



Mo-Vick Matchpoint 2023-2024

League Rules

1. This league shall be certified by **USBC** and all certification fees must be paid the first time bowling. Certification fees are \$25 for both men and women.
2. Mo-Vick Matchpoint is a handicap match point league and shall consist of **19** teams of 4 adult members of any sex. Two members must be present to constitute a legal lineup. Two members must be present by the end of the first frame or the game is forfeited. A team is allowed to carry a 6-person roster.
3. Practice begins at 6:30pm and league begins at 6:45pm.
4. This league will bowl for 34 weeks beginning **September 5th, 2023**. Our championship roll-off, guaranteed sweeper, and payout will be on **May 7th, 2024**. We will not bowl on **November 21st** or **December 26th**.
5. The season will be divided into 11-week thirds, and will have position rounds on the final week of each third. They will be on **November 14th** (week 11), **February 13th** (week 22) and **April 30nd** (week 33).
6. League fees shall be **\$25.00** per week per person. They will be broken down as follows:
 - \$15.50 for lineage
 - 7.50 for prize fund
 - 1.00 for place fund
 - 1.00 for secretary fee
7. Substitutes will be allowed. A man may substitute for a woman and a woman for a man. Subs will not be considered when determining a legal lineup. **Sub fees are \$10** (which shall be added to the Prize Fund). The sub fees do not affect the missing bowler's fees, and they must pay them at the next league session. A sub bowling in place of a vacancy will be required to pay the full league fees. Subs will be allowed to bowl during position rounds if they possess at least a 12-game average in this league's season schedule. No pacers will be allowed.
8. A new member may only be added to a team on a position round if there is an emergency that causes the team to not be able to field a legal lineup and they don't already have a 6-person roster. Otherwise, they can request an emergency postponement.
9. Individual handicap will be **90%** of the difference between the bowler's average and **230**. *Bowlers with averages above 230 will have a handicap of 0 (zero)*. Team handicap will be the sum of the individual bowlers' handicaps. Each bowler will use last year average from the Mo-Vick Matchpoint league. If they did not bowl in the league during the last season, they will use their highest USBC book average from the previous fall season. If a bowler does not have a book average for last year they will set an average on the first night of bowling. A bowler's entering average will be used for the first 9 to 11 games of bowling (whatever results in three complete & 34) are due by the **12th** week of bowling (**November 28th**).

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Frequently Asked Questions

- ♦ The league's lineage is guaranteed on week 3.
- ♦ League fees are \$25 per week per person.
- ♦ The sub fee is \$10, but is \$25 if they bowl in place of a vacancy.
- ♦ Bowlers may not be more than **two week** in arrears for any fees.
- ♦ We will not bowl **November 21st** or **December 26th**.
- ♦ If 2 bowlers can be present, no postponement will be granted.
- ♦ Fees for the last 2 weeks and \$15 prize fee are due **November 28th**.

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- 3-game series). A bowler setting an average could see their average change each week.
10. We will use a 48-point system, with **2 points being awarded for each individual handicap game and 4 points being awarded for each team handicap game**. We will also award **2 points for individual handicap series and 4 points for team handicap series**. In the event of a tie for an individual game or series, both bowlers will receive **1 point**. In the event of a tie for a team game or series, both teams will receive **2 points**. In the event that a bowler has a perfect 300 game, and their opponent's handicap score beats their handicap score, the match will be considered a **tie** with both bowlers receiving **1 point**.
 11. When a bowler is matched up against an absent bowler, or vacancy, they must bowl, at minimum **10 pins less than their average**, scratch, to win their point for an individual game, and at minimum **30 pins less than their average time three**, scratch, to win the series point. In the case of two absent bowlers being matched up head-to-head, the individual points will be awarded to the team that wins each game and series. If an absent bowler is matched up against a vacancy, the absent bowler's team must win the game, or series, to receive individual points for the absent member.
 12. The **vacancy score** will be **140** for both men and women. A vacancy will be treated like any other absent bowler and for game scoring will get 10 pins subtracted. **A vacancy cannot win individual points. Points that would have been won by a vacancy are unearned points and not awarded to any team.**
 13. **Bowlers may not be more than two weeks in arrears.** It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure that his/her team is paid in full each week. A bowler that is more than two weeks in arrears may not bowl, nor may they be replaced by a floating sub, unless they get approval from the League President. Individual and/or team debts will be deducted from the team's payback at the end of the season, if sufficient funds are available. If sufficient funds are not available then they will be deducted from league funds and will be reported to **USBC**.
 14. The **Mo-Vick Matchpoint** league has established a bank account with an outside bank, and funds will be deposited weekly. The President or Vice-President, and the Secretary/Treasurer will sign for all withdrawals and verify the balance monthly. The President will appoint an audit committee, as needed.
 15. A team's lineup must be in average order from lowest average to highest average. If two bowlers have the same average, the bowler with the higher number of games is treated as the higher average bowler in the lineup. If both bowlers have the same number of games, then the bowler with more total pins is considered the higher average bowler in the lineup. If the bowlers have the same number of total pins, then the order of those bowlers is at the team captain's discretion.
 16. In case of a tie between teams for a money paying position the teams must bowl a one-game roll-off using the same scoring as our regular league sessions. If a tie still exists a 10th frame roll-off will determine the winners.
 17. To qualify for individual prizes, a member must bowl 2/3 of the league schedule (66 games). A bowler, or team, can only win one special prize for high series or game. First, second, third, and fourth place team awards will be paid to teams making the end-of-season roll-off. Individual awards will be given for high scratch series & game, high handicap series & game, high average and most improved average for both men and women. Team awards will be given for high scratch series & game and high handicap series & game. Scratch awards take precedence over handicap awards, and series awards take precedence over game awards. Individual handicap awards will be tracked after a bowler has set a 12-game average and the 12-game handicap will be retroactively applied to the first 12 games bowled. The most improved average award will be tracked beginning after the bowler's 21-game average has been established. Floating subs are not eligible to win league awards.
 18. Tardy bowlers may enter a game provided the first ball of the fourth frame has **not** been thrown. Missed frames in the game entered late may be made up.
 19. Pre-bowling and post-bowling will be allowed. The secretary or president **must** be notified at least **48 hours** prior to the scheduled league session, *unless there is an emergency*. If a postponement is granted, the unopposed team may bowl their regularly scheduled game, unless both teams prefer to bowl together at another time. *No pre-bowl or post-bowl request will be granted if 2 bowlers are capable of being present at the regularly scheduled league session*. All pre-bowl or post-bowl sessions **must** be scheduled with the bowling center by the secretary or president. If your team needs to pre-bowl, please try to inform the secretary at least 7 days in advance, so that the opposing team can be notified. A team **cannot** just show up at the bowling center to bowl a pre-
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- bowl or post-bowl session without it being previously scheduled with the center. All pre-bowling and post-bowling must be done as a team.
20. Any member resigning from the league shall find a replacement bowler or pay 2 weeks league fees in advance and **must** give at least 2 weeks notice to the league secretary.
 21. When bowling a known forfeiture or a bye, a team must bowl no less than their team average minus 40 pins to be awarded the team points for that game. The team must bowl at least their team average time 3 minus 120 pins to be awarded the team points for the series.
 22. The **Board of Directors** will consist of the elected league officers and the captain of each team. This board will rule on any disputes or protests. It is within the board's power to discipline any member and/or team for violating any provision of league rules, or for conduct derogatory to the best interest of this league. Each member of the Board has one vote whether they are a league officer, a team captain, or both. A team captain may appoint another team member to vote in their place.
 23. The league has established a **\$30** fine for any person caught kicking, striking or otherwise damaging the ball returns or other center equipment.
 24. Returned checks will result in a charge of **\$30**.
 25. The league will conduct a 50/50 drawing with 2 tickets for \$1.00, 12 tickets for \$5.00, or 25 tickets for \$10.00. Half of the money goes into the prize fund and the other half goes to the holder of the drawn ticket. Should we collect more than \$150 for the half going to the winning ticket, we will split the winnings between two winning tickets. To win the 50/50 the bowler holding the winning ticket must bowl 50 or more in the 2nd game of the league session. If the bowler bowls 49 or less then the entire amount collected will go into the prize fund. Participation in the 50/50 is not mandatory, but it is fun to win and helps build up our prize fund. In the event that the league has an odd number of teams the team bowling the bye will be responsible for selling the 50/50 tickets. If there are an even number of teams the responsibility for selling the tickets will rotate through each team in order of their team number starting with team one. Each week we will have someone from one of the teams pull the winning ticket(s). We will start with team number two and rotate through all of the teams for this duty. In the event that an individual volunteers to sell 50/50 all season then the ticket drawing duties will start with team number one.
 26. Beginning the first Tuesday in November, the half of the 50/50 that normally goes into the prize fund will be set aside and used to adopt one, or more, family through **SafeHaven of Tarrant County**. This charity will continue until the Tuesday preceding December 25th. We have been donating to this organization for over 15 years, and the 5-Pin League has joined us in this endeavor for the last several years. It is a wonderful charity and helps a large number of women and children affected by domestic violence.
 27. On **September 26th**, the earnings for our 50/50 that would normally go into the prize fund will instead go to the SOLV tournament run by NTXUSBC.
 28. No children are allowed in the pit area, which includes the lower tables. This is for their safety.
 29. All rules and regulations not covered in these rules will be governed by **UCBC**.
 30. Last, but not least, **HAVE FUN!**
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