

THURSDAY 4'S FALL/WINTER 2016-2017 RULES
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The Thursday 4's League will bowl every Thursday at 7:00 PM with practice at 6:50 PM for 34 weeks starting on September 1, 2016 and ending on ~~April 27, 2017~~ ^{May 4, 2017}. There will be no bowling on Thursday November 24, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving.

1. Teams will consist of four members, with one being of the opposite gender. Maximum team cap will be 800 (based on entering average of each bowler including subs) .Rosters will be no more than 6 bowlers .
2. The league will be sanctioned by USBC. Sanction fees are due the first night of bowling. Ladies and men \$18.00. If ladies wish to dual sanction breakdown of fees is \$10 National, \$2 State and \$6 Local.
3. Weekly fees shall be \$20 ,with monies divided as follows: \$11 Lineage, \$8.50 Prize Fund and \$.50 Sec/Treas. The last two weeks fees are due prior to week 32 when checks are no longer accepted.
4. The league shall use 90% of team difference , and 90%of 230 if any individual awards are given. 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 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. 2015-2016 highest verifiable USBC average Fall/Winter
 - C. Establish an average with the first 3 games bowled.
 - D. All averages will adjust after 9 games
7. Vacancy score shall be 150 with no handicap. The team is responsible for payment of \$9 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.
9. 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 not on a team roster are not permitted to bowl on positions rounds or any playoffs.
12. In case of a forfeit or uneven number of teams, the team present must bowl 40 pins within their team average per game to win point. Forfeiting teams receive no points.
13. Unopposed bowling is allowed. Teams wishing to pre/post bowl must notify a league officer (in writing if possible) and the opposing team. Officer will schedule 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 into the center. Pre/post score will be posted.
14. Each team shall elect a team captain who is responsible for recording all payments of \$20 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 secretary.
 - a) If a team is in the arrears for 2 weeks (\$160), The team points will be forfeited
15. Resigning bowlers must give 2 weeks written notice to a league officer and are responsible for those two weeks of fees and any past fees.
16. The league shall bowl a split season of 17 weeks each with 2 divisions randomly picked. Position rounds weeks 8,16,17,25,33,and 34 within your division.
17. On the final night of 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 game roll off on that night.
18. An estimated prize fund will be issued by week 4 and must be voted on and approved by the majority of the league body.
 19. All league funds shall be banked with Greenacres Bowling Center. Checks are made payable to Greenacres Bowl. Any returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee and no further checks will be permitted.
 20. League Play Off and Pay Off will be Thursday May 4, 2017 at 7 PM. The end of season playoff will use the following rules: Winners from each half, each division will qualify for the playoff (4 teams). Play off handicap will be 90% of the team difference from the highest team average in the playoff. All teams will bowl 1 game. The top 2 teams with handicap will bowl one head to head game to decide 1st and 2nd. The bottom 2 teams with handicap will bowl one head to head game to determine 3rd and 4th. Bowling will be across 4 pair of lanes so that no team has an advantage in the 2nd round. There will be no practice for the second 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 into the play off. If there is more than one team tied for the most overall points then they will split the prize. This will leave only 3 teams in the playoff. If this is the case each team will bowl unopposed on their own pair. The top 2 teams with handicap will bowl the 2nd round head to head on a new pair for the final match. Lowest team after the first round will receive 3rd place prize.
 21. All rules not stated above will follow those in the USBC Rule Book 2016-2017.

