

## Ten Alarm League

2025-2026

### BY-LAWS

1. **League Info** - This league shall be known as the Ten Alarm League and is a mixed league sanctioned through the USBC. League bowling shall begin Tuesday September 2, 2025 until January 6, 2025. The league will bowl a 34 week split season - 17 weeks in each half, the last week being May 5, 2026. Monies will be distributed the following week ( Tuesday May 12th, 2026). All outstanding balances should be collected by Tuesday April 28th, 2026.
  - a. **No bowling the 12/23 & 12/30**
2. **Time** - Bowling will start each week with practice at 6:23 and league play starting at 6:30
3. **Sanctioning** - All members of this league **MUST** be sanctioned. All sanctions will be due by the second week of bowling. Anyone who is not sanctioned after the second week of bowling will not be eligible to bowl in this league until said fees are paid. Subs need to be sanctioned the first night they bowl. **SANCTIONS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WILL BE \$27 AND CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO: Morris County NJ USBC**
4. **WEEKLY FEES** - Each bowler will be responsible to pay \$30/ week with 16.50 allocated to lineage and \$13.50 going into the prize fund. There will be a one time franchise fee of \$7/ bowler (\$28/ team) to pay the Treasurers fee.
  - a. **MONEY ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TREASURER BY THE END OF THE FIRST GAME**
    - i. Checks can be used for weekly fees and should be made out to the **TEN ALARM LEAGUE**. Any returned checks shall be subject to the appropriate bank fees and check writing privileges may be suspended by the treasurer. Checks will be deposited within 7 business days of receipt USBC guidelines.
    - ii. Any bowler more than 4 weeks in arrears shall receive a (0) for their scores and subs will not be allowed until said fees are paid.
    - iii. The last two weeks of bowling must be paid by Tuesday April 21st, 2026
    - iv. The league will not allow for payment by check after Tuesday April 14th, 2026
5. **Prize Fund Committee** - Anyone Interested in submitting a prize list for consideration should see the Treasurer by week 4 for all necessary information.
  - a. All lists must be submitted to the Treasurer by week 6 and will be submitted to the league for vote by week 7
  - b. If we do not receive a valid prize list submission by week 6, the Treasurers list will stand by default.

6. **Team Makeup** - 4 person teams with a maximum of 6 bowlers on the roster. New members cannot be added to the roster without the approval of the Board of Directors after week 10. All other substitutes will be considered floating subs.
7. **Legal Lineup** - To constitute a legal lineup, you must have 2 rostered bowlers with the established averages. A permanent vacancy will count towards the legal line-up. If the legal line-up is not met, then the team will forfeit and the 40 Pin Rule will apply.
8. **Handicap** - The league shall use the individual handicap method. Subtract each bowler's average from 240 and take the 90% of the difference pins handicap for that bowler.
  - a. I.E.  $240 - 175 = 65 \times .90 = 58.5$
9. **40 Pin Rule** - Any team bowling a vacant/ forfeit must bowl within 40 pins of their OWN team average **SCRATCH**
10. **Tardy Bowlers** - Tardy bowlers will have to complete the 3rd frame of the first game to make up frames. The bowler must be **PRESENT AND READY TO BOWL** when his/her name comes up to bowl in the 4th frame. If the bowler comes in late after the beginning of the 4th frame, but before the 9th frame, they may bowl as a pacer (scores do not count) for that game only providing the team did not get a sub for that game. After the first game he/she must be **PRESENT AND READY TO BOWL** in the first frame of game 2 and /or 3 in order to be eligible.
11. **Pre/ Post Bowling** - Will be allowed only if a legal line-up CAN NOT be fielded. A team MUST notify a League **Officer** member PRIOR to the scheduled match. NO INDIVIDUAL **PRE/POST BOWLING**. Games **MUST** be made up **BEFORE** the next position night.
12. **Withdrawal From League** - A bowler wishing to withdraw from the league must give 2 weeks notice **IN WRITING TO THE PRESIDENT**. If the fees for those 2 weeks are paid a blind may be used. If not, a vacancy score may be used (see rule #15)
13. **Ball** - Each Bowler is allowed **ONE BALL ONLY** on the return at a time.
14. **Entering Averages** - Bowlers will use one of the following averages
  - a. Ten Alarm highest final average for 2024- 2025 - 21 games or more\*
  - b. Highest verifiable winter average from 2024 - 2025 - 21 games or more\*
  - c. Highest verifiable winter average for 2024 - 2025\*
  - d. Averages will recalculate after 6 games- **for bowlers with established avg.**
  - e. **If none of the above exists the bowler will establish after first 3 games and then recalculate - new bowlers**
15. **Vacancy Score** - The vacancy score is 150 with no 10 Pin deduction
16. **Absentee Score** - The Absentee score will be the bowlers average minus 10 pins
17. **Recap Sheets** - Two recap sheets must be handed into the front desk upon completion of the bowling each night. The house will provide recap sheets and one (1) standing sheet per set of lanes per night.
18. **Subs** - Subs may be used when a regular member is absent as long as the following conditions are met.
  - a. They are sanctioned and in good standing with USBC. All subs must fill out a sanction card before the first night even if they are sanctioned in another

league or their scores will not count. The win/losses will be recalculated based on the remaining legal bowler.

- b. Rule #14 will apply for acceptable averages
- c. Subs may be used on position nights including the last two **of each half** provided they have an established average in THIS league for **9** games or more.

19. **Awards** - To be eligible for the season's individual awards (if on approved prize list) a bowler must be an active bowler at the completion of the season and have bowled at least 2/3rd of the season (70 games)

- a. Individual Awards - Bowlers are only eligible for one monetary award if stated on the prize list from the league. Men & Women are eligible for the MORRIS COUNTY NJ USBC awards if they have bowled at least 2/3rd of the season (70 games)
- b. FORFEITURE OF AWARDS - Any member of the league that is permanently removed from the league and/or leaves without providing proper notice will forfeit all monies and/or awards .
- c. Position Rounds - Position rounds will be determined by points won/loss. In Case of a tie for first place at the completion of each half, there will be a one game handicap roll- off for trophies and monies immediately following on a set of neutral lanes.
- d. The team must use the same team as used on the same day as the roll off.
- e. Position Round Locked If First and last place are locked prior to the last two position rounds, they shall bowl each other.

20. **Sportsman Rule** - League officers shall enforce the sportsmen's rule. Bowlers shall not hit, kick, or punch the ball returns, lockers, monitors or any other equipment belonging to HANOVER LANES. Bowlers shall not throw items (i.e. wrist guards, rosin bags, shoes etc.). Bowler will refrain from EXCESSIVE FOUL LANGUAGE OR GESTURES and in general be courteous to your fellow league members. Punishment for un-sportsman like conduct will range from warning to expulsion from league depending on the severity of the offense

- a. Harassment or bullying of any officers or of league members, will result in immediate expulsion of the league with no refund on monies spent. Your team will forfeit that week to their opponent at time of incident.
  - i. Any member who is found, after review by the League Officers and "The House" {Hanover Lanes}, to have engaged in harassment or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including **immediate removal (expulsion) from the League** based on **USBC Rule 17b (Improper Conduct)**
- b. **ONE LANE COURTESY**

21. **Practice Prior to League Bowling** - There will be no proactive on the league lanes once that have been dressed

22. **Board of Directors** - Team Captains and league officers shall constitute the Board of Directors. There shall be a meeting prior to the season's beginning to review the by-laws. Any other business shall be brought up in the meetings necessary during the season.
23. The current 2025-2026 USBC Playing rules shall govern all rules not covered.

League Officers:

President: Daniel Zieche

Vice President: Anthony Parisi

Treasurer: Michelle Fiore

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER {or State of Emergency} CAPTAINS WILL BE NOTIFIED.**  
Captains will be responsible to tell their teammates of cancellations and Ten Alarm League updates.

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