

Suncoast Scratch League
LEAGUE RULES 2016-2017

1. League will start on September 14th, 2016 and will continue for 36 weeks. Last night of bowling will be May 17th 2017. Starting time will be 7:30pm for practice. League will bowl for score at 7:40p.m. There will be no resets allowed during practice. The league will bowl 2 complete rounds plus 4 weeks into the 3rd round. Six (6) position rounds will be bowled with the last night to be one. Positions rounds starting lane will rotate one pair to the right.
2. A team will be composed of 4 members, any combination of males and/or females.
3. The league will be sanctioned by USBC and sanctions must be paid on the first date of bowling. Men's dues are \$18.00 and ladies dues are \$18.00. The league must be sanctioned within 30 days.
4. League dues are \$27.00 per night: \$11.00 for lineage, .50 cent secretary fee and \$15.50 prize fund. Bowling fee is guaranteed to both the center and the league. Absent bowlers must pay the full amount. Any team more than \$100.00 in arrears in league fee payments is not eligible to bowl including substitutes. Each team is responsible for the total money owed by their team. Bowling fee for that last two weeks will be paid by January 11th 2017. The sponsor fee is \$100.00. The sponsor fee must be paid the 20th week or the team will be fined until the fee is paid in full. Greenacres Bowl will add \$5,000.00 to the prize fund.
5. This is a scratch league.
6. The league will bowl on the point system. Thirty-one (31) points for a team match consisting of four points for each team game, three points for total pin fall of the three games matches, one point for the individual winner of each match. In the event of a tie, half of the potential points is awarded to each team.
7. Maximum team entering average is 860. Any time that a team exceeds the 860 entering average they will forfeit all points for that game. THE TEAM CAPTAIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VERIFICATION OF ALL AVERAGES, INCLUDING SUBSTITUTES!!
8. Individual entering average to be used in the following order- MINIMUM OF 42 GAMES TO CONSTITUTE AN AVERAGE, SUMMER AVERAGES DO NOT COUNT!
 - 2015-16 Suncoast Scratch average of 42 games or more
 - 2015-16 Highest Verdes average of 42 games or more
 - 2015-16 Highest Greenacres Bowl average of 42 games or more
 - 2015-16 Highest yearbook average of 42 games more
 - 2014-15 Suncoast Scratch average of 42 games or more
 - 2014-15 Verdes high book average of 42 games or more
 - 2014-15 Greenacres Bowl high book average of 42 games or more
 - 2014-15 Highest yearbook average of 42 games or more
 - 2013-14 Suncoast Scratch average of 42 games or more
 - 2013-14 Verdes high book average of 42 games or more
 - 2013-14 Greenacres Bowl high book average of 42 games or more
 - 2013-14 Highest book average of 42 games or more

NO SUMMER AVERAGES WILL BE USED. IF NO VERIFIABLE AVERAGE FROM THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS , USE 230.

When figuring the team's average, 185 is the lowest average that will be used.
9. A legal lineup will consist of at least 1 regular and 1 substitute member. If a legal lineup is not possible by the time the opposing anchorman completes the first frame of the first game, the game is declared forfeit.
10. In the event of a forfeit or an uneven number of teams in the league the team bowling unopposed must bowl above the combined total of their four absentee scores to receive team points. Each individual must bowl equal to/above their own absentee score to receive individual points. If team or individual tie, the absentee score they receive one (1) of possible points.
11. Unopposed bowling will be allowed if a team cannot fill a legal lineup of two regular bowlers.
12. Request for postponements will be taken prior to the starting time of bowling. Any league officer may be notified. Postponed games must be made up within two weeks or before the next position round, whichever comes first.
13. A tardy bowler has until the end of the third frame of the first game to catch up. The bowler must be READY to bowl when the anchorman on the opposing team bowls their last ball of the third frame. Tardy bowlers may join the games at anytime using 1/10th of the absentee average for missed frames.

14. Substitution is allowed anytime including the last 3 weeks as long as they have a verifiable average. The league secretary must be notified before any sub can be used. All substitutes and replacements must meet rule #8 and #9. All substitutes and replacements entering average as per rule #8. THE TEAM CAPTAIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VERIFICATION OF ALL AVERAGES, INCLUDING ANY SUBSTITUTES.
15. Vacancy score is the amount needed to arrive at a team average of 850 for the first two weeks and then 210 for the remainder weeks. Not to exceed 230.
16. An absentee score is the bowler's current average of 21 games or more minus 10 pins. If 21 games have not been bowled, the bowlers entering average minus 10 pins is used. Vacancy score must be used after two consecutive absences with a sub. Revised: For 2016/2017 season, the league has decided that a absentee/vacancy score will be 178. Individual pre and/or post bowling will be allowed. Bowler must commit prior to bowling if they are pre/post bowling and notify opposing team or league officer. If bowling commits to pre/post bowling and does not make up the game (according to rule #12), bowl will receive 0 score for games missed.
17. The first night of league play the team on the odd number lane will post their lineup first. After the first night of league play the team in the higher position on the standing sheet will post their lineup first. If they are tied, the team on the odd number lane will post their lineup first. No change may be made in order of players in the lineup during a series once play begins. A substitute must take the replaced bowlers position in the lineup if bowling has started.
18. When a bowler is opposing an absent/vacancy, they must beat the bowler's absentee/vacancy score to win points. In the event of absent and/or vacant members on both teams, they must oppose each other, and the individual match points shall be awarded to the team winning the game. A bowler does not receive credit for any points when absent. If a team loses a bowler due to an injury or emergency and they are bowling against a team with an absent/vacancy the game in progress will continue as is, the games there after the team that lost the bowler has to move their lineup to comply with USBC rule #1001.
19. A bowler withdrawing from the league must give two weeks written notice to the team captain and league secretary, and is responsible for the bowling fee of those two weeks.
20. A tie for the league championship will be decided by a one (1) game roll-off, to be completed immediately after the last night bowling. Total points wins.
21. To be eligible for individual awards a bowler must have completed 2/3rds of the games in the league. No team or individual may receive more than one league award with the exception of high average, or individual point winner.
22. The president of the league will appoint a prize fun committee and an audit committee on the first date of the league schedule. The prize fund will be voted on by the league Board of Directors by the Fifth week. For a prize fund to be voted in, it must receive the MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST. Last place is a minimum of \$1,000.00. First place is a minimum of \$8,000.00.
23. All checks must be made payable to the Suncoast Scratch League. Payment by check is not acceptable the last four weeks of league. No checks are accepted for an amount larger than the amount credited to the participating bowler. No checks will be accepted from any bowler who has previously written a bad check to the league. All charges levied against the league due to a bad check shall be paid by the issuer of the check.
24. Each team captain is responsible for ensuring that the league secretary receives their team envelope and for verifying the amount of money contained in the envelope.
25. The last week of league bowling will be a position round. The lock-out rule will apply. (First place team will bowl the next place in the standings that cannot move up or down.) If there are no teams like this, first place will bowl last place.
26. For rules not covered herein, the league will abide by the rules of the USBC.
27. Un-sportsman like conduct such as abusing the equipment, etc will not be permitted. First (1st) offense is a written warning. Second (2nd) offense is one week suspension and third (3rd) offense the bowler will not be permitted to bowl in the Suncoast Scratch league and subject to USBC card being revoked.
28. One (1) lane courtesy only.

President: Jason Brock

Vice President: Louis Steinhauer

Secretary/Treasurer: April Costa