

Tiki Lanes – Tiki Gang League Rules

The **Tiki Gang** League will bowl on **Saturdays** with practice beginning at **10:00 am** at **Tiki Lanes**. The league will have a scheduled starting date of **11/13/2021** and a scheduled ending date of **2/19/2022** and will participate for a total of **12** weeks. The league will not bowl on the following dates: **11/27/2021, 12/25/2021, 1/1/2022**.

Rule 1. This league is being managed by Kris Schmelzer, General Manager of Tiki Bowling Lanes. Members of the Southeastern Ohio USBC will volunteer to help assist the Youth learn and enjoy the game. Kris Schmelzer and members of the SEOH USBC who are interacting with the Youth have completed SafeSport training and are Registered Volunteers under the USBC.

Rule 2. Teams will have up to **3** bowlers (playing strength). Membership in the league is open to males and females under age **18** as of August 1 of the current bowling season. Anyone under suspension by the responsible league official and/or USBC is ineligible to participate in the league.

Rule 3. Each league member will pay **\$9** each league session for lineage whether present or not. Bowling in a league is a full season commitment, however, we do not require the full payment of fees upfront. We allow the fees to be paid weekly. Bowlers who are more than 2 weeks in arrears will not be allowed to bowl until the fees are caught up.

Rule 4. Bowlers will establish their league average in their first league session. 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.

Rule 5. The league will determine wins and losses on a handicap basis. Handicap will be **100%** of the difference between a bowler's average and a scratch figure of **210**.

Rule 6. The league will be certified through USBC. Youth membership fees must be paid before completion of the bowler's third session of competition. The USBC Membership fee required to participate in the league is **\$4**.

Rule 7. No one may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week.

Rule 8. The minimum legal lineup of **1** player must be present before the completion of the third frame of each game. Regular team members count toward a legal lineup.

Rule 9. When bowling in a known forfeit situation or scheduled against a Vacant team, the team must bowl within **15** pins of its team average to earn a point for each game and within **45** pins of its team average to earn a point for the series. A Game or Series point not won will be considered a Loss.

Rule 10. Absentee and Vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score will be the absent member's average minus **10** pins. Handicap will be figured on the average of absent member. Teams having an incomplete roster (vacancy on the team) will use a Vacancy score of **100**. Absentee and Vacancy scores will receive handicap pins.

Rule 11. All league games must be bowled as scheduled. Except: 1) a bowler who misses the 1st week of bowling may make up their missed games before the 2nd week of bowling, 2) games may be pre-bowled if the bowler will not be able to bowl at the regularly scheduled time for any reason. Pre-bowling means make up games are bowled before the scheduled date of competition – contact Tiki Lanes to determine if lanes are available for pre-bowling. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, post-bowling will be allowed if a bowler has to quarantine due to illness or exposure to the virus.

Post-bowling for reasons other than COVID-19 will be considered on a case by case basis. To request the opportunity to post-bowl you must contact Kris Schmelzer no later than Noon on the day bowling was originally scheduled.

Team and individual unopposed bowling is allowed and scores are recognized for league awards, but not for USBC awards.

Rule 12. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided **3** frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up. If a bowler arrives after the 3rd frame then the bowler can join beginning in the next game.

Rule 13. Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with **1** point awarded for each game won and **1** point awarded for the high team series in each match. If all teams in the league have not bowled an equal number of games, position standings are figured using a percentage basis.

Rule 14. A league member may not finish any game of a series before his/her teammates or opponents, except in cases of an emergency or being prearranged based on a good cause. The league supervisor/official will make the determination. Such scores will count in deciding the game and bowler's average, and for qualifying for USBC Youth awards and league awards.

Rule 15. A playoff will be conducted when there is a tie for first place. A playoff will consist of a 1 game roll-off held at a time when both teams can participate. Scores bowled in a playoff shall not count toward individual or team averages or special prizes offered by the league.