



## Sportsmanship

1. During the season and playoffs, anything can happen and not all rules can be pre-determined. We will sometimes make rules and decisions on the spot. We ask for your patience with us as we are doing everything we can to ensure that the night runs smoothly, and that everyone has a great experience.
2. Everyone is here to have fun, meet new people, bowl and partake in events. Be respectful and conscious of your actions. As members of FwF Sports we expect fun and inviting games full of sportsmanship and goodwill. Anyone found to be harassing, threatening, or otherwise a detriment to the FwF standard, will be removed from the game immediately, and further discipline will be enacted post-game to the extent of suspensions or league banishment.
3. Any player that is suspended or removed from the league will not receive compensation for games not played. Players may request a review of their status after the season's end forth upcoming seasons. Harassing, threatening, or attitude detrimental to FwF includes, but is not limited to, unnecessary roughness, fighting, verbal confrontations, threatening harm, and excessive arguing causing play stoppage. Commissioners have the discretion to determine if any of the above or other situations might violate FwF standards.

## General Information

- Game ball and shoes provided by the league. You may use your own if you wish.
- Three games each night that last from 45-60 min each, teams can go at their own pace.
- Warm-ups begin at 6:15PM, games begin at 6:30PM. No warm-ups between games once they begin.
- Games last for a full 6 weeks with 3 games each night; playoffs are on week 7.
- Each team must have a minimum of 6 players on their roster. There is no limit to the number of players on one team, it will be up to the discretion of the captains.
- Four bowlers will bowl each game (3 games each night) with at least 1 player being a woman.
- The only gender requirement is 2 women per team and 1 woman is required to bowl each game.
- **ABSENTEE SCORE:** Shall be averaged minus 10 pins plus handicap.  
Vacancy score shall be 120 plus 54 pins handicap. Vacancy score can be used any time during the season that the roster is not filled. Vacancy score only applies to week 1.

- A team can have as many women as it likes or just the minimum required. Any other gender can make up the rest of the team.
- ENTERING AVERAGES: All teams shall bowl for handicap on opening night. An average is determined after the bowler completes their first session of bowling.

## Rules

- As stated, each game must have AT LEAST 1 woman bowl.
- We use a handicap based off a 180 score. Handicaps help even the playing field a bit, since we are a social league. Handicap scores are retroactive and will apply/update after every game. For the first night of league play, nobody will have a handicap score yet. Therefore, it'll be difficult to know who really won until the score sheet is released.  
Determining Handicap:  $180 - \text{Average} = X .90$
- **TARDY PLAYERS:** A bowler who arrives late after the fifth frame may enter the game and bowl beginning with the frame the game is in and receive 1/10 of his handicap for each frame bowled.
- After week 6, handicaps are set and won't change going into playoffs.
- The league provides a stat, standings and score sheet each week. It's very detailed and will be supplied to the team captains after every week. These can also be found at the bowling alley every Thursday. If we receive them in a timely manner, they will also be posted on the website.
- Games can begin and play as long as 1 rostered player from the team is present. The missing players will just have a blind average applied. If a player or players are on their way, you can skip bowler until they arrive. They must arrive before the final frame begins, otherwise their entire score will be omitted and be replaced with a blind average.
- A blind average is a missing player's average score with handicap minus 10 pins. Blind averages can be taken for a missing player when the team doesn't have enough to play a single game (1 woman & 4 players total). To set up a blind average player, please ask the front desk or league commissioner. **When choosing a blind average, you MUST choose the lowest average of the players missing.**
- If no rostered players can show up for a game, then the game is a forfeit, with a 20-minute grace period, the night is considered a forfeit.
- All 4 bowlers' scores, for each game, count for the night.
- Even though you bowl 3 games, you get counted for 4. The 4th game winner is determined after the fact and awarded to the team with the highest total pin count.
- If a pin is knocked down by the pin spotter, the pin will need to be reset and set up for a 2<sup>nd</sup> throw to correct the score.

- If a pin is knocked down by the ball from the gutter, it will be up to the captains to discuss and determine the next steps. You can count it, or you can reset the pin for a corrected throw.
- We alternate lanes between each frame. Please pay attention to the arrows on the screen.
- Try to go to the bar or to smoke in between games so as to not delay the game play.
- **Absent Team:** If bowling against an Absent team, all 4 points will be awarded to the opposing team.

### Substitutes

- Substitute players are NOT allowed at all. Any player who subs will have their entire score for the evening omitted, which will most likely cause the team to lose.

### Scheduling

- The league schedule will be posted 5-7 days prior to the beginning of the season. Once finalized, the playoff schedule will be posted on the FwF Sports website as well as the social media page.
- Teams are responsible for checking the website for updates with scores, standings, and stats. The playoff schedule won't be released until after the final game.

### Playoffs

- Playoffs will consist of a single elimination tournament for all teams. You bowl 1 entire game, and you either advance or are knocked out of the bracket. However, if you do not advance, you can still bowl for fun against other teams that didn't advance either.
- All regular season rules are in effect.
- In case of a tie during a playoff game, the win will go to the team with the highest pin count.
- There are 2 divisions for the playoffs due to the number of teams.  
Division A: Friends that are Fun and Division B: Fun with Friends.
- Each division has its own prizes.
- Up to two blind averages can be used in the playoffs. HOWEVER, you must take the 2 lowest averages of the players missing. If any more blinds are needed, the team will forfeit as they don't have enough players.
- If a team forfeits a game in the playoffs, that team is eliminated from the bracket and the team they were supposed to play automatically moves to the next round.

## Conduct

- There will be a ZERO tolerance for physical altercations.
- Please be respectful to the location and staff where we bowl. If you get removed from their establishment and not allowed back, then you will be removed from our league as well.
- No refunds will be given if this was to occur.

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