

# Ocean State Travel Classic 2011

## League By-Laws

The Ocean State Travel Classic (here after referred to as the league) will consist of teams with a playing strength of three. The league will bowl on **Wednesday** evenings alternating between all participating bowling centers. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 7:10 pm. with **practice beginning at 7:00 pm**. The league will be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through RI USBC B. A.

**Rule 1. MANAGEMENT** The Management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of all team captains, and league officers. League members will elect officers at the end of league meeting and the **board** will adopt or amend league rules. A majority of the board will constitute a quorum. The duly elected officers for the 2011 season are:

President:	Vic Giorgio	Secretary:	Greg Gent
Vice President:	Mike Patrie	Treasurer:	Crystal Hagemoser

**Rule 2. COMPETITION COMMITTEE** The league will appoint a competition committee that will draw up prize funds for the league to vote on by the third week (**May 25, 2011**). The committee will also handle the nominations for the league at the end of the year meeting, serve as disciplinarian committee, and assist in the awards ceremony.

### Rule 3. FEES

**Rule 3a. Sanction Fees** The sanction fee is **(\$18.00)** per bowler and is to be paid to the league secretary by the third week. If a bowler was sanctioned in a league during the fall 2010-2011 season they do not need to pay a sanction fee. All bowlers DO, however, **still need to fill out a sanction application card**.

If after the third week of bowling a bowler has not paid his sanction fee and / or properly filled out the sanction application card he will be considered ineligible.

**Rule 3b. Weekly Bowling Fees** The amount paid by each bowler per week will be **\$25**, due PRIOR to the weekly league session or is considered in arrears.

Lineage fees will be determined by each center. The difference of the weekly fee less the lineage and the weekly secretary and treasurer fees will be added to the prize fund.

**Rule 3c. Secretary & Treasurer Fees** The secretary and treasurer's salary is to be \$0.25 each, per man per week, and paid at the end of the league schedule.

**Rule 3d. Forfeit Fee** The bowling fee to cover the last week of the season will become due by the 4<sup>th</sup> week (**6/1/2011**).

**Rule 4. LEAGUE FUNDS** A bank account is to be open in the name of the league into which funds will be deposited weekly. The president will verify the balance each month (see USBC rule #102c).

**Rule 5. ENTERING AVERAGES** All bowlers, including substitutes, will use firstly last year's OSTC average **OR** secondly their highest USBC sanctioned book average (2009-2010) verifiable on bowl.com. Bowlers having neither of the above averages, based on 21 games or more, will establish their average using the first week's league session scores (both matches). All bowlers entering averages will be **held and used for the first 8 games**, after which the current running average for those 8 games will be used. If the eighth game happens to occur in the middle of a weekly bowling session the average will be adjusted after that session is complete (average will remain unchanged during a given session). Composite averages will not be used. The league reserves the right to re-rate any bowler.

**Rule 5a. 10 Pin Drop Rule** A 10 pin average drop rule will be instituted. The entering average by which handicap is calculated may not drop more than 10 pins over the course of the league. There is no such limitation on how much a bowler's average may increase (except the obvious limitation).

**Rule 6. HANDICAP** The handicap basis will be 80% of the difference between the bowler's average and 240 (minimum of 0...no negative handicap). The team handicap will be the sum of the three individual's handicaps.

**Rule 7. TEAM ROSTER** Team captains will submit a roster with first, middle, and last name of each bowler along with their address and telephone number. This must be done on the first night of bowling. The roster shall be made up of three (**3**) bowlers of record responsible for paying the league fees.

**All bowlers, including substitutes, must be USBC sanctioned.**

**Rule 7a. Roster Changes** Any changes to the roster will be **reported to the league secretary BEFORE** bowling (this includes the use of a substitute bowler).

**Rule 7b. Substitute or Spare Bowlers** Teams may elect to specify roster substitutes (up to 2) OR use floating substitutes. The bowling fee is to be paid by the bowler for whom the substitution is made. Substitute bowlers must be USBC sanctioned **prior** to bowling (or sanction fees paid that night). Substitutes may be used at any time during the season. **Substitutes may NOT be used for a bowler who is ineligible (see rule 7d).**

**Rule 7c. Legal Lineup** One (1) bowler shall constitute a legal lineup.

#### Rule 7d. Ineligible Bowlers

i. A bowler who is not USBC sanctioned, per **Rule 3a** above, will be considered ineligible.

- ii. A bowler who is more than 2 weeks in arrears (**see attached illustration**) will be considered ineligible until their fees are paid up to date (to within 2 weeks in arrears). A waiver to this rule may be obtained upon appeal to the Board of Directors in the event of special or extenuating circumstances. Excepting "emergency" situations this waiver must be applied for BEFORE the bowler is more than 2 weeks in arrears.

Bowling while ineligible will result in a score of 0 (zero) for any game which the ineligible bowler bowled.

**IMPORTANT!!!** -- It is the individual bowler's responsibility, and by extension his/her team captain's responsibility, to verify his/her eligibility.

**Rule 7e. Blind Scores** The blind score shall be the average of the absent bowler less 10 pins penalty. This score shall be marked on the score sheet and each game shall be circled to show that it is a blind score. The games shall count toward the win or loss of the team but does not count toward the bowler's average. Your permanent bowler with the most games bowled will be used as the blind score when more than one is absent and a substitute is used.

**Rule 7f. Forfeits** When a team cannot field a legal lineup they will be credited with a loss of all points. The opposing team will bowl against their team's average less 30 pins per game.

**Rule 7g. Tardy Bowlers** A tardy bowler may enter the **first** game any time prior to the first man bowling in the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) frame. You will be allowed to catch up to the rest of the bowlers (alternating lanes), however if you arrive after the start of the fifth frame a blind score will be used for that game. Tardy bowlers may only enter games 2, 3, or 4 at the start of the game. Tardy bowlers are not allowed practice prior to catching up on the assigned lanes.

**Rule 7h. Vacancies** If required, a vacancy score shall be 175 using an average of 175.

**Rule 7i. Bye Team** If required, a BYE team will be used in standard team schedule rotation. A team must bowl within 30 pins of their team average to win the game point against the BYE team. A tie against the BYE team counts as a win.

**Rule 7j. Pacers** There will be no pacers allowed.

**Rule 8. SCHEDULE** The schedule shall be for **15 weeks** of bowling from **May 11, 2011** through **August 17, 2011**, bowling at each participating bowling center; rotating weekly. The participating centers and rotation will be **AMF Cranston Bowl, Old Mountain Lanes, Walnut Hill Bowl, Kingstown Bowl, and East Providence Lanes**. Adjustments to the schedule may be made if the league's board of directors deems it necessary or by request of a bowling center.

At the end of the schedule (on the last night of bowling) awards are given in accordance with team position.

**Rule 9. POSITION STANDINGS** Standings shall be determined based upon total points won. A match will consist of two games; 2 points being granted for each game won and 1 point for the two-game total pin-fall. (In the event of a tie 1 point will be awarded to each team for a game tie and 1/2 point for a total pins tie.)

Two matches will be played each league session.

**Rule 9a. Roll Off** In the event of a tie for first place a complete two (2) game match roll off in accordance with USBC rules will be held to determine the champion. Scores in a roll off are not eligible for season prizes, merit awards, or average computations for either the team or the individual.

**Rule 10. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION** Prize money shall be distributed in accordance with the league approved prize fund on the last week of bowling.

**Rule 10a. Individual Prizes** Bowlers are eligible for individual prizes once they have bowled at least 3/4 of the league schedule (48 games). High average will be considered an individual award. Most improved bowler will not be a cash award. A bowler may win only one individual, cash award.

**Rule 10b. Team Prizes** A team may also win only one, cash award. Team captains will distribute the prize money on a percentage basis of the amount of games bowled by each team member. Any change to this procedure is left to the discretion of each team.

**Rule 11. PROTESTS** Protests must be filed, in accordance with USBC rule 119 of the USBC rule book, within 15 days of the occurrence. Protests for incidents occurring during a playoff session or within the last two (2) weeks of the league schedule must be filed within 48 hours of the incident.

**Rule 12. CONDUCT** Bowlers and spectators will conduct themselves properly at all times. Abuse of fellow league members, center staff, equipment, or any other person or property will not be tolerated. The league Board of Directors and disciplinarian committee will establish penalties such as warnings, fines, and suspension as they see fit. Each bowling center reserves the right to exclude a person from bowling in their center at any time.

**Rule 13. OMISSIONS** Any rules not explicitly addressed in these by-laws will be governed by the appropriate USBC rule. Any rule interpretations and/or disputes are to be handled by the league's board of directors.