

2019-2020 THURSDAY 4'S FALL/WINTER LEAGUE RULES

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1. Thursday 4's Fall/Winter League will bowl every Thursday for 34 weeks starting on September 5, 2019 at 6:50pm for practice and for score at 7:00pm and ending on May 7, 2020. There will be no bowling on Thursday, November 28, 2019 in observance of Thanksgiving and no bowling on Thursday, December 26, 2019 in observance of Christmas. We will be bowling on Thursday, January 2, 2020.
2. The league will be sanctioned by USBC. Sanction fees are due the first night of bowling. Ladies and men are \$21.00 each.
3. Weekly fees shall be \$20.00 per bowler with monies divided as follows: \$11.00 Lineage; \$8.50 Prize Fund and \$.50 Secretary dues. The last two (2) weeks fees are due prior to week 32 when checks are no longer accepted.
4. The league shall use 100% of teams difference. (THE LEAGUE IS USING THE 10 PIN DROP PIN RULE. THIS MEANS THAT YOUR AVERAGE CANNOT DROP MORE THAN 10 PINS FROM YOUR ENTERING AVERAGE)
5. The league shall use the nine (9) point system; two (2) points per game and three (3) points for total series.
6. The first nine (9) games of bowling averages to be used are as follows:
 - a. Last year's Fall/Winter Thursday 4's ending average of twenty-one (21) games or more
 - b. 2018-2019 highest verifiable USBC average of twenty-one (21) games or more
 - c. Establish an average with the first three (3) games bowled
 - d. All averages will adjust after nine (9) games
7. Vacancy score shall be 150 with no handicap. The team is responsible for payment of \$9.00 per week until the vacancy is filled.
8. When a regular roster member is absent, the team shall use their average minus ten (10) pins per game. If two (2) members are absent and a sub

is used the absent score of the bowler with the most games is used. If a roster member is not present on the first night of bowling a vacancy score of 150 shall be used until he/she is actively bowling.

9. Two (2) roster members must be present to avoid a forfeit. Delay of game is not permitted.
10. A player who arrives late may be permitted to bowl after a game has started: player will receive 1/10 of his absence score for each frame not bowled (rule 109c).
11. Substitutes are not permitted to bowl on position rounds or any playoffs. (NEW MEMBERS TO THE TEAM ROSTER MUST BE ADDED TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY POSITION ROUND)
12. In case of a forfeit or uneven number of teams, the team present must bowl forty (40) pins within their teams' average per game to win points. Forfeiting teams will receive no points. (rule 110c)
13. Unopposed bowling is allowed. Teams wishing to pre or post bowl must notify the secretary (in writing if possible) and the opposing team. The secretary will schedule a time with the bowling center. All makeup games must be completed prior to the next scheduled night of league bowling, with recap and printout sheets turned in the bowling center. Pre or Post bowling scores will be posted.
14. Each team shall elect a team captain who is responsible for recording all payments made per week per bowler on the top portion of the pay envelope on the line of the team members name. Pay envelopes are to be turned into the Secretary by the end of the first game. Team captains are also responsible for obtaining sanction cards for all roster and substitute players which are to also be turned into the Secretary.
 - a. If a team is in the arrears for two (2) weeks (\$160.00), the team points will be forfeited.
15. Resigning bowlers must give two (2) week's notice in writing to the secretary or president of the league and are responsible for those two (2) weeks of fees and any past due fees.
16. The league shall bowl a split season of seventeen (17) weeks each with two (2) divisions randomly picked. Position round weeks shall be October 24th; January 2nd; January 9th; March 5th; April 30th and May 7th.

17. On the final night of each half bowling lockout rule will apply; the first-place team will have to bowl the next team that cannot move up or down. If all teams can move the 1st place team will bowl the last place team. First place ties will be broken with a one (1) game roll off on that night.
18. An estimated prize fund will be issued by week four (4) and must be voted on and approved by the majority of the league members.
19. All league funds shall be banked with Greenacres Bowling Center. Checks shall be made payable to Greenacres Bowl. Any returned checks will be charged a \$25.00 NSF fee and no further checks will be permitted.
20. League Play Off and Pay Out will be Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00pm (the end of season playoff will use the following rules: Winners from each half, each division will qualify for the playoff (four (4) teams). Play Off handicap will be 100% of the team's difference from the highest team average in the Play Off. All teams will bowl one (1) game. The top two (2) teams with handicap will bowl one head to head game to decide 1st and 2nd place teams. The bottom two (2) teams with handicap will bowl one head to head game to determine 3rd and 4th place teams. Bowling will be across four (4) pair of lanes so that no team has an advantage in the 2nd round. There will be no practice for the 2nd round. In the event a team wins both halves of their division the team with the most overall points for the entire season will receive 4th place money and not be entered in the Play Off. If there is more than one (1) team tied for the most overall points then they will split the prize fund money. This will leave only three (3) teams in the Play Off. If this is the case each team will bowl unopposed on their own pair. The top two (2) teams with handicap will bowl the 2nd round head to head on a new pair for the final match. Lowest team after the 1st round will receive 3rd place prize fund money).
21. All rules not stated above will follow those in the USBC Rule Book 2019-2020.