

# THURSDAY 4'S FALL/WINTER 2025-2026 RULES

## LEAGUES OFFICERS:

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The Thursday 4's League will bowl every Thursday at 7:00 PM (with practice at 6:50 PM) for 32 weeks starting on September 4, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026. There will be no bowling on the following Thursdays:

**Nov 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving)      Dec 25, 2025 (Christmas)      Jan 1, 2026 (New Year's Day)**

1. Teams will consist of four members. Team may be made of any configuration. The only restriction is that each bowler must be at least 18 years old. Rosters will be no more than 6 bowlers. All members on a team roster can only bowl for the team which they are a member of. No member may substitute for another team on the league. A roster member can only transfer to another team under extenuating circumstances (i.e. partial team dissolution) and approval of the board of directors. Violators of this rule would be considered ineligible bowlers and therefore receive a zero for every frame bowled.
2. The league will be sanctioned by USBC. Sanction fees are due the first night of bowling. \$27 for all bowlers. Weekly fees shall be \$ 25, with the monies divided as follows: \$ 14.00 lineage to GAB, \$ 10.00 Prize Fund and \$ 1.00 Sec/Treas. fee. Each team will be responsible for a one-time \$100 team sponsorship fee. 100% of this sponsorship will go directly to the league prize fund.

The last two weeks of each half season are due prior to week 14 (for 1<sup>st</sup> half) and week 30 (for 2<sup>nd</sup> half).

### **CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF EACH HALF**

3. The league shall use 90% of the difference in team averages to determine handicap. For any individual awards, the handicap will be calculated by 90% of 230. **THE LEAGUE IS USING THE 10 PIN DROP RULE. THIS MEANS THAT YOUR AVERAGE CANNOT DROP MORE THAN 10 PINS FROM YOUR ENTERING AVERAGE.**
4. The league shall use the 9-point system: 2 points per game and 3 points for total series.
5. The first 9 games of bowling, averages to be used are as follows:
  - a. Last year's Thursday 4's Fall/Winter ending average of 21 games or more.
  - b. 2024-2025 highest verifiable USBC average of 21 games or more.
  - c. Establish an average with the first 3 games bowled.\*\*\* All averages will adjust after 9 games.
6. Vacancy score shall be 150. **THE TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF \$ 11.00 (PRIZE FUND/SEC FEE) PER WEEK UNTIL THE VACANCY IS FILLED.**
7. When a regular roster member is absent, the team shall use their average minus 10 pins per game. If 2 members are absent and a sub is used, the sub must bowl for the absent bowler with the most games. 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 (the bowler will only owe the fee of \$ 11.00 (prize fund/sec fee)).
8. 2 roster members must be present **AT THE START OF THE FIRST GAME** to avoid a forfeit of points for that night. Delay of game is not permitted.
9. A player who arrives late will be allowed to bowl the missed frames prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> frame. This is determined by the full team to the left and full team to the right that has started their 4<sup>th</sup> frame. **No delay of the game is allowed.**
10. In case of a forfeit or uneven number of teams, the team present must bowl within 40 pins of their team average per game to win points. Forfeiting team receives no points (See rule 109d USBC).
11. Substitutes are not permitted to bowl in any position round or any playoff. **NEW MEMBERS to the team roster MUST BE ADDED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY POSITION ROUND. The bowler must have an established average to bowl in any position round.**
12. Unopposed bowling is allowed. Teams wishing to pre- or post-bowl must notify a league officer (in writing if possible) and the opposing team (when possible). Officer will schedule the time with the center. All makeup games must be completed prior to the next scheduled night of league play, with recap and printout sheets turned in to the center. Pre- and post-bowling will be posted.
  - a. Individual pre bowling is allowed. Post bowling must be done by team (min of 2 roster members as per rule 8)
  - b. All pre or post bowlers will incur a \$5.00 fee, per bowler, at the time of bowling. This will be collected by GAB and cannot be included in the league pay envelopes.
  - c. Pre/post bowling can be booked any day/time (if lanes available); however, Green Acres Bowl will only guarantee oiled lanes on the following days/time: M, W, F @ 7 PM and Sunday after 3.
13. Each team shall elect a team captain who is responsible for recording all payments made each per bowler. Pay envelopes are to be turned in to the Sec/Treas by the **END OF THE FIRST GAME**. Team captain is also responsible for obtaining sanction cards for all roster and substitute players which are to be turned in to the Sec/Treas and keeping payments current for all bowlers on the team.

**IF A TEAM IS IN ARREARS FOR 2 WEEKS (\$200), THE TEAM POINTS WILL BE FORFEITED.**

Unopposed team will need to bowl within 40 pins of their team average to receive points.
14. Resigning bowlers must give 2 weeks WRITTEN notice to a league officer and are responsible for those two weeks of fees, as well as any past due fees.
15. The league shall bowl a split season of 16 weeks each half. Position round weeks are: 8, 15, 16, 24, 31, and 32. The league shall be divided into two equal divisions.
16. On the final night of each half of bowling, the lockout rule will apply. The first-place team will have to bowl the next lowest team in their division that cannot move up or down. If all teams can move, the first-place team will bowl the last place team. First place ties will be broken with a one game roll off on that night.
17. An estimated price fund will be issued by week 4 and must be voted on, by team, and approved by majority of the league teams.
18. All league funds shall be banked with PNC Bank. Checks are made payable to Thursday 4's. Any returned check will be charged a \$25 fee and no future checks will be permitted by that bowler. **THE COST OF THIS BANKING WILL BE \$750 FOR THE SEASON AND WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE PRIZE FUND.** This equates to approx.. 1%
19. All rules not stated above will follow those in the USBC Rule Book 2025-2026.