

GARDEN STATE DEAF BOWLERS LEAGUE
STANDING RULES 2008-2009 BOWLING SEASON – LAUREL LANES, MAPLE SHADE, NJ

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1. **SCHEDULE:** The Friday Early Mixed - Bowlers shall be sanctioned by USBC (United States Bowling Congress). The league shall consist of 6 teams with playing strength of any combination of four each of men/women, two men and two women. This league will bowl on Friday for 36 weeks beginning on August 22, 2008 and ending in April 24, 2009. The league's bowling season shall be split into halves with the 1st half starting August 22 and the 2nd half on 19th week. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 6:30pm for practice and 6:40pm for score. There will be four position rounds scheduled for the season, one every 9th week (9th, 18th, 27th, and 36th weeks).
2. **MANAGEMENT:** The management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Officers and Team captains. The league membership shall elect officers and adopt league rules; it will not conflict with the rules of either association. Those present shall constitute a quorum. Note: All Captains and Officers must be notified at least one (1) week in advance. ONE VOTE per team. **LEAGUE OFFICERS CANNOT BE TEAM CAPTAINS.** To run for an officer position, bowlers must be member of GSDB for a minimum of 2 years.
3. **FEE:** The amount to be paid by each bowler each night shall be \$20.00 which \$10.95 will cover the expenses of bowling with the balance going to prize money/awards. In addition, \$1 will go to NDMBA 2009 General Fund
4. **SALARIES:** The Secretary-Treasurer's salary will be .50 cents per bowler per week. The salary will come out of the prize money.
5. **ARREARS MONEY:** No individual shall be allowed to be in arrears for more than three (3) weeks. If he/she does not pay what is owed the following weeks, that individual SHALL NOT BOWL and SUB is allowed. This matter is then brought up to the attention of the captains and a vote shall take place as to whether that individual shall be allowed to make up the money at a late date or is no longer a member of the league.
6. **PRIZES:** To qualify for individual awards, a bowler must have been in good standing with weekly dues. A bowler can qualify for only one (1) individual award. In the case a bowler resigns before he/she meets 2/3 attendance for current half season (12 out of 18 weeks), the bowler shall not receive any prize monies. In the case of a vacancy during the first three weeks of the season, a new bowler may join and shall earn prize money based on 2/3 attendance (12 out of 18 weeks minimum required). It will be presented at a decided place and time based on a league vote. **Note: All bowlers must meet 2/3 of total games bowled in order to be eligible for prizes (at least 36 out of 54 games for each half season).**
7. **ENTERING AVERAGES:** All bowlers' entering averages for the 2008-2009 season will be based on his/her first three (3) games for average to be established. The Most Improved Average will be established after the first week of bowling and compared to the last week of bowling (36th week).
8. **SCORING AND HANDICAP:** This league has a handicap established at 90% difference between team averages with no limit.
A 4 point system will be used; 1 point per game to win; 1 point for total series. In an event of a vacant team of less 40 pins of Team average when bowling against vacant team in order to win the game.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS:** In emergency only with the approval of the Board of Directors, postponements must be made up before the next scheduled night of bowling and an officer must be present. **THE SCHEDULE WILL BE EXTENDED TO MAKE UP THE NIGHT OF BOWLING IF AND WHEN IT'S AGREEABLE WITH THE LANES.**
10. **FORFEITURE:** A team is forfeited with only 1 player present. Individual score will be accounted for but the forfeited team average will remain the same. No points will be awarded to the forfeited team. Note: If team members have already pre-bowled, their scores will be counted and there shall be no forfeiture.
11. **TARDY BOWLERS:** Tardy bowlers must be on the lanes and ready to bowl within fifteen minutes from when the league starts bowling the first game. A blind score is taken for the game, less 10 pins. **NO PACING.**
12. **UNSPORTSMANSHIP:** Any bowler conducting himself/herself in manner derogatory to the best interest of league will be given a warning. If he/she has to be warned twice, he/she will be suspended, that night he/she shall not bowl. The third time this happens, all captains of this league shall take action to suspend said bowler out of the season 08-09. It shall be reported to the USBC.

13. **UNOPPOSED BOWLING:** In the event of unopposed bowling, the scores will not be MADE AVAILABLE TO EITHER TEAM UNTIL BOTH TEAMS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR GAMES.

14. **COLLECTIONS:** It shall be the responsibility of each team captain to collect money from his/her team each week. Absentees must pay all arrears within next three (3) weeks. League members will verify the league financial records according to the rule set forth by the ABC. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS!!**

15. **DRAW UP PRIZE LIST:** The President shall assign three auditors to draw up a PRIZE LIST, and the Secretary/Treasurer will work with the auditors. The Prize List shall be based on the point system in which a specified dollar amount shall be assigned to each point, to be divided by the number of members on a team.

16. **ABSENCES:** It is your responsibility to contact any officers you will not bowl that evening so a sub can be contacted. Officers' phone numbers are on the first page or you may contact the captain of your team. Note: If any bowler is aware of advance absences, he/she may arrange to pre-bowl games. Bowlers must inform the Secretary-Treasurer of their intent to pre-bowl. Also, each bowler can pre-bowl up to 6 times per half season.

17. **SUBSTITUTES:** Substitutes are allowed to play except on position round nights. He/She must pay the USBC fee. If Substitutes bowler has never bowled before, He/She will establish his/her average. Two subs are allowed per lane.

18. **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** Prizes shall be distributed at the end of the season, 2 weeks after the last week of bowling. Members will meet at the banquet in May of 2009.

Be on time! Please be responsible for your turn to bowl!