

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

2014-2015 SEASON

1. GENERAL LEAGUE DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 The Friday Night Mixed League shall be sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and falls under the local authority of the RheinPflaz Bowling Association (RBA).
- 1.2 The league will bowl on Fridays at 1900, for a total of 30 weeks, beginning on 5 September 2014 and ending on 22 May 2015. (*Note – Schedule designed around the current Ramstein and Vogelweh Bowl Center renovation plans.*)
- 1.3 The league will not bowl on Friday, 27 November 2014 (Day after Thanksgiving), Friday, 25 December 2014 (Christmas Day), Friday, 2 January 2015 (Day after New Year's Day).
- 1.4 The league will consist of four person, mixed gender teams. Playing strength will include any combination of four team members providing there are at least one male and one female member per team. Single gender teams are not allowed. Team roster strength will be no more than six members.
- 1.5 The league will remain open for new teams to join up to and including the week of 25 September 2014.

2. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The league shall be under the management of the Executive Board which shall consist of the elected officers and team captains.
- 2.2 A simple majority shall constitute a quorum in any situation.
- 2.3 The Executive Board shall adopt the League Constitution and By-Laws. The league officers will be elected by the league membership.
- 2.4 There must be at least one male and one female officer elected to the Executive Board.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The amount to be paid by each bowler, each week (excluding sanction fee) will be as follows:

	League Member	Team
Lane Fees (Lineage)	\$8.00	\$32.00
Secretary/Treasurer Fees	\$1.00	\$4.00
Prize Fund	\$6.00	\$24.00
Total	\$15.00	\$60.00

3.1.1. Team captains are responsible for collecting fees, but are not liable for teammates' payments. The league secretary will annotate the total amount received from each team weekly in the appropriate location on the team payment sheet.

3.1.2. The league secretary will audit team payment sheets after week 10 and week 20. The league secretary will prepare a financial statement for each team and notify members in arrears. Outstanding fees must be paid NLT two weeks following notification

- 3.2 USBC sanction fees (\$25.00 per person) must be paid the first week that the team bowls in a league session.
- 3.3 Any member more than two weeks in arrears will be suspended from further play until all fees are paid.
- 3.4 The last two weeks of bowling shall be paid NLT the eleventh week of bowling – 9 January 2015.

- 3.5 Vacancies fees shall be the responsibility of the team. Vacancy fees shall be the same fees as stated above with the following exception; lineage fees will not be assessed for vacancy scores during the first two weeks of play.
- 3.6 Payment may be made in cash or check - unless a check is returned for lack of funds - in that case the member shall pay all service charges and any associated fees - thereafter the member will pay in cash only
- 3.7 No checks will be accepted during the last three weeks of the season.
- 3.8 Fees not paid by the completion of the season's schedule will be deducted from the team's league prize fund.
- 3.9 The salary paid to the Secretary/Treasurer shall be established by the Executive Board and shall be paid at the end of the league schedule once final average sheets have been submitted to the RheinPfalz Bowling Association.
 - 3.9.1 Salary for the Secretary/Treasurer shall be \$1.00 per person per week with the proviso that \$.25 per person per week of this salary will be extended to the Youth Leagues.
- 3.10 A league account will be established at a base banking facility or credit union to account for league fees
 - 3.10.1 League funds will be deposited on a weekly basis.
 - 3.10.2 Withdrawals will be made only with joint signatures of at least two authorized league officers

4. PRIZES

- 4.1 Prior to the third week of the season's schedule, the President will appoint a prize committee. The committee will consist of at least three league members.
- 4.2 Each member of the prize committee will draw up a separate suggested prize list. The lists will be submitted to the league membership NLT the fifth week of the season. Voting will also occur on the fifth week of the league's season and only the members present will have their ballots counted.
- 4.3 A member must have bowled at least 51% of the scheduled games in order to qualify for individual prizes.
- 4.4 Special high game and high series prizes shall be awarded in both the scratch and handicapped categories. However, league members can only earn one individual high game/series award with the award of higher monetary value taking precedence. Order of precedence for individual awards will be as follows: high handicap series, high handicap game, high scratch series, and high scratch game.
- 4.5 The prize committee shall determine additional prize categories.
- 4.6 Prizes, to include individual prizes if the member cannot be present at the awards ceremony, shall be paid to the team captain or designated representative.
- 4.7 All members may compete for special achievement awards to include but not be limited to High Average, Most improved, etc. in addition to individual awards. Special prizes will not be under consideration until the completion of the 21st game of bowling.

5. TEAM FRANCHISE

- 5.1 The team captain shall hold the franchise as long as the captain is acceptable to the majority of the Executive Board.
- 5.2 A franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause.
- 5.3 Each team must notify the league secretary of the team's captain by the completion of the team's second week of bowling. Failure to do so will result in the Executive Board assigning a team captain. The Executive Board shall resolve disputes pertaining to team captains.

6. TEAM ROSTERS AND SUBSTITUTES

- 6.1 A team's playing strength will consist of four team players of which at least one member must be male and one member must be female.
- 6.2 A team may have a roster of up to six members of which at least one must be male and one must be female.
 - 6.2.1 Captains must submit team rosters to the league secretary prior to the start of the league schedule.
 - 6.2.2 Roster changes must be reported to the league secretary prior to the time the new team member bowls.
 - 6.2.3. New players/substitutions are not permitted during the final three weeks of the season.
- 6.3 A minimum of two players from the team's current roster will constitute a legal line up.
 - 6.3.1 A legal line up must be present before the completion of the first frame.
 - 6.3.2 In the event a legal line up is not present, and a postponement has not been requested, the games will be forfeited, unless an emergency existed (Rule 109b). The postponement committee will decide if an emergency existed. The opposing team will bowl unopposed and may win all eight points if the following conditions are met; the team has met the conditions for a legal line up, completes all games, and bowls to within 40 pins of the team average per game.
- 6.4 Substitutions are permitted as long as a legal playing strength is maintained. The league shall maintain a list of roving substitutes. It is the responsibility of the team captain to make arrangements for a substitute when needed.
 - 6.4.1 Substitutes are not permitted during position rounds or during final three weeks of the season.
 - 6.4.2 Substitutes are not eligible for individual prizes.
 - 6.4.3 Substitutes may only bowl scheduled games for one team per week.
 - 6.4.4 The person requiring a substitute pays the league fees for the substitute. Substitutes do not pay.
 - 6.4.5 The difference between a substitute and a member of a team roster is that players on the roster pay league fees whereby substitutes do not.
 - 6.4.6 Substitutes must be gender specific i.e. men must have a male substitute and women must have a female substitute.
 - 6.4.7 Once a substitute has accepted a position as a member on a team, they may not substitute for a member of another team.
- 6.5 Pacers are not permitted.
- 6.6 If an odd number of teams exist, a ghost/ BYE team will be added.

7. AVERAGE AND HANDICAP

- 7.1 Averages will be computed after the completion of three consecutive games of bowling.
- 7.2 Partial games shall not be used to compute a member's average. However, a member may enter the game late, and missed frames may be made up, provided neither team has completed **the third frame** of the game.
- 7.3 Handicap shall be 95% and will be based on the difference between the member's average and a scratch figure of 220. For example, the handicap of a person with a 100 average will be calculated as follows: $220-100=120$, 95% of 120=114, handicap would be 114.
- 7.4 The team handicap will be a total of the individual handicaps of the players in the lineup.
- 7.5 Bowlers who do not have an established average will have a handicap computed after the completion of their first three game series. This average will be applied to the games in the series bowled to achieve the average as well as the next series after it. The bowler must complete all three games in the first series in which they complete in order to qualify for a handicap.
- 7.6 Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has met the conditions for a legal lineup but have fewer members than required for a full lineup at the start of a game or series.
- 7.6.1 An absentee score shall be the member's average minus ten pins. The handicap shall be figured on the actual average of the designated absentee.
- 7.6.2 The designated absentee shall be the bowler with the most games bowled.
- 7.7 Vacancy scores will be allowed when a team does not have enough members for a full lineup.
- 7.7.1 Vacancy scores may be used only during the first two weeks of league play. After two weeks, a score of zero will be entered as a vacancy score. It is the responsibility of the team captain to field a full line up.
- 7.7.2 The vacancy score shall be 130 with a handicap based on that score.

8. POSTPONEMENTS

- 8.1 Two regular team members constitutes a legal line up.
- 8.2 In the event a team is not able to field a legal lineup, provisions may be made to complete that team's bowling session either prior to or after the regularly scheduled league session. For a prebowl or postponement to take place, a request must be made and permission granted by the league Postponement Committee. Procedures outlined in Attachment 1 of the League Constitution will be followed.
- 8.2.1 The captain of the affected team must notify the league Postponement Committee as soon as possible prior to the scheduled league session in order to obtain permission for postponement. If an emergency exists, the request should be made promptly.
- 8.2.1.1 If a postponement is granted, it is the responsibility of the requesting team captain to contact the bowling center and establish a date and time to conduct the pre/post bowling session and to notify the opposing team captain/representative and/or league officer of date and time arrangements.

8.2.2 If postponement is granted, the two involved teams may elect to bowl on adjacent lanes together at an alternate time, or bowl unopposed.

8.2.2.1 The captain of the requesting team must make arrangements to have either a league officer or the opposing team's captain/representative present during the postponed bowling session. If a league officer is unavailable and the opposing team captain/representative does not wish to attend the pre/post bowling session, the opposing team waives all rights to dispute pre/post bowling scores for that session. In such a situation, a printout of the scores will be obtained from the bowling center and turned into the league secretary for record keeping purposes.

8.2.3 Postponed games will not be permitted to be made up immediately before or after a league session, nor will any team or individual be permitted to bowl against scores. Postponed games will be made up within two weeks of the missed league session or before the next position round, whichever comes first.

8.2.4 Postponement due to legitimate military commitments/duties qualify as "sufficient cause" under 2014-15 USBC Rule 111b. However, every effort should be made to notify the league postponement committee.

8.2.5 In the interest of fair play, pre/post bowling scores **WILL NOT** be made available until **BOTH** teams have completed the session.

8.2.6 Postponements will not be permitted during position rounds.

8.3 Individual pre-Bowl Procedures (See Attachment 1) – Individual members of the league may pre-bowl due to military duties or military contingencies. They will use the procedure outlined in Attachment 1 of the League Constitution.

8.4 Tardy Players – A player who arrives late may be permitted to bowl after a game has started as long as they begin play by the third frame. However, the player shall receive the blind score for the unbowed frames, or one-tenth of the absentee score for each frame not bowled. After the third frame they will be bowled blind. This situation may be avoided altogether by bowling another member of the team roster or a substitute.

9. POSITION STANDINGS

9.1 Standings are determined on a point basis with two points being awarded for each team game won and two points awarded for each team series won for a total of eight possible points. In the event of a tie, one point will be awarded to each team.

9.2 Position rounds will be conducted during the 10th, 20th, and 30th weeks of league schedule. In the event of a tie during position rounds, total *handicap* pin count will determine placement.

9.3 Ties for first place at the end of the season will be determined by a three game roll off under the same rules governing play as during the regular season. An extra tenth frame will be used to determine overall winner in the event of a tie at the end of the three game roll off. Should

other positions end in a tie, the prize money for the positions affected will be combined and divided equally among the tied teams. Scores bowled in such situations shall not count toward individual or team prizes or for special prizes awarded by the league, but will be counted to earn USBC awards. In the case of a roll off at the end of the season, the two teams bowling will be responsible to pay for any lineage incurred.

9.4 A team member must have an established average in order to bowl during position rounds.

10. PIT AREAS

10.1 Children under the age of ten will not be permitted in the pit area during league play. Failure to follow this rule will result in forfeiture of the game in progress.

10.1.1 The bowling center requests that parents maintain control over their children at all times. In the event the bowling center staff must request that parents control their children, a forfeiture of the game in progress will be assessed.

10.1.2 After three notices regarding the failure to control children's behavior by the league or bowling center staff, the member will be removed from the league.

11. SPECIAL SITUATIONS

In the event of inclement weather and league play should have to be canceled, the President shall contact the Secretary/Treasurer, who will contact team captains. Team captains must contact the members of their team to inform them of league cancellation.

11.1.1 Make ups for canceled league sessions will be voted upon by the Executive Board at the next scheduled league session.

11.1 Bowling out will be permitted only during the event of an injury, emergency, or duty related situation.

11.2 Use of a blind score for a member not completing an entire three game series will be permitted only due to injury, emergency, or duty related situation of the member.

11.3 Tardy players may enter the game and make up missed frames provided neither team has completed the third frame.

11.4 It will be requested that music not be played during league sessions. However, if customers request music it should be played at reduced volume.

11.5 The 2014-2015 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.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 The league secretary will post a standing sheet via leaguesecretary.com (league I.D. number 48475) weekly. Posting may not reflect current standings due to teams involved in pre/post bowling arrangements. The league secretary will provide a weekly paper copy of the standing sheet to any team who makes a request for one.

Table 1 – League Executive Board

Executive Board	NAME	EMAIL	HANDY
President	James (JR)Robertson	jamescalder@hotmail.com	01704097917
Vice-President	Terry Moseley	Blkdragon67@aol.com	015124114680
Secretary/Treasurer	Sheila Touchet	sheilatouchet@yahoo.com	017635748384
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gregory Smith		
VogelwehBowl Center	Mardi Nichols		0631 536 6534
POSITION	NAME		
Team 1	Ten in the Pit		
Captain	Tony Dingwell	taldingwell@kabelmail.de	
Team	Out in Space		
Captain	Ginger Melancon	gingermelancon@gmail.com	
Team	Knuckleheads		
Captain	Kristin Wynne	wynnetruluv@yahoo.com	
Team	Gutter Gang		
Captain	Ann Wachtel	annm.wachtel@gmail.com	
Team	Shut Up and Bowl		
Captain	Lars Jacobi	lars.jacobi@web.de	
Team	Off in the Corner		
Captain	Quinton Floyd	forklift23@hotmail.com	
Team	NO!		
Captain	Alex Gordon	alexander.gordon@us.army.mil	
Team	The Hookers		
Captain	Greg Strohmenger	1stroh@yahoo.com	
Team	3 Stiffs and a Broad		
Captain	Elvan Rowe	elvanrowe@hotmail.com	
Team	Gutters		
Captain	Wayne Gruber	waynegruber@gmail.com	
Team	Pin Slayer		
Captain	Martin Poser	martinposer@gmx.net	

Table 2 – League Schedule

VOGELWEH FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014-2015

League Session-Week	Date	Events and Notes
-----	29 August 2014	League Meeting at Vogelweh Bowl Ctr
1	5 September 2014	*Start Bowling at Vogelweh
2	12 September 2014	
3	19 September 2014	
4	26 September 2014	
5	3 October 2014	
6	10 October 2014	
7	17 October 2014	
8	24 October 2014	
9	31 October 2014	
10	7 November 2014	(Position Round)
		Break due to Planned Renovation of Bowl Centers
11	9 January 2015	*Start Bowling at Ramstein
12	16 January 2015	
13	23 January 2015	
14	30 January 2015	
15	9 February 2015	
16	16 February 2015	
17	23 February 2015	
18	30 February 2015	
19	6 March 2015	
20	13 March 2015	(Position Round0
21	20 March 2015	
22	27March 2015	
23	3 April 2015	
24	10 April 2015	
25	17 April 2015	
26	24 April 2015	
27	1 May 2015	
28	8 May 2015	
29	15 May 2015	
30	22 May 2015	(Position Round
	29 May 2015	Prize/Award Distribution--League Banquet

Attachment 1

Friday Night Mixed Bowling League

Pre-Bowl and Postponement Procedures

Postponement Committee members:

1. Terry Moseley – Chair E-Mail: Blkdragon67@aol.com Phone:
2. Ricky Shepard E-Mail: ricky.shepard@us.af.mil Phone:
3. Kristin Wynne E-Mail: wynnetruluv@yahoo.com Phone:(replaced by J Barbeau)

Governing Documents:

League Constitution, Section 8

2014-15 USBC Rule Book, Rule 111

Procedures for Team request of Pre-Bowl or Postponement:

1. Contact a member of the postponement Committee listed above as soon as you realize you will require a pre-bowl or postponement.
2. Explain the situation to the best of your ability and ensure that you provide the rationale for why you ‘will not’ be able to field a legal lineup. *Note: Not having a bowler is not sufficient cause for a postponement.*
3. After your request has been made, wait for the committee to return a decision. The committee will notify the Team Captain and the League Secretary of the decision.
4. If you disagree with the decision of the committee you may file a protest in accordance with the USBC 2014-15 Rule Book, Rule 119.
5. Postponements will be granted for the following reasons: when a team is unable to field a legal lineup because bowlers are participating in the USBC Championship, State, or Local Association Championship tournaments or attending an annual meeting; there is sufficient cause; or an emergency situation.
6. Postponements are not automatic and these procedures must be followed to ensure your team does not forfeit games needlessly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a league officer, or committee member listed above.

Procedures for Individual Requests for Pre-Bowl:

1. Individuals pre-bowling is permitted but individual post-bowling is not permitted.
2. The individual member must request a pre-bowl through their Team Captain who will then contact a member of the postponement committee.
3. The league member or Team Captain will explain to the committee why the individual needs to pre-bowl the league session.
4. The Postponement Committee will deliberate and return a decision. The committee will notify the Team Captain, league member and League Secretary of the decision.
5. If you disagree with the decision of the committee you may file a protest in accordance with the USBC 2014-15 Rule Book, Rule 119.
6. If the request for pre-bowl is granted, the individual member is responsible for scheduling a time with the bowling center, and must declare the games before bowling. The bowling center will provide 2 min 30 sec of practice time for the individual session.
7. At the completion of bowling, the individual member must request a printout of the session.
8. All scores will be reported to the League Secretary within 24 hours of being bowled. The league Secretary contact information:

Ms Sheila Touchet
017635748384
sheilatouchet@yahoo.com
9. Scores shall be subject to verification with the printout of the individual session.