

Broadway Commercial

LEAGUE RULES 2018 – 2019 SEASON

League Officers	
Title	Name
President	Chuck Bush III
Vice. President	John Wyatt
Secretary/Treasurer	Rick Stone
Sergeant at Arms	Eric Dold

1. Teams

- The league shall consist of 16 teams with five bowlers per team.
- Each team will have a Captain and a Co-Captain.
- If a team has less than five bowlers on their roster, then a vacancy score must be used. The standard vacancy score of 120 (plus appropriate handicap) will be used. [USBC 105d]
- Bowlers must have the required number of games completed to bowl in any position, playoff, sweeper or championship round.

Week	Games Required
10	3 games for all bowlers
20	6 games for all bowlers
30	9 games for all bowlers
31	21 games for 8 playoff teams only (1 st round of playoffs)
32	21 games for 4 playoff teams only (2 nd round of playoffs)
33	21 games for 2 finals teams only (championship round)
34	21 games for everyone (sweeper singles and doubles)

- A legal line-up will consist of 3 team members ready to bowl by 6:15 PM or they must forfeit that game. Individuals that are present can bowl and earn individual points. [USBC 109]
- No pacers are permitted in the Broadway Commercial League.
- No roving subs – once a bowler bowls on a team they cannot bowl on another team without 2/3 team captains' approval [USBC 107b]
- A player arriving late shall be permitted to catch up in the current game in progress providing they are ready to bowl by their turn in the **5th frame**.
- During inclement weather, if the bowling center is open for business then the league will bowl. If teams cannot field a legal lineup due to the inability to get to the center, then they will be permitted to post-bowl. [USBC 111]

2. Pre and Post Bowling

- See USBC rule 111 for details and procedures.

3. League Format and Schedule

- This is a match point league. Bowlers bowl the bowler on the opposing team in the same lineup position for individual match points. Teams bowl each other using the sum of the individual scores. All scores are handicapped. (see section **Points** and **Handicap** sections below).
- All regular play shall be rolled as scheduled on Wednesday night of each week at 6:15 PM (practice starts at 6:00 PM)
- All teams are put into a single division and follow a standard schedule except where noted below.
- Weeks 10, 20 and 30 are position rounds based on points won during the current round.
- Teams will start over at zero points at the beginning of each round but year-to-date (YTD) points will continue to accumulate.

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- f. An 8 team playoff tournament will be conducted during weeks 31-33 to determine the league champion. The 8 playoff teams will be determined as follows:
 - a. After each position round, the 1st and 2nd place teams will win playoff berths.
 - b. The final two playoff berths will go to the two teams that have the highest YTD point total after week 30 that have not previously won a playoff berth.
 - c. If one or more teams finish 1st or 2nd in a round and they have already won a playoff berth from a previous round, then playoff berths will be awarded to additional wild card teams after week 30.
- g. On week 31 the 8 playoff teams will bowl the first round of a bracket. All other teams will bowl for points only.
- h. Teams will be seeded according to YTD total points. Seed 1 will play seed 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5.
- i. The team that wins at least **18 points** in a playoff or championship round is the winner.
- j. Week 31: The 4 winning playoff teams will advance to the round of 4 on week 32.
- k. Week 32: The 2 winning playoff teams will advance to the championship on week 33.
- l. Teams that get eliminated from the playoffs will bowl for points for the remaining weeks.
- m. If two (or more) teams are tied for a playoff berth or at the end of a playoff or championship round then the teams will bowl a two frame roll-off (scored like the 9th and 10th frame – using 1/5th handicap).
- n. If teams are tied for a payout – but not a playoff berth or position, then the prize money will be evenly divided among the tied teams.

4. Points

- a. One point awarded for each individual match point (½ point in case of a tie) and five points are awarded for each team game won (2½ points for a tie). Total pins for the three team game series is worth 5 points (2½ points for a tie). There is a total of 35 points per week.
- b. The team on the left may enter or change their lineup first. Once it is set it cannot be changed for the remainder of the series. The team on the right may change their lineup once the team on the left is finished.
- c. Once league play has started, **NO** substitutions will be permitted. If a bowler is unable to complete the game, an absentee score will be used for the remaining frames and games.
- d. A team bowling against a forfeit or vacancy must bowl within 50 points of their team average or no points are won. An individual must bowl within 10 of their average to win the match point.
- e. **Absentee Points**
 - a. No absent bowler can win a point (the team gets the point).
 - b. Absentees scores will be the absent bowler's average minus 10 pins. **You must use the absent bowler on your team with the most games bowled.** [USBC 105e]
 - c. If a bowler is bowling against an absentee, then he must beat the absentee score plus the absentee's normal handicap. If he cannot beat the score, the match point goes to the other team. If there is a tie, then then point is split (½ a point to each team).
 - d. If each team has an absentee bowler, they must bowl each other for the individual match points. The point is awarded to the team that wins the game.

5. Averages

- a. If a bowler has at least 21 games the previous season with Broadway Commercial that will be their entering average for the first 9 games.
- b. If a bowler did not bowl in the Broadway Commercial League, but has an established average in a different league(s), then their high book average will be their entering average for the first 9 games.
- c. If a bowler has no established average, an average will be established after bowling 3 games. [USBC 118c]

6. Handicap

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- a. Individual handicap is based on **90%** of the difference between the bowler's average and **230** (disregard any fraction – do not round up).
- b. If a bowler's average is over 230 then a **negative** handicap consisting of **100%** of the difference between **230** and his average is used.
- c. Team handicap is the sum of the team's individual handicaps.

7. Fees

- a. The weekly bowling fee is **\$20.00** per bowler, \$14.00 per bowler in lane fees, \$5.50 for the league prize fund and \$.50 for secretary payment.
- b. **NEW** – Each team must pay a **\$100** sponsor fee.
- c. The sponsor fee and the **33rd** and **34th** week of bowling **must** be pre-paid by the **8th** week of bowling.
- d. Funds must be turned into the Secretary/Treasurer by the end of the first game.
- e. **USBC Cards** must be purchased on the first night of bowling; the cost is **\$28.00**. If writing a check, you may combine the bowling and sanction fees.
- f. **All checks must be made out to "KingPins"**
- g. Team captains are responsible for their bowler's payments. A team more than two weeks in arrears will forfeit all points until the shortage is made up.
- h. Broadway Commercial is categorized as a men's league but women are welcome to bowl. Statistics, awards and prizes are not separated by gender. [USBC 100a/3]

8. Prize Fund

- a. KingPins will serve as our bank. Prize funds will be deposited each week.
- b. Individual bowlers are eligible for only one Individual award and must bowl 68 games (2/3rds the season) to qualify for individual awards.
- c. Teams may only win one team award
- d. The league will sell 50/50 tickets each week with half of the proceeds going to the prize fund and the other half going to one winner.

9. Sweeper Nights

- e. There will be a singles and doubles event.
- f. Sweeper singles AND doubles will be week 34. Everyone is automatically entered into the singles event. Doubles are \$2 per team. A bowler may have as many doubles partners as they wish.

10. Miscellaneous

- g. Proper attire is required while bowling.
- h. Excessive drinking or obscene language will not be tolerated. Bowlers causing damage to Center equipment through unsportsmanlike conduct will cause their team to forfeit the game or series.
- i. Bowlers cannot practice on the same pair of scheduled lanes after 3:00 PM on the day of league play.
- j. No practice will be allowed on the Broadway Commercial league lanes once the house has oiled the lanes.
- k. Only one ball per bowler allowed on the ball return during league play.
- l. Practice starts at 6:00 PM and lasts for 15 minutes, roll only 1 ball during practice. No re-racks are permitted.
- m. Weekly results of league play will be posted on **BOWL.COM** and the league's official website www.broadwaycommercial.org.