

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY BOWLING LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

The NCSU Faculty Staff Bowling League shall consist of not more than twelve (12) teams. In the event that more than twelve teams apply, those teams participating the previous year shall have preference; however, efforts to utilize all willing bowlers on existing teams will be made.

RULE 1-SANCTION

The NCSU Faculty Staff Bowling League will be sanctioned with the appropriate national sanctioning body through the local associations. Applications must be filed by the Secretary before the fourth night of bowling. Every bowler is required to become individually sanctioned the first night they bowl. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that each bowler bowling on his/her team is sanctioned, and that sanction fees are collected the first night that a new league bowler bowls for the team.

RULE 2-ELIGIBILITY

Bowlers are restricted to faculty, staff, graduate students, employees retirees and alumni on the NCSU campus, their spouses and other family members. Undergraduate students and friends are not eligible except by a vote of the officers and team captains. Each team captain is responsible for ascertaining each bowler's eligibility. Questionable status shall be cleared by the league officers prior to the bowler's participation. Members of the NCSU Faculty/Staff League who leave the university shall retain their membership eligibility in the league (May 1992).

RULE 3-MANAGEMENT

The management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors (Board), which shall consist of the officers and team captains. The league members shall elect a President, a Vice- President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer for the following season, at the end of the current season. Any officer who resigns shall be replaced by a vote of the team captains.

It is the responsibility of the team captain (1) to collect all monetary fees each night due from team members and give it to the Treasurer early during the first game, (2) to verify the team roster and sanctioning of individual bowlers, and to notify the Secretary in advance of changes in team roster, such as removing a bowler or place a roving substitute on the team roster, and (3) to completely fill out the report sheets, verify the accuracy of the scores as attested to by their signature, and to give the white copy of the report to the Secretary each night upon completion of the match.

RULE 4-NEW LEAGUE RULES

The Board shall adopt new league rules by two-thirds (2 / 3) majority vote. A present rule may be broken, and individual exceptions approved with unanimous approval of the Board. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum. One week's notice must be given the Board before voting can proceed on a rule change. Exceptions can be voted at any time.

RULE 5-SALARY

The Secretary's salary shall be \$1.20 per team per night (\$0.30 per bowler) and the Treasurer's salary shall be \$0.60 per team per night (\$0.15 per bowler) (May 1992). Salaries shall be paid at the completion of the season unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors. Full payment shall not be authorized for the Secretary until the Secretary has submitted final individual averages to the local association. Full payment shall not be authorized for the Treasurer until the end of the schedule after the Treasurer has dispersed all appropriated funds.

RULE 6-LEAGUE FUNDS

Either a savings account or a checking account shall be opened in the name of the league in a local bank, in which funds will be deposited weekly. The bank and nature of the account shall be at the discretion of the Treasurer. Any withdrawals from the league account shall require the signatures of two league officers. The president shall verify the account monthly.

\$5000 was donated to the league by John Querry through his will. The Treasurer shall deposit the \$5000 in an interest bearing account; the nature of the account is at the discretion of the Treasurer. The \$5000

principal is to remain in a league account until the league disbands, and then donated to various organizations at the league's discretion. Yearly interest earned on the account is to be used each year to supplement the prize fund. It is not to be used for paying sanctioning fees or for weekly bowling fees that are the responsibility of each individual bowler.

RULE 7-PRIZES

The Board of Directors shall draw up a prize list for the league. A bowler must bowl in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the regular season games to be eligible for an individual award. The Query Award will go to the most improved bowler based on his/her improvement in average as compared to the previous season. A grace of one game will be allowed bowlers in the High individual Averages figures.

A special weekly prize of \$3.00 will be awarded to the bowler with the High Handicap Game for the previous week's bowling. It can be won only once per semester (May 1998) by a bowler. No individual may win more than one individual award, except for the Sportsmanship Award and the Most Improved Average Award.

A team must be fully paid by the third week before the end of the season in order for any team members to be eligible for individual awards. (August 2006)

A John Query night will be designated each spring. A ham per team/match will be awarded from interest funds earned from the Query account (May 92).

RULE 8-HANDICAP

The individual handicap shall be 90% of the difference between an individual's average and 200 scratch. There shall be no limit to a bowler's handicap, in accordance with WIBC rules. The team handicap for each scheduled match shall be the total of the individual handicaps for the players in the line-ups. There shall be no limit to a team's handicap.

All bowlers will establish an average by bowling three (3) consecutive games in one three (3) game series. After a member has bowled three (3) consecutive games in one match, they will use the average established in the current season computed after each match.

RULE 9-POSTPONEMENTS

Postponements must be arranged with both team captains and the league Secretary or President at least 24 hours prior to the regularly scheduled time. The two teams should make up their match at the same time if possible, within one week of the postponement. The team requesting the postponement may bowl at any convenient time, provided that a league officer is present, and that the games will count only if the score sheets are given to the secretary at least 48 hours before the next scheduled night. The other team may bowl at the regularly scheduled time. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Board of Directors.

RULE 10-VACANCIES, BLIND (ABSENTEE) SCORES and TARDY PLAYERS

Bowlers will be allowed to enter a game until the end of the fourth frame. No bowlers will be allowed to bowl except at the team's scheduled time.

Vacancy scores are 120 (handicap 72). Vacancy scores are used only until teams have a roster of four bowlers that have established an average (3 game series).

A blind (absentee) score will be computed for an absent bowler by subtracting ten (10) pins from the average of the player (from among those absent) with the greatest number of games bowled this season. In the event of a tie for the greatest number of games, the highest average will be used. In addition, the handicap of the absent player will be used to determine the team handicap.

RULE 11-FORFEITS

A team must have a legal lineup of TWO (2) bowlers present by the end of the fourth frame for a game. A legal lineup consists of a minimum of two bowlers, one regular team member plus one other member sanctioned by the league. If a team does not have two (2) bowlers present, they must forfeit the game and lose one point. However, the opponents must bowl their games and to earn a point, they must bowl within forty (40) pins of their team average for each game. Team average is a total of averages of the four bowlers competing that night. The bowlers will have use of their lanes until all other matches have completed.

RULE 12-TEAM ROSTER AND SUBSTITUTES

A team roster consists of a maximum of four (4) bowlers with no requirements as to the number of male or female bowlers. All other bowlers are roving league substitutes. No NEW bowlers will be eligible to bowl the last three (3) regular nights of each half or in the championship, unless a hardship case is approved by the Board (Aug 96). A team having difficulty obtaining four bowlers can bowl with less than four bowlers with vacancies (120 score) completing the roster (Aug 95).

RULE 13-SCHEDULE

The league season consists of between twenty-eight (28) and thirty-two (32) weeks divided into two equal halves. Each half will follow the academic calendar of NCSU. The schedule consists of round robin matches and position rounds as needed as determined by an ABC schedule.

The league shall determine standings on a point basis with one point awarded for each game and one point awarded for total pinfall. Teams with the higher scratch total pinfall will be listed for the highest place in the standings in the event of a tie in total points occurring during the half. The first and second half champions will be determined by standing in the league at the end of each half. (Aug 2002)

The league shall not bowl on Thursday nights when NCSU has a home football game. (Aug 2001)

RULE 14-PLAYOFFS

The champion of the first half will bowl the champion of the second half during championship playoff night (week 29). The winner of the match will be the league champion with the loser claiming second place awards. The second place team of the first half will bowl the second place team of the second half during championship playoff night. The winner of the match will claim third place awards. If the same two teams place first and second in each half, then the third place teams of each half will bowl during championship night with the winner of the match claiming third place awards.

If two teams are tied for a playoff spot after the last night of each half, the winner shall be determined by a one game roll-off on the last night (Aug 96/Aug 2002). A roll-off to resolve third place for the second half shall not be required if it is evident that the third place team could not compete for third place for the season. Total pins in the series of three games shall determine the winners of any play-off match.

Championship match will be bowled on the center pair of lanes in the set of lanes used by the league. Third place match will be bowled on the lanes to the right of the championship match. (May 1999)

RULE 15-BOWLING FEES

The Board of Directors will set the total fees during the first week of bowling each year. These fees will include cost of bowling, Secretary's salary, Treasurer's salary, and prize money. Each team must guarantee the total fees each week. For teams postponing a match, all money will be paid to the league Treasurer at the next regularly scheduled night.

ALL MATTERS NOT COVERED IN THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABC AND WIBC RULES.

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