

2026-2027 Pinette League Rules

1. Teams shall draw for lane assignments at the fall meeting.
2. Any bowler having a last year's average on the Pinette League of 21 games or more shall use that average until she has completed 9 games, at which time, she will use her 9 game established average. Any bowler without a last year's 21 game average will establish an average by bowling 3 games. This rule applies to regular and substitute bowlers alike, regardless of when they enter the league.
3. The individual method of handicapping shall be used with each bowler to receive a handicap of 90% of the bowler's average from 200.
4. Teams shall be limited to seven members. Two regular members constitute a legal line-up. If you have two members, you must bowl.
5. Team Captains are responsible for collecting the team's bowling fees, team's sponsor fees and any membership fees from the members of their team. All fees must be placed in the team's envelope and delivered to the league secretary by the end of the first game. Captains are also responsible for getting all of their bowlers sanctioned. A card must be filled out for every bowler that bowls on the Pinette League, even if the bowler is sanctioned in another league. If a bowler is not sanctioned in another league, she must pay the appropriate sanction fees the first night she bowls. A team that does not comply with this rule will subject that night's points to forfeiture.
6. In the case of a vacancy or blind bowler, the average of the absent member less 20 pins will be used. If no average is available the blind score shall be 125.
7. If a bowler arrives after the game has begun, she may bowl provided the opposing team has not completed the third frame. If the third frame has been completed, she may bowl as a pacer if she wishes with her score being void and not counting for any average or award calculations. USBC Rule #5 applies in the case of a pacer bowling.
8. The league shall bowl a 30-week schedule. The league bowls on Fridays, with practice beginning at 6:15 PM and bowling starting at 6:30 PM. The league shall begin on August 22nd and end April 17th. Roll off and fun night will be April 24th. Potluck will be on April 17th. Positions nights will be December 12th and April 17th. The league will take August 29th for Labor Day, the day after Thanksgiving and February 13th off for city tournament.
9. The league will bowl a split season of 15 weeks each. A roll off will be held. Any teams rolling off for a top position must bowl simultaneously. If circumstances prevent teams from being able to bowl on this date, the postponement committee will rule as to whether it is a valid circumstance to warrant a change of date. USBC Rule 105b.
10. \$90.00 will be awarded to the first place team. Second place will receive \$40.00.
11. The team captain must notify the league secretary in writing, one week prior to making a change of membership on her team. In case of emergency, it shall be left to the decision of the executive board.
12. The nine point system shall be used in league play. One point for each of the four bowlers totaling 4 points, 1 point for each team game won totaling 4 points, 1 point for the bowler with the high scratch game totaling 1 point. If a tie occurs for the first or second place at the end of the season, a roll off will occur to determine the winner using the 9 point system. The total pins can't be used, a sudden death game will be rolled using USBC rule 113 to determine the winner. Sudden death is a 9th-10th frame roll off plus handicap.

13. Bowling fees shall be \$15.50 per night. Of that amount, \$13.50 will be the lineage fee, \$0.15 per bowler per night will be secretary/treasurer's fee, and \$1.85 for the prize fund. The sponsor's fee is \$30.00 and must be paid within 3 weeks after bowling begins.

14. A postponement committee consisting of 2 members appointed by the president shall decide what is considered sufficient cause for postponement. Captain wishing to pre-bowl or postpone bowl shall contact the secretary and opposing team captain. If the opposing teams are unable to bowl at the regular time, a team may bowl unopposed in advance of or after the schedule, no later than six days or a forfeit shall be declared. Scores shall count in deciding league games and averages and shall qualify for awards. Captains are responsible for getting the score sheets to locker #2 when they are done bowling.

15. In the event of a forfeit or an uneven number of teams, teams scheduled against the forfeit or the bye team cannot automatically win the points. Team must earn the points, thus, an individual must bowl their average less 10 pins per game. High scratch score is awarded to the team who is bowling. Points won by the non-existent team will be recorded on the roster as unearned.

16. All captains and acting captains shall sign the score sheets prior to handing them to the secretary.

17. A bowler will be permitted to finish the final game of a series before her teammates and opponents at the discretion of the opposing team captain.

18. No children or non-bowlers are allowed in the sitting area during league.

19. In using the 9 point system, teams shall line up their bowlers from low to high according to average. Subs will also be listed in order. If a person is listed on the roster of a team they cannot bowl on another team. If they are on the sub list they may bowl on any team that needs them.

20. In the event that there is an uneven number of teams on the league and unopposed bowling is necessary, each individual bowling must then beat their individual averages minus 10 pins per game. The team must beat their team score minus 40 pins per game to win their points. If a team is added after bowling starts, they will not be allowed to make up any games they have missed.

21. The league will not postpone a scheduled session of bowling due to weather conditions. If a team decides not to bowl due to bad weather, the games must be made up within two calendar weeks from the scheduled night of bowling. They must contact the league secretary with their decision not to bowl due to weather conditions in accordance with rule 14. The team must notify the league secretary of the date and time of when they will be bowling their make-up games.

22. Bowlers are allowed for position round and roll off but have to be on the roster and are required to have least bowled a total of 6 games.