

## GUTTER DUSTER LEAGUE RULES

2022-23

1. The league will consist of no more than 16 teams, with a playing strength of 4 eligible bowlers. The league will be sanctioned with USBC. League will bowl on Monday's at 7pm, beginning Sept. 12, 2022
2. Weekly fees are \$12.00 per person with \$10.00 to cover the cost of bowling and \$2.00 to go into the league fund. The secretary fee shall be \$7.00 per league session (\$210) and will be paid in two equal payments, with the final payment after final averages have been submitted to the Association Manager. The treasurer will be paid \$100 at the end of the season. Team sponsor fees are \$30 and due within the first 6 weeks of the season. Prize fund must be paid for vacancies. The vacancy score will be 150 for men or women, plus appropriate handicap. At the end of four weeks, full fees must be paid and 20 points will be taken off of vacancy score, handicap will remain same.
3. League fees must be paid weekly, with arrangements being made with a team member if you will be absent. Prize money will be paid to bowlers' current in league fees. Bowlers not current in league fees, will not receive funds until fees are current.
4. Three games will be bowled in each session, with 1 point awarded for each game won. One point will be awarded for total pins for the series.
5. The league will bowl a split season with week 30 as a position round. The team with the most wins at the end of week 15 will bowl the team with the most wins at the end of week 29. Ties at the end of week 15 or 29 will be decided by a game rolled immediately after the league session for said week. Other teams will bowl according to total wins. For example, the team with the most wins not leading in week 14 or 29, will bowl the team closest to them in wins, etc. Tie for League Champion will be decided by 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll off on final week, which will include handicap.
6. Three games are required to establish an average. For the first time of competition, handicaps will be figured at the end of the third game. Thereafter, handicaps will be based on current average. The individual method of handicap will be used, being 90% of the difference between the bowlers' average and 220. In emergent situations, 1 or 2 game averages will be accepted with league Board approval.
7. The absentee score will be the eligible bowlers' current average less 20 pins, with handicap based on bowler's current average.
8. A legal lineup will consist of at least one regular team member, or the game will be forfeited. When a team forfeits, the team present must bowl within 80 pins of their team average to receive points for wins.
9. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided three frames have not been completed. The missed frames may be made up. A frame shall be considered complete when the last bowler on each team has thrown his or her last ball in that frame. These scores will be eligible for league awards. Should a bowler arrive after the third frame is complete and wish to join anyway, the frames missed will be counted as zero and the game will not be eligible for league awards or count toward average.
10. Rules and prize lists must be approved by league membership. Prize committee will submit a list for league approval, within the first 5 weeks of the season.
11. Postponements will be determined by the league committee and proprietor, or designee, prior to 4:30pm, when weather is the factor. These postponements will be announced on KILJ, and team captains will be notified and responsible for telling the remainder of their team. Other postponements will be subject to approval of the league board of directors.
12. Pre-Post bowling will be allowed as available. Post bowler (s) shall not have access to the opposing teams scores until post bowling is completed. Proprietor requires reservations for pre/post bowling. Not allowed on Friday and Saturday nights.
13. The league will be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of league officers and team captains. A majority of directors will be required to transact league business.
14. No new substitutes will be allowed in the last 4 weeks of the season.
15. No pacer bowling will be allowed.
16. Teams bowling against a blind must bowl within 80 pins of their team average to be credited with wins.
17. Distribution of team prize money will be determined by each teams' number of wins. No league money will be used for plaques or trophies.
18. No Bowlers under the age of 18 shall be allowed to bowl.