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**Kaiserslautern Military Community
Saturday Morning Youth League
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1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this league is to cultivate an enjoyment of the sport of bowling and to encourage the development of skills and abilities relating to the sport. Although competition exists during the league and tournament play, the most important concept is to HAVE FUN!!!!

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) Saturday Morning Youth League is sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and falls under the local authority of the RheinPfalz Bowling Association (RBA). This league will bowl at the Vogelweh Bowling Center.

2.2 The league will start Practice Bowling on Saturdays at **0945**. The league will begin on 10 September 2016 and end on 22 April 2017 with an end of season banquet and fun bowling. The bowler should arrive around **0830-0930** to be ready to start bowling at **0945**. The Snack Bar will be open for Breakfast at 0800.

2.3 The league will bowl a total of 19 weeks. These are often not consecutive dates due to holidays or tournaments. Please see KMC Youth League Calendar of Events attached for further clarification.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Membership in the league is open to Boys and Girls from age 3 to age 19 as of 31 July 2016, regardless of bowling skills or abilities. Per USBC Official Rules, individuals authorized as mentally challenged, the age requirement is waived.

3.2 Age brackets are normally broken down as follows:

PEEWEEES: Ages 3 – 5
BANTAMS: Ages 11 and under
PREPS/JMS: Ages 12 – 19



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3.3 A participant may bowl in a higher bracket during league play based on abilities and approved by the coach. The participant must bowl in the correct age bracket during all tournament play. This will be normally broken down into six age groups (U6, U8, U10, U12, U15, and U20) for both boys and girls.

4. TEAMS

4.1 Teams will consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 participants, depending on the total number of bowlers in that league in order to have equal teams.

4.2 Whenever possible participants may have input as to the members of their team. However, final determination lies with the league supervisor, board, and pertinent coaches on the number of bowlers per each team.

5. FEES

5.1 The league will be certified through USBC and under local authority of the RBA. Youth membership/sanction fees are annual in nature. The USBC Membership and Association fees required to participate in the league is \$20.00, of which \$4 is for the USBC Membership. This will include a **KMC Youth Bowling** polo shirt for each bowler.

5.2 Each Bantam and Preps/JMS participant will pay \$8.00 at each league session **regardless of attendance**. Of this \$8.00, \$6.00 goes to the bowling center for lineage, \$1.25 goes toward awards, banquet, and trophies, and \$.75 goes towards the RBA Pepsi Assistance Fund which provides any RBA winner of the USBC Annual European Zone Pepsi Tournament financial assistance to attend the USBC Junior Gold Championships held in the U.S. over the summer.

5.3 Each Pee Wee participant will initially pay \$4.00 at each league session **regardless of attendance**, if they are only bowling 1 game. Of this \$4.00, \$2.00 goes to the bowling center for lineage, \$1.25 goes towards awards, banquet, and trophies, and \$.25 goes toward the RBA Pepsi Assistance Fund.

5.4 Pee Wee participants should start bowling 2 games after the winter holidays; each league session will then increase to \$6.00.



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5.5 Any participant more than **two weeks** in arrears of weekly fees will be **suspended** the third week from further play until all fees are paid. Please let the League Secretary or the Treasurer know in advance, if possible, of any known absences. This will prevent any embarrassing situations. You will actually receive an email after missing two weeks to request the bowler's situation.

5.6 The last two weeks of bowling needs to be paid by 4 February 2017.

5.7 Payments can only be made in the form of cash or check unless a check is returned for insufficient funds. In this instance, the participant shall pay all service charges, amount of the check, and any associated fees. Thereafter the participant will make payments only in cash.

5.8 Participants can receive **FREE** rental shoes from the bowling center front desk.

6. AVERAGE AND HANDICAP

6.1 The average will be established after the first three successive games. Bantams and Preps/JMS will bowl three games per league session. PeeWees will initially bowl one game per league session but will increase to two games during the latter half of the season after the Christmas Holidays. This will be without the use of bumpers on the bowling lanes. A bowler using a two-hand delivery will establish an average with two hands. When the bowler changes to a one-hand delivery, they must establish an average using that hand. Please note that your average will change as you continue to bowl.

6.2 Handicap shall be 100% and will be based on the difference in the participant's average and a scratch figure of 210. For example, the handicap of a person with a 100 average would be calculated to a handicap of 110 per game.

6.3 Partial games shall not be used in determining a participant's average. A participant who arrives late may enter the game and will receive one-tenth of the absentee score (participant's average minus ten pins, divided by ten) for each frame not bowled.

7. PRE/POST BOWLING



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7.1 In the event of absence, the participant must notify the League Secretary if they are going to pre/post bowl for a specified league session. **“The pre/post bowling cannot be earlier than one week or later than one week of the missed league session.”**

7.2 Please advise the Front Counter personnel that you are bowling make-up league games and they will provide you with a set of lanes. Make sure you place the bowler's entire name on the screen and provide the League Secretary an email that the make-up games were bowled on what day and on which lanes they were bowled on. Also ask the Front Counter personnel to print the games for the League Secretary.

8. STANDINGS AND AWARDS

8.1 The league supervisor, board, and coaches will adopt an awards list at the beginning of league play. Awards will be available from USBC, RBA and the KMC Youth League. All league awards will be awarded on a scratch basis, while annual league awards are awarded on a handicap basis as well. A member is eligible to receive only one individual annual league recognition award, provided they have bowled 2/3rd of the league's scheduled games.

8.2 Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with 2 points awarded for each game won and 2 points awarded for the high team series in each match. This is based on Handicap games, which equals a possible total of 8 points.

8.3 The KMC Youth League will present awards starting with the first week of bowling. USBC issued awards and RBA awards will be earned after 12 games (4 weeks) bowled.

8.4 Standing sheets for the league can be found on the web by going to <http://www.leaguesecretary.com> and entering the appropriate league identification number that matches the group your bowler is in. Normally these are updated by Sunday following league bowling. The League ID for KMC Youth League is 96001.

9. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

9.1 The league shall be under the management of the league supervisor working in conjunction with the bowling center management and the rest of the league board.



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9.2 The league board will consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The league supervisor would be one of the four board members. These are all volunteers from the parents with and without children bowling on the league.

9.3 The league board and pertinent coaches will have influence over code of conduct disputes.

9.4 The **2016-2017 USBC Rule Book** will be followed for this league. If a conflict arises between the league rules and the USBC Rule Book, the USBC Rule Book will take precedence.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Appropriate language, actions, and interactions must be used at all times by participants and spectators. Appropriate language, actions, and interactions included but are not limited to encouragement, praise, applause, congratulations, “high fives”, cheering, etc. The use of inappropriate language, actions, and interactions are **NOT PERMITTED** and will **NOT BE TOLERATED** by participants or spectators. Examples of inappropriate language, actions, and interactions include cursing, offensive hand motions, name calling, criticism, disparaging remarks, aggressive movements involving others or bowling equipment, etc. After three notices from the league supervisor, member of the board, and/or coach, the participant and/or spectator will be removed from the league.

10.2 Participants must wear appropriate clothing during league play. There will be **NO** sleeve-less shirts, bare mid-sections, or showing of underwear (thongs or boxers). Clothing containing advertisements depicting alcohol, tobacco, gambling, inappropriate language or gestures are also **NOT PERMITTED** and the participant will be unable to partake in league play until appropriate attire is obtained and worn. A collared bowling shirt, or any previous USBC Youth Jersey, or the League Jersey is preferred.

10.3 Participants must wear appropriate clothing during tournament play. Appropriate tournament apparel will be determined and set by the tournament representative.

10.4 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is **NOT PERMITTED** by participants or spectators during league or tournament play.



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10.5 Bowlers must be in the pit area ready to bowl when it's their turn in the rotation. If you must leave the pit area for a bathroom break, please let your coach know you are leaving. Otherwise their score for that frame will be 0.

10.6 Spectators (i.e. Parents or other non-bowlers) must remain outside the pit area. **Please leave the coaching to the coaches.** Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. You only have to see the League Supervisor for information.

10.7 Participants will not use any **electronic devices** during league play, and the playing of video games during league play is also PROHIBITED.

10.8 **NO FOOD** will be eaten in the pit area and all drinks will be covered. Food should be consumed behind the pit area on the back counter and should be eaten prior to the start of bowling. **Also, be sure to clean-up the area after you finish bowling, as well as returning the house bowling balls to the appropriate bowling ball racks.**

11. SPECIAL SITUATIONS

11.1 In the event of inclement weather or real world circumstances, the league supervisor will notify participants via phone or email regarding cancellation of league play. It will also be announced on AFN and the Bowling Center Marquee, if at all possible. The canceled league play will most likely not be made up and fees will not be required for that week since another bowling date within our tight schedule might not be possible.

12. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

12.1 While the word "participant" is used throughout this document, in the instances of legal and financial responsibility it is implied that the parent or guardian responsible for the participant is responsible for the monetary aspects of the participant and therefore responsible for all fees as stated.

12.2 Be advised that the League Officials, Coaches and Bowling Center Staff CANNOT provide a babysitting service. Children under 13 years cannot be left unattended in the center and require parental supervision. Older siblings that also bowl will not be given this responsibility since they are involved in supporting their team.



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13. LEAGUE OFFICIALS

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