April 5, 2012.
- There will be two (2) position nights. They will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> weeks of the season.
- Proper bowling etiquette will be followed at all times by all members. Infractions are to be reported to the league Secretary for corrective action.
- In the event an altercation occurs between league members, those involved will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.
- No one other than league bowlers will be allowed in the pits or on the lanes while league play is in session.
- No food or drink is allowed in the settee area or on the lanes. Smoking rules will be adhered to as outlined by the Management of Clover Lanes pursuant to Monroe County Ordinance.
- Handicap is 90% of the difference between 1100 and the sum of the averages of the five bowlers participating in league play.

**Fees:**

- The fee per bowler is \$ 17.00 per week.
- Each team is responsible for five (5) bowling fees each week. Each team is responsible for arranging for substitutes for vacancies.
- Any team owing \$68.00 or more in delinquent fees will forfeit their points until the arrears are paid up to date.
- All envelopes are to be turned in to the league Treasurer by the end of the first game of bowling.
- The Sponsors fee is \$50.00 and is due on or before the start of bowling On September 8, 2011.
- The money collected by the league Treasurer will be maintained in a checking account at Canandaigua Nat'l Bank, and will be verified monthly by the league President per the bonding requirements of the USBC. Two signatures are required for all withdrawals, that of the President and Treasurer.
- The salary for the Secretary/Treasurer will be \$ 1,000.00 (In the event of 19 teams fee will be reduced to \$950).

- The bowler membership fees (sanctions) will be paid out of league funds for 5 bowlers per team, all additional bowlers and substitute membership fees (\$18.00 each) are the teams' responsibility. The League is a USBC certified league. All bowlers, whether regular players or substitutes, must be certified. If a bowler is certified in another league the league will not pay a fee for them in the CC 84 Men's League however they must provide proof of certification to the league Secretary and complete a membership card for this league. Pursuant to USBC RULES ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST NIGHT OF BOWLING ANY TEAM USING A PLAYER WHO HAS NOT SATISFIED HIS MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED LEAGUE SESSION SHALL SUBJECT THE GAMES IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATES TO FORFEITURE.

### **Points:**

- The League will be run on a eight (8) point system. Each game won will be worth two (2) points, total series will also be worth two (2) points.
- The first night of league play will be for points. Those with an average from the previous season in The League will use that average for calculating first night handicap. Those without a prior year "League" average but with a Rochester USBC BA book average from the previous season will use their highest Rochester USBC BA book average for determining first night handicap. All others will bowl for points and average to be calculated by the Secretary after the first night of play has been completed. Those results will be reported by the Secretary the next night of league play.

### **Absence/Forfeitures/Late Arrivals:**

- Legal Lineup: A legal line up is defined as 3 bowlers, one of whom must be a regular member of your team line-up; the remaining bowlers can be substitutes.
- If a bowler is absent and there is no substitute and, the absent bowler has an established league average, his score will be that average less ten (10) pins per game.
- When a legal line up is not present by 6:05 pm, with shoes on and bowling balls on the rack, ready to start the first game of the series, that game is forfeited. When the first game is forfeited there is no possibility of the forfeiting team taking total points for the series.
- If a minimum legal line up is not present for an evening of bowling, the bowlers who are present shall be allowed to bowl for average and special prizes as applicable.
- **If forfeiture occurs and when bowling the BLIND team; the team present must roll a scratch team score within 50 pins of their scratch team average to win points.**

- For any bowler who arrives after the fourth frame of a game has been completed by both teams the team must take a blind average score for that game. Due to the automatic scoring features of Clover Lanes a late arriving bowler may not bowl as a pacer.
- Vacancy score shall be 170
- No new substitutes may be brought into the league after the 20th week of the season has been completed.

### **Prizes, League Awards and Banquet:**

- Fifty-Fifty Raffle: Of the money collected, 50% will be turned in to the league treasurer each week for deposit into the Clover Club 84 Men's League bank account at Canandaigua National Bank.
- At the end of the season the money from the 50/50 raffle will be distributed back to the teams, in cash, based on team participation.
- Traditionally the banquet is held on a Friday, usually within two weeks of the end of the season. The banquet does not include an open bar; there will be a cash bar.
- The banquet fee will come out of the team prize money.
- All "shoots" in the league will be 100% handicapped. Money for the "shoots" will come out of the weekly bowling fees. The "shoots" are as follows:
  - Turkey Shoot (last Thursday before Thanksgiving).
  - Whiskey Shoot (last Thursday before Christmas).
- To be eligible for individual league awards (high game, series or average), a member must bowl at least 60 of the scheduled 90 games.
- In the event of ties for first place, there will be an immediate 1 game roll-off.
- In the event of point ties for other than first place, standing based upon total scratch pins.

**All issues not specifically addressed by the Bylaws of the League will be determined by the USBC and its Rule Book.**