

No Brainers Fall League Rules  
2023-2024 Season

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1. **Board of Directors** – Consists of officers and team captains. One shall be a man and one shall be a woman.
2. **Sanction and Team Format** – The league will be sanctioned by the Capital Area USBC Association (CAUSBCA).

Teams will consist of 4 members, not having any ratio (male/female). Teams can be all males, all women, or a mix of both men and women. A 5<sup>th</sup> member is allowed on a roster as a sub. That 5<sup>th</sup> member cannot sub for any other team in the league.

Men can sub for women and women can sub for men.

The League will consist of 16-17 teams.

Bowlers will use their averages from the last bowling season (No Brainers League) for the first 9 games bowled. If bowlers didn't bowl in the No Brainers League last season but bowled in another league, they will use their highest yearbook average from the 2023-2024 season based on 21 games. New bowlers will establish averages after bowling 3 consecutive games.

Handicap is 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 220. The team handicap for each scheduled match will be the total of the individual handicaps for the players in the lineup.

Scoring - 2 points per game, 1 point for total pins = 7 points total

### 3. League Timeline and Fees -

The League will bowl 34 weeks starting on August 28, 2024. Practice starts at 6:15 PM and League play begins at 6:30 PM.

The League will bowl a total of 34 weeks, ending on May 7, 2024. The first roll off will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> week of bowling, January 8, 2024. No subs will be allowed to bowl during roll off position rounds. (Only bowlers on your roster can bowl during roll off or positions rounds)

The first position round will be on January 8, 2024

The second position round will be on May 7, 2024  
Roll off tournament and team tournament will be on May 7, 2024

Prizes will be distributed after bowling on the night of the Roll Off Tournament – May 7, 2024

The League will **NOT** bowl on **November 28, 2024**, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The League will **NOT** be bowling on December 25, 2024, or January 1, 2025, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

**Sanction Fee is \$25 and is due on the first night of bowling.**

All checks should be made out to the Capital Area USBC Association (CAUSBCA)  
You can also pay your Sanction Fee online at bowl.com

**Weekly dues will be \$18.00** – Checks should be made out to the **League Name “No Brainers”** NOTE: Please make payments in increments of \$18.00. If you need change, please go to the front desk they will be more than happy to assist you.

Lineage:	\$14.00
Sec/Treas:	.30
Prize Fund:	<u>3.70</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>

**The last 2 weeks of bowling must be paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> week of bowling!**

All vacant spots must be paid by all teams however they chose to handle payment. Only the prize fund/Sec-Treas. **Fee of \$4** must be paid for vacant spots, the lineage is only paid when the vacant position has been filled. Teams can either collectively pay the \$4/week or have the new team member pay when the vacant spot is filled.

Games are forfeited by any team who is more than 2 weeks behind in payments.

The Secretary/Treasurer will be paid at the completion of the League Schedule.

4. **League Funds** - An account will be opened in the name of the League (No Brainers) using in house banking. Deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt.
5. **Prize Fund** – The League President shall appoint a committee to draw up a prize list which must be approved by the League membership within 5 weeks after the start of the schedule. Special individual high series and game prizes shall be awarded in handicap and scratch categories. However, no one individual may qualify for an award in both handicap and scratch categories. If a member qualifies for awards in both categories, they shall receive the prize of greater value. If a member wins the award for high average, they are not eligible for other awards. Individual and team awards will be determined in the following order: Scratch Game, Scratch Series, Handicap Game, Handicap Series.

## 6. Legal Lineups

A minimum legal line up must include at least 2 members from the team's current lineup. They must be present by the start of the completion of the first frame of the first game. A frame will be completed when all bowlers that are present have made their last deliveries in the frame.

When a team has an incomplete roster, a vacancy score of 120 will be used and handicap is calculated from the 120. After 4 weeks (on week 5) of bowling with a vacancy, the score will decrease to 110 but handicap will still be based on a score of 120. Team captains should write the

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 3 frames by the opposing team or 15 minutes have not been completed whichever comes first. Missed frames may be made up. Pacing is not allowed.

Absentee scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup but less than a full roster at the start of any game in a series. The absentee (blind) score will be the bowler's score minus 10 pins.

When a team is bowling in a known forfeit situation, the team must bowl their average less than 15 pins per player (60 total) to earn points in a forfeiture. Points not won for failure to do so will not be credited to either team.

## 7. Bowling Unopposed and Pre-Bowling

A committee will be appointed to determine what is sufficient for the team cause for a postponement. In the even of an emergency, the captain of the team unable to attend should notify the opposing teams captain and the secretary or president at the earliest opportunity. All requests for postponements will be filed with the board except those caused by emergencies.

Bowling unopposed will not be allowed. No individual can bowl and add scores to a team's score. All postponed games will be made up before the next scheduled match. No subs will be allowed for a team that is pre-bowling or post bowling.

**NOTE:** Inclement weather – If the bowling center is open then there will be league bowling, however, use your own discretion when making the decision to drive to the lanes. League officers will determine if the league will be bowling and will notify the bowling center no later than 3:00 PM on the day of league. If the league cancels due to weather, then the league end date will be pushed out an additional week.

## 8. Money Envelopes

Team captains are responsible for their team's envelope. Team captains should update the envelope with weekly payments and weekly totals before returning the envelopes to the Treasurer. All envelopes should be turned into the treasurer no later than the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the first game.

**Note:** Only fill in dollars paid for the week we are bowling! If you are prepaying for additional weeks, the dollar amount should show in the week that you physically paid the money, not the future weeks you are paying.

**9. Position Round, Playoffs**

Points in a series of 3 games will determine the winner of any playoffs for the first place. If there is a tie for the first place in either half after the position round is completed, then the team with the highest total pins with handicap in that half will be declared the winner of that half. All other position ties will split prize money.

10. **Good Standings** – No practice is allowed on your scheduled lanes one hour prior to your scheduled match.

11. **USBC Rules** – Any rules not covered in the League rules will be governed by the USBC Rule Book.