

THURSDAY 4'S SUMMER 2026 RULES

LEAGUES OFFICERS:

Pres: Sandy Kemp (561-779-4774)

VP: Joe Schoneman (561-602-0705)

Sec/Treas: Fawn Thiery (561-723-4999)

Sgt of Arms: Joe Beans (954-329-6333)

The Thursday 4's League will bowl every Thursday at 7:00 PM (with practice at 6:50 PM) for 15 weeks starting on May 14, 2026, and ending August 20, 2026.

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. **Members 5 and 6 are permanent subs for YOUR TEAM and may not sub on any other team.**
2. The league will be sanctioned by USBC. Sanction fees are due the first night of bowling. Summer sanction fees are \$10 (this can only be used for Green Acres Thursday 4's. If you plan on bowling at another house the fee is \$27).
3. 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. The last two weeks are due prior to week 13.

CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER WEEK 13

4. The league shall use individual handicap which will be calculated using 90% of the difference 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.**
5. The league shall use the 9-point system: 2 points per game and 3 points for total series.
6. The first **3** games of bowling, averages to be used are as follows:
 - a. Last year's Thursday 4's summer ending average of 21 games or more.
 - b. 2025-2026 highest verifiable USBC average of 21 games or more.
 - c. Establish an average with the first 3 games bowled.

*** All averages will adjust after 3 games.
7. Vacancy score shall be 150 with handicap as stated in rule 4. **The team is responsible for payment of \$ 11.00 (prize fund/sec fee) per week until the vacancy is filled.**
8. 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 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 (**the bowler will only owe the fee of \$ 11.00 (prize fund/sec fee).**)
9. Eash team must have a legal lineup present AT THE START OF THE FIRST GAME to avoid a forfeit of all points for the night. Delay of game is not permitted. A legal lineup for summer league consists of 2 bowlers (one MUST be a roster bowler and the second can be either a roster member or a substitute).
10. A player who arrives late may be permitted to bowl after a game has started: Player will receive 1/10 of his/her absent score per frame not bowled (rule 109c). Please see front desk for assistance in scoring.
11. During league practice, each bowler shall throw one ball and then return to the back of the line and allow the next bowler to practice. Do not reset pins in between practice throws.
12. 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 110c USBC).
13. Substitutes are not permitted to bowl in any position round or any playoff. A bowler MUST have an established average in order to bowl on any position night (including championship games). **NEW MEMBERS to the team roster MUST BE ADDED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY POSITION ROUND.**
14. Unopposed bowling is allowed. Teams wishing to pre- or post-bowl must notify a league officer (preferably sec/treas Fawn Thiery) in writing (if possible) and the opposing team will be notified (if 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. We also ask that you text a screenshot to sec/treas Fawn Thiery. Pre- and post-bowling will be posted.
 - a. Individual pre bowling is allowed. Post bowling must be done by team (min of 2 bowlers as per rule 9)
 - b. All pre or post bowlers will incur a \$5.00 fee, per bowler, at the time of the make-up session. This will be collected by GAB and cannot be included in the league pay envelopes.
 - c. **Green Acres Bowl will ONLY offer pre/post bowling M, @ 7 PM or Sunday after 1PM. IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE (THE LANES WILL ONLY BE OILED AT THESE TIMES).**
15. Each team shall elect a team captain who is responsible for recording all payments of \$ 25.00 per week 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. **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.
16. 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.
17. Position rounds are week 7 and 15.
18. On the final night of bowling, the 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 first-place team will bowl the last place team. First place ties will be broken with a one game roll off on the last night of bowling (August 20, 2026).
19. An estimated prize fund will be issued by week 4 and must be voted on, by team, and approved by majority of the league.
20. All league funds shall be banked with the Secretary/Treasurer at PNC Bank. Checks are made payable to Thursday 4's. Any returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee and no future checks will be permitted by that bowler. **THE COST OF THIS BANKING WILL BE \$350 FOR THE SUMMER SEASON AND WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE PRIZE FUND. This equates to less than 2%, as opposed to the 5% that GAB is now charging for in-house banking.**
21. All rules not stated above will follow those in the USBC Rule Book 2025-2026.