

**BOND & BOTES SCRATCH CLASSIC  
SUMMER 2021 RULES**

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This league shall be comprised of 20 or more teams with 3 bowlers on each team. The league will begin on May 27, 2021 with practice beginning at 7:00pm. The league will bowl for 12 weeks with a position round on August 12, 2021.

The play-off will be held the following (13<sup>th</sup>) week on August 19, 2021.

This league will be sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). All USBC rules will prevail along with the following adopted rules:

**Board of Directors:** All team captains and league officers shall make up the Board of Directors.

**Team Captain Responsibilities:** Each team captain will be responsible for collecting the bowling fees from each member of their team each week. **The envelope must be returned to the secretary/treasurer by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> game.**

**Bowling Fees:** Bowling fees shall be \$22.00 per bowler per night. The breakdown of fees is as follows:

Lineage:	\$12.50
Prize Fund:	\$ 9.00
<u>Sec/Treas Fee</u>	<u>\$ .50</u>
Total	\$22.00

All bowlers must pay the last 2 weeks of bowling fees by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of bowling (June 17, 2021).

**No individual may be more than \$40.00 in arrears at any time. If a bowler that is currently in arrears bowls and league dues are not paid to make that bowler current, a score of "0" will be used for all games for that bowler. A sub may bowl for an absent bowler that is in arrears, but the absent bowler MUST pay all dues owed through the current week when he/she returns; this includes the last 2 weeks. If not paid, the sub will receive a score of "0" for any games bowled for that bowler while they were in arrears. The bowler on the opposing team that is matched up against the bowler in arrears must bowl within 10 of their current average to win the match point.**

All returned checks will incur a \$15.00 service charge. Should a league member have a returned check, they will not be able to write checks to the league and shall pay cash for the balance of the season. Payment by credit card can be made at the front desk.

**Please make all checks payable to: Vestavia Bowl.**

**League Sponsor:**

**Bond & Botes** has graciously offered to donate \$1,500.00 to the Prize Fund for this league. Thanks Brad!!

**Team Formation:**

This league will follow the draft method for team member selection. The minimum entering average will be 175. Bowlers who do NOT go through the draft and would like to put a team into the Scratch League: **The maximum team entering average is 594.** (This is based on the team average of all teams that participated in the draft.) All new bowlers MUST have averages approved by the average committee.

Team captains for the season will be determined using the following rotation: High Averages, Low Averages, Middle Averages. This season we will use the High Averages.

**Average Committee:**

The Average Committee will consist of the following members:  
Chairman: Paul Ealy

Members: Brad Martin, Marquez Gowdy, Keith Nance, Keith Bowman

**Rosters:**

Team rosters will be limited to 3 members.

**Averages:**

All bowlers will bowl scratch and use their entering average for the first 9 games.

**Entering Averages:**

1. Highest Vestavia Bowl average (2020-2021 season, 54+ games).
2. Highest GBUSBC average (2020-2021 season, 54+ games).
3. No Average – one will be determined for you.
4. All bowlers are subject to re-rating by the average committee for league draft purposes.

A committee of 5 people, appointed by the president, will set averages for bowlers who do not have a current Vestavia Bowl average. The committee will also establish entering averages for all bowlers not on the initial player roster and will resolve any disputes regarding averages. Resolution requires concurrence by at least 3 members of the committee. If less than 5 committee members are present, concurrence by at least 2 members is required.

**Substitutes & Floating Max:**

All subs must meet with the average committee PRIOR to bowling their first time bowling for average verification.

Substitutes cannot average more than 10 pins higher than the entering average of the bowler they are subbing for.

In order to bowl in a position round and/or roll-off, a sub must have a minimum of 9 games in the league.

The Floating Max for this league will be the highest total team average for each week. Any team using a sub, besides following the sub rule, must not exceed that week's floating max.

**Legal Line-Up & Forfeits:** There must be at least 1 team member present by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> frame to constitute a legal line-up. If not present, the team must forfeit the game. If a team forfeits, the opposing team must bowl within 30 pins of their team average to win the game and within 90 pins to win team series. Each bowler must also bowl within 10 pins of their average in order to win his/her individual point. The team that is ranked higher in the standings will put their line-up first.

**Team Line-Up:** Bowler line-up each week will use the bowlers entering average, as well as the following to determine each bowler's position: Middle Average 1<sup>st</sup>, Low Average 2<sup>nd</sup>, High Average 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Tardy Bowlers:** Tardy bowlers may catch up provided they arrive by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> frame. Both lanes must be used while a tardy bowler is catching up.

**Absentee Score:** A team with absent members will use the absentee score. The absentee score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins.

**Vacancy Score:** When a team is not complete. (less than 3 regular members), a vacancy scores shall be used. The vacancy score shall be whatever score is necessary to bring the team within 15 pins of the opponent's team average. The vacancy score is calculated as follows:

Example:	Team #1	Team #2	Team #2 Subtotal	590
	185	185	Team #2 Subtotal	<u>-390</u>
	206	215		200
	<u>Vacancy</u>	<u>190</u>		<u>- 15</u>
	390	590		185

The vacancy score for Team #1 shall be 185 and a team total of 575. This puts Team #1 within 15 pins of Team #2's average total of 590. Team members are still required to pay the Prize Fund and Secretary Fee should a bowler on their team become vacant. The Vacancy score will also be used for any bowler that has not yet bowled in the league. (Example: If a bowler is absent on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of league, the vacancy score will be used unless a sub is used.

**21 Point Match Play System:** Each team will be awarded 2 points for each game won and 3 points for total pins. Each individual shall receive 1 point for each match won and 1 points for series. Should 2 bowlers be absent, 1 on each team, the absent bowler will be placed in their usual bowling position. The bowler bowling against the absent bowler must BEAT the absent score in order to win the point. If the absent bowlers, one on each team, are matched up against each other, the team winning the game will also win the absent bowler's point.

**Bye System:** When the league has an odd number of teams, the Bye System will be used. The team bowling the Bye will draw a team number and bowl against their scores.

- Postponements:** A match may be postponed if the team captain notifies the league secretary and/or president. Emergency situations will be noted. The emergency situation must be reported to the league secretary.
- Note: As a courtesy, the opposing team captain should be notified to give that team the option of bowling at the same time.
- Pre or Post Bowling:** Pre and Post bowling will be allowed. A printout of the 3 games team series must be obtained from the control desk. It is the team captain's responsibility to request this printout as well as provide a copy to the league secretary. No pre or post bowling shall not be allowed after 6:00pm on Friday or Saturday nights. And it is not recommended to bowl M-F from 10:00am – 5:00pm due to the Summer Specials. ALL POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE POSITION ROUND.
- Prize Committee:** The committee is to draw up at least 2 prize funds and present them to the team captain's by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of bowling. The prize list with the highest approval vote shall be the prize list used for the season.
- Chairman: Alan Darden  
Committee Members: Brian DePew, Darren Freeman
- Prizes & Awards:** Individuals and teams cannot win more than one award (except High Average, Match Play Points, and Most Improved.) Individuals must bowl 2/3 of the scheduled games, 22 games, to be eligible for individual awards and prizes.
- Position Round:** This league shall have 1 position round which will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> week to determine the teams that will be in the play-off.
- Play-Off:** The top 12 teams will make the play-off. If a tie should occur, a 1 game tiebreaker will be used to determine the team making the play-off.
- Play-Off Format:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round: The 12 teams in the play-off will draw for lanes assignments and will bowl 2 games. Teams will switch lanes after the first game. The 4 teams with the highest scratch total will advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round: The 6 teams making the 2<sup>nd</sup> round will draw for lane assignments and bowl 2 games. Teams will switch lanes after the first game. The 2 teams with the highest team total will advance to the Championship Round.
  - Championship: The 2 teams advancing to the Championship will bowl 2 games on the same pair of lanes. The team with the highest total pins will be declared the League Champion.

**NO CELL PHONES OR CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE BOWLER'S CIRCLE AREA!!!!**