

PDX Pride League Rules

2025-2026 Season

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A. General

1. This organization is an invitational league and will be known as the PDX Pride Bowling League.
2. We are a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Intersex, Queer/Questioning, Asexual, and Straight Allies bowling league. We enjoy camaraderie, fun, socializing and some mild competition. We welcome all bowlers regardless of who they are. We do require that you are an ally to the LGBTIQIA+ community and acknowledge the vast and evolving spectrum of orientations, racial and ethnic identities. Verbal or electronic communications of anti-LGBTIQIA+, including social media, will not be tolerated, and the league member communicating/posting such materials will be expelled from the league indefinitely.
3. The league shall consist of up to 22 (4 person) teams with a maximum of 6 bowlers on each team roster. This is a mixed league. Bowlers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
4. The purpose of the league is to conduct ten-pin activities. It shall foster and maintain the spirit of fellowship and true sportsmanship within the league. Any/All complaints about individuals who commit unsportsmanlike behaviors (including historical occurrences), such as violence, threats of violence (whether verbally, non-verbally or via electronic communications), or acts that can place any league member, the bowling center and/or staff members at risk of safety issues, will have zero tolerance while the bowling league season is in session. Individuals who commit these behaviors will be investigated by the League Officers, and if found to be true, will be immediately removed from the premises and suspended from the league with an investigation to follow.
5. The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through the Greater Portland USBC Association shall sanction this league. The USBC Book of Playing Rules shall apply to all rules not covered under the PDX Pride league rules.

6. Each bowling member, including substitutes, must pay for USBC membership prior to the completion of the bowler's first series. The application must be completed and submitted to the Secretary and accompanied by the appropriate fee \$30.00 for adults. Bowlers currently holding a valid summer 2025 league card will still be required to pay the membership fee. Bowlers holding a valid USBC card through local associations other than the Greater Portland USBC must pay a transfer fee of \$12.00 in state and \$15.00 out of state.
7. The general membership shall adopt the league rules at the organizational meeting prior to the first night of league bowling.
8. Officers and Elections:
 - a. The officers of the league shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms.
 - b. The general membership for the fall/winter/spring league shall elect by ballot the officers of the league for the next season four weeks prior to the end of the season.
 - c. The duties of each League Officer shall consist of the rules under which this league operates, and any rule not covered by these league rules shall be those set forth in the USBC Book of Playing Rules.
 - d. No more than two Officers of the Board shall be on the same team.
 - e. Any Officer may resign their position at any time. This must be done in writing to the Secretary and President and will be deemed irrevocable.
 - f. In the event of an Officer vacancy, a special election shall be held within three weeks of the vacancy if more than eight weeks remain of the regular season. If less than eight weeks remain of the regular season, the Officer position shall be filled at the next election.
 - g. For all league elections, the President shall form an Elections Committee of four individuals. The Secretary will chair this committee and must include at least three other league members. None of the committee members may be on the same team.
9. The management of the PDX Pride League shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which membership shall consist of the League Officers and Team Captains. A League Officer cannot be a Team Captain. A majority (two-thirds of the Board of Directors) constitutes a quorum in which to hold meetings after the organizational meeting.
10. Any current season member of the Board of Directors can call a meeting. The President will preside over all meetings. In the event of the President's absence, the Vice-President shall assume the role as President.
11. The PDX Pride Board of Directors shall decide if a League Awards Ceremony will be held that year by January 15 of the league season. Should the Board decide not to hold an Awards Ceremony that season, then league awards shall be announced during the last league session of the season. Should an award position require the last league session to determine a winner, the award will be announced on the first week of the next league season.
12. Code of Conduct for all participating bowlers, partners, volunteers and supporters:
 - Be respectful and courteous to all people (bowlers, spectators, house personnel).
 - Always display good sportsmanship.
 - Do not engage in any behavior which is threatening to yourself or others, including, but not limited to, verbal abuse, physical abuse, threats, aggression or inappropriate language. Anyone displaying this behavior, either on the premises or in electronic

communications, may be disqualified from taking part in the league and escorted from the premises.

- All bowlers have an invitation unless they are notified of it being pulled.

13. Removal of invitation:

- a. A bowler found in violation of breaking the Code of Conduct may be removed, suspended, or given a warning. A full report must be given to the Officer in charge and the President notified within 48 hours of the offense. The Officers of the league will review the report within 2 days and vote to dismiss or bring to a full vote of the Board of Directors at the next league night where a majority vote will carry the action. The Officers may suggest changes to the filed consequences for the interest of the league before the Board votes.

14. Transwomen are recognized as women in this league.

B. Schedule

1. The PDX Pride League will bowl on every Friday for 29 weeks (circumstances permitting), starting on September 5, 2025 and ending on April 24, 2026. All scheduled matches, including practice, will start promptly at 6:45 PM.
2. The PDX Pride League will bowl every week except on the following dates:
 - November 28, 2025 in observance of Thanksgiving
 - December 19, 2025 in observance of Christmas
 - December 26, 2025 in observance of the New Year
 - March 13, 2026 for Bridgetown Invitational Tournament
 - March 27, 2026 for a special SuperPlay event
3. The PDX Pride League will bowl a split season, with position rounds on December 12, 2025 for the 1st half winner and on April 17, 2026 for the 2nd half winner. Championship roll-off will be held on April 24, 2026. Schedule below:
 - First half ending December 12, 2025 = 14 weeks circumstances permitting
 - Second half ending April 17, 2026 = 14 weeks circumstances permitting
 - Championship roll-off and Blind Doubles Tournament will be April 24, 2026

In the event of inclement weather, the weather committee, consisting of the League Officers and two league members of geographical diversity, will convene and determine if league play will continue as scheduled. The decision will be communicated to the Secretary, and the Secretary will notify by email distribution, official website, Facebook page, and SuperPlay.

4. Teams may, with a legal line-up, pre-bowl with notification to the Secretary and the opposing Team Captain. In the absence of the Secretary, notification shall be made to the next highest officer. Pre-bowl must be completed by the date of the originally scheduled match. Teams can bowl unopposed. In documented extenuating circumstances only, and with the Secretary's approval, when the team is unable to field a legal line-up, they may request a post-bowl. Post-bowled games must be completed before the next scheduled league night. The Secretary shall notify the opposing team SuperPlay for the pre/post-bowl date. The team must request the desk to print out all games bowled to turn into the SuperPlay office along with the recap sheet. Failure to do so will void all scores bowled unless print out is not available that time. Teams may only pre/post-bowl a total of 5 times during the season.

USBC Rule 111e, Item 8 – Excludes scores bowled in unopposed pre or post bowling from USBC high score award eligibility. (Delegates ratified the USBC Board vote when the board approved this amendment for the 2006-07 season.)

Do not pay the bowling alley for your bowling when pre-bowling. Put the money in the payment envelope during the next regular league night.

C. Financial

1. Weekly bowling fees per individual per night to be as follows:

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Season</u>
Bowling Lineage Fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 38,280.00
Secretary Fee	\$.25	\$ 638.00
Treasurer Fee	\$.25	\$ 638.00
Singles Tournament	\$.15	\$ 382.80
Web Development/Maintenance Fee	\$.15	\$ 382.80
Prize Fund	<u>\$ 4.20</u>	<u>\$ 10,718.40</u>
Total Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 51,040.00

***Note:** Season estimate based on 22/4 person teams for 29 weeks.

2. Total team fee shall be collected by the Team Captain and submitted to the Treasurer by the end of the first game. Treasurer will verify submitted funds by the Team Captain. All checks are to be made payable to **PDX Pride**. No credit cards or payments to the house desk are accepted.
3. Individuals last two weeks (\$40.00) of the league's bowling schedule is to be paid in advance to the Treasurer by October 17, 2025 or within three weeks of their first night of bowling whichever is greater. If fees are not paid by the scheduled date, all games bowled for that team, including pre- or post-bowled, will be forfeited.
4. No team can be more than two weeks in arrears (\$40.00) at any one time or that team shall forfeit all games bowled during arrearages until brought current. A team, however, cannot be required to forfeit games bowled if fees are not paid for an absence. Another team member cannot use other team member prepayments to offset arrearage.
5. If a member has cause to resign from a team during the season, a two-week written notice must be given to the Team Captain and the Secretary. Should another person fill the person's vacancy before the end of those two weeks, the resigning member shall be refunded all prepaid monies applicable. The new member would owe prepayment for their last two weeks of the bowling schedule within three weeks of their first night of bowling. Any member who withdraws without giving sufficient written notice or reason, or has been dismissed in writing from the league for sufficient cause, shall forfeit any money paid into the league. Any team that withdraws from the league during the season for any reason will forfeit all prize money.
6. There will be no shortages allowed, except for vacancies. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to see that members of their team are current in all league fees. There will be no partial payments of weekly fees allowed. Fees paid by any team alternates are at the Team Captain's discretion and will be handled within the team.

7. The league will charge a \$25.00 handling fee on all returned checks plus any incurred bank fee expense. All \$25.00 handling fees collected will be added to the prize fund. NSF check will be calculated back to the original night of bowling and arrearage game forfeiture policy will apply.
8. The salary paid to the Secretary and Treasurer shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule. Each officer is responsible for their own expenses, unless otherwise approved by the board. The President will authorize full payment after the Secretary has furnished all average sheets requested by Greater Portland USBC Association, including the final average sheet.
9. The President will audit the bank statement monthly. The President shall notify the Secretary of completion. Secretary shall update the league membership of completion.
10. The President will appoint a non-officer league member to audit all fund accounts. There shall be at least one random audit performed each half of the season prior to funds distribution. Confirmation of each audit shall be reported to the league within two weeks of the completion of the audit.
11. An account shall be opened in the name of PDX Pride in a local banking institution in which funds will be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the joint signatures of at least two PDX Pride officers.
12. The PDX Pride league shall join as a member league of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) and pay the annual membership out of the prize fund. (IGBO membership fee based upon estimated league playing strength (96) multiplied by \$3.00, dues of \$288.00 USD). IGBO is the official bowling organization for the LGBTIQ+ community, representing over 5,000 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning, asexual and more (LGBTIQ+) members from Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand and the United States. IGBO was created out of a desire to unify all of the gay leagues and open lines of communication between them, as well as promote the sport of bowling through league and tournament participation reflecting the ideals of Unity, Fellowship and Communication. By bowling in an IGBO member league, PDX Pride bowlers are a member of IGBO and may take advantage of the IGBO Member Benefits.
13. All end of season payouts are to be made to each league member by check and mailed within 20 business days. A breakdown of the payout is to be included in the mailing. 20 business days are provided to finalize the last week tournament, complete the team payout amounts and conduct a final audit for the end of the league season.

D. Entering Averages

1. All entering averages will be established in the following order:
 - PDX Pride prior year league average with a minimum of 21 games required will be used for the first nine games bowled.
 - 2024-2025 USBC Oregon established book average would be used for the first nine games bowled.
 - 2025 summer league average (minimum 21 games) will be used for the first nine games bowled.
 - All new bowlers shall use their highest book average from the previous two seasons. Should no average exist, an average would be computed after completion of the first nine games bowled.

E. Handicap and Standings

1. A 7-point system will be used for determining team standings, with 2-points per game won and 1-point for team series.
2. The PDX Pride League will bowl on a handicap basis.
3. The individual and team handicap for league and award purposes will be based on a 100% difference between each individual's average and a base of 220. Negative handicap will not be applied.

F. Roster and Legal Lineup

1. Captains will turn in roster of team members to the Secretary by the end of the first night of bowling. A team roster will be limited to 6 members. Any roster change must be reported to the Secretary prior to the time the new member bowls.
2. New members cannot be added to a team roster in the final 2 weeks of each half of the season. The only exception is if there is a vacancy to complete a four-person team.
3. A minimum legal lineup must include at least 2 players from a team's full current roster.
 - a. When a team has only two roster members, only 1 member needs to be present for a legal lineup. This would apply until a third member is added to the roster.
4. A legal lineup must be present before the start of the first frame of any game or the game is forfeited.
5. A player who arrives late after their team has started to bowl shall be permitted to bowl provided the opposing team has not completed the third frame.
6. A team intentionally delaying the game to wait for a late player will forfeit the game. League Officers will determine validity of delay concern. Should the third frame be completed per Rule 5 of this section, the bowler may not bowl until the start of the next game; however a blind score is still used for the missed game. (Blind score = average minus 10 pins).
7. To bowl during position rounds or roll-off nights, bowlers shall meet the following criteria:
 - a. Bowlers shall have completed 9-games prior to the first-half position round.
 - b. Bowlers shall have completed 21-games prior to the second-half position round or roll-off night.

Bowlers who join a team to fill a vacancy are not subject to the criteria for the season half in which they joined the league.

G. Substitutes

1. League roving substitutes will not be allowed.
2. Absent team members are responsible to pay weekly fee. A substitute bowler may be responsible for the weekly fee at the discretion of the Team Captain.

3. Pacers will not be allowed.

H. Vacancy and Absentee Scores

1. In the event a team is short a bowler on its roster, a vacancy score of 120 (handicap 90) for each game bowled will be used. No pins shall be deducted from that score.
2. In the event a bowler is absent and there is no substitute team member, the bowler's average minus 10 pins shall be used. One of the following rules will apply:
 - Team member with the most number of games bowled shall be used.
 - If team members have the same number of games bowled, then the bowler with the highest average shall be used.

I. Forfeitures and Byes

1. When a game is declared forfeited or a bye exists due to an odd number of teams, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested.
2. The team present must bowl within 40-pins of their current team average in each game of their series in order for that team to win the points for that game. Points not won will not be credited to either team and will be recorded as "unearned" points. The forfeiting team automatically loses all points for that week.

J. Awards and Qualifications

1. The President shall be responsible for ordering all awards. Total costs not to exceed \$550 for all awards. The cost of the awards shall be deducted from the prize fund.
2. To qualify for individual average, series, or game awards, a bowler must complete a total of 10 weeks (30 games). Under extraordinary circumstances, this rule may be waived at the approval of the Board of Directors.
3. The league will establish seven (7) average divisions for Individual Awards. The most improved bowler in each division, based on their final true average, will be awarded \$50:

Division	Average
A	190-300
B	175-189
C	160-174
D	145-159
E	130-144
F	115-129
G	001-114

Once a bowler completes their 21st game, their true average shall determine the division that will be set as their lowest level in which to compete. Bowlers may move up in divisions, but they will not drop below their established 21-game division. True average is defined as a bowlers average with two decimal positions.

4. Most Improved Average award, by IGBO Average, will be presented to the top two league bowlers based on their improved average from their previous year book value or their establishing average. Once 21-games have been completed, bowlers will then be eligible for the award based on the highest change between their start and their final average.
5. In the event of an individual tie, duplicate awards will be given.
6. A blind Doubles tournament will held the last night of the season. Standings based on handicap series bowled. Prize fund equals total collected from weekly dues for the complete season. Payout 100%, the top 8 pairs shall be paid. An optional Singles event will run concurrently to the Doubles tournament, to be determined by the Vice-President.
7. Establish a \$400.00 cash award for the League Season Champions. This award is in addition to any funds the team will receive through the normal prize fund distribution. The money will be distributed as \$100.00 to the team who is the winner of each season half; \$200 to the team who is crowned as League Champion based on total points. Champion will be determined by a roll-off of the winner of each half. If neither team was the leader by total points, then the roll-off will include the top points team.

K. Ties and Playoffs

1. In the event of a tie for first place for either season half, there will be a one (1) game roll-off that night immediately following league bowling. In the event of a multi-way tie, each team will bowl one (1) game on a designated pair of lanes. Season Half winner will be determined by one (1) game total pins including handicap.

L. 50/50 Drawing

1. Selling tickets will rotate weekly to each team. Ticket sellers must be at least one league bowler, and anyone is welcome to assist the league in this endeavor. The league will rotate in team number order within the week number. If a BYE team exists, then the team bowling the BYE will be the team seller. The Sergeant of Arms will administer the raffle.
2. 50/50 prize fund will be distributed as follows:
 - 50% of total funds collected awarded back to the winning ticket holder.
 - 50% of total funds collected added to the total league prize fund distribution.
3. Officers will allow a selected charity to sell 50/50. (Limit 6 per season). Officers will monitor and regulate so that no one charity will sell more than once per season.
 - 50% of total funds collected awarded back to the winning ticket holder.
 - 50% of total funds collected awarded to charity. Paid via check to the Charity.

M. Web Page and Software

1. Web site cost maintenance will be paid with the prior approval of the league officers for annual web page subscription cost and maintenance fees.
2. President shall appoint a Director and a web committee with the Director as chair.
3. All website changes must be approved by at least three league officers before being posted.
4. League Secretary will be reimbursed with the prior approval of the League Officers for yearly CDE software update (bowling software) and League Secretary (standing sheets and bowler stats web site).
5. All web costs will be paid with money collected from fifteen cents weekly fee for the complete season. After all web costs have been paid for the season, balance left will be paid to the web developer with the approval of the League Officers. Any remaining funds will be allocated back to the Singles tournament prize fund for the season.

N. Prize Fund

1. The prize fund will be divided by the total number of points won and then distributed to the teams. Any team with any vacancies for the year will be awarded the percent of points won by the amount of weeks paid. Any team paying their full envelope total or more will receive full payout. A team that joins mid-season only will be deducted for the weeks they bowl without a full roster.
 - Example A: 29 weeks times \$80.00 is a total of \$2,320.00 for a full year with no vacancy.
 - Example B: If a team had 20 vacancies and paid only \$1,920.00, that would be 82%. They would receive that percentage of their points in prize money.

This document was passed, as amended, by a vote of the league members present at the organizational meeting on August 17, 2025