



## GREATER PITTSBURGH YOUTH TRAVEL LEAGUE RULES

### ARTICLE I

This league shall be known as the Greater Pittsburgh Youth Travel League and will be open to all paid members of the Greater Pittsburgh Youth Bowling Association. Greater Pittsburgh Youth Bowling bylaws and travel league rules will be used to govern it.

### ARTICLE II - Membership and Organization

1. League consists of sections of no more than (10) TEAMS. Not more than seven (7) players allowed on each team's roster. Floating subs permitted between teams of same center in **same SECTION only**. Subs may only bowl on (1) team per match.
2. Bowler must bowl for center where **Greater Pittsburgh Youth Bowling Registration Fee is paid in USBC Youth certified league**.
3. Teams must designate their regular roster on the first day of bowling. **Changes can occur until the 5<sup>th</sup> match**
4. All certifications from participating centers must be submitted before the first match to be eligible for travel league.
5. All rosters are frozen after bowling on week 5. **No new bowlers may be added after week 5.**
6. Each center selects their **TEAM** members at the discretion of the Proprietor and/or the Junior Bowling coordinator.
7. Teams may consist of all boys, all girls or a mixed team.
8. Teams will bowl on Sundays with a ten (10) week schedule. Maximum of 3 teams from one center in any section.
9. A center may not host the league if it has less than (8) lanes. All teams will travel to a center in their Section to bowl scheduled match, bowling at a different center each week.
10. **Starting time – 9:00 AM**
11. Only bowlers 12 years of age or older as of **August 1** are eligible to bowl.

### ARTICLE III – Sections Format

1. The bowlers shall elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms. Bowlers will hold election by the second week. This is a USBC mandated rule and is the responsibility of the section advisor to enforce.
2. Officers should represent as many centers as possible within the section.
3. The league statistician will calculate all weekly standing sheets for all sections. Section advisors will forward all completed recap sheets to statistician by Sunday evening. The statistician will forward all recap sheets and standing sheets to the section advisors for/before the next match. Any corrections **MUST** be submitted to league statistician and section advisor by the **Wednesday prior to the next match**.
3. The President of the Greater Pittsburgh Youth Bowling will appoint the Section Advisors for each section of the league. The Section advisors are responsible for enforcing all travel league rules. The Section Advisors should forward all kitty and 50/50 money to Barb McGeary each week. Recap sheets are to be sent to Starr Washington after each match. All standing sheets will be uploaded to website [www.wpsp-usbcpg.org](http://www.wpsp-usbcpg.org). Any problems or concerns within section should be discussed with coach and section advisor. If problems are not resolved take them to John Rahl for a board decision.

### ARTICLE IV - Fees and dues

1. Bowling fees - \$44.00 per week per team, regardless of numbers of bowlers bowling. **CASH ONLY**. All awards for winning teams and individual awards will be ordered by Greater Pittsburgh USBC Youth Travel League. Seven (7) bowlers on **FINAL** roster of winning teams will receive awards providing they have nine (9) games in league. Coach from team will receive same award as team. The team captain or co-captain is responsible for paying fees to the treasurer. \$8.00/lineage, \$3.00/kitty.

### ARTICLE V - Official Scoring

1. Electronic score shall be official record and recap sheet score must agree with electronic score. Any score change must be mutual decision of both captains and section advisors and must be made prior to start of next game. **NO** changes may be made after. It is the captain's/coaches responsibility to post and verify all scores. Score sheets must be signed by captains at the conclusion of the three games.

### ARTICLE VI - Playing Rules

1. First **6 games** of bowling, averages used will be last year's Travel League average (15 games or more). If no travel league average, highest average between last years or this year's leagues average (21 games or more). If no established average, a bowler must come into league as a **pacer**. If bowler's average is not verified, bowler will bowl as a pacer that day while team uses a 140 absentee score. New bowlers coming into league must have a verified average sheet. **NOTE - AVERAGES ARE FROZEN FOR THE FIRST SIX GAMES FOR EACH BOWLER**. If a bowler bowls in multiple leagues in same center a composite average can be used to determine a bowler's average by using the combined total number of pins divided by games with a combined total of 21 games or more so the bowler does not have to bowl as a pacer.

2. Handicaps will be figured by subtracting the lower team average from the higher one and multiply the difference by 90%.  
**NOTE:** The average of the four- (4) bowlers bowling will determine the handicap.
3. **TARDY BOWLERS:** Should any member of said team appear during the match, they may bowl the **full game** provided three (3) frames of the game have not been completed. A frame shall be considered complete when bowler in anchor position on each team has thrown their last ball in that frame.
4. The use of tobacco products, vaping devices, alcohol, illegal substances, and/or gambling are prohibited. **No immoral sayings permitted on T-shirts. USBC dress code will be observed. Jeans without tears or holes are permitted. No underwear or skin may be visible during bowling competition. Please make sure shirts are long enough to provide proper coverage. Coaches are to make sure that teams are dressed appropriately and discreetly. If bowlers do not abide by dresscode rule 6 is to be enforced**
5. **PROFANITY, ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT, VIOLATION OF DRESSCODE, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR CELL PHONE USE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED OR TOLERATED. Rule 6 will be enforced.**
6. **CONSEQUENCES FOR RULES INFRACTIONS**
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> infraction will result in a warning from the team coach or to the team coach and bowler.
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction bowler will be removed from the match and will receive a zero from the point of removal. Subs may bowl remaining games.
  - c) If you have been removed from bowling 2 times during the season, you will be suspended from the league for the duration of the season-including championship/scholarship day. If a bowler is suspended for the season and returns the following season the first infraction will result in **permanent suspension from the league.**
7. **POINTS:** League uses 14-point system plus bonus points each week. Four (4) points for each game - two (2) points for total pins. Team can win an additional one- (1) point bonus for each fifty- (50) pins they beat their opponent up to 150 pins PER GAME.
8. **CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The winners and runners-up of each section will be in championship roll-off. Any teams tied in points after final week to get into the playoffs automatically qualify for playoffs. If tied for 1<sup>st</sup> have a 1 game roll-off that day at the same center you are already bowling. If more than 2 teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> draw pills for lane assignments and base handicaps on 90% of the difference between team average and 900. Roll-off must be bowled on lanes they have not bowled on the previous 3 games.
9. A Wild Card team may be added to equalize the number of teams competing for the CHAMPIONSHIP
10. A bowler **shall not be permitted** to bowl out any game or series before their teammates or opponents.
11. Two (2) players must be present to complete the first frame of any game or the game will be forfeited.
11. The minimum TEAM average for handicapping purposes will be 560
12. The absentee score shall be 10% off of the highest average of the absentee bowler(s). Absentee bowlers include the absent bowler(s) and any floating subs for the team/center. If no bowler has 6 games use the highest average of absentee bowler from the previous year's travel league average.
13. If 2 or more teams, from the same center, have absentee bowlers, follow preceding rule using the highest absentee average going to the highest average team and sequentially after that.
14. **NO SUBSTITUTION** is permitted during a game. However, a substitute can bowl the next game. Any bowler that has left a game due to illness/emergency must use 10% off their average divided by 10, for each frame missed.
15. **NO ONE** will be permitted in the bowling area other than the 4 bowlers from each team participating in that game and designated Traveling League Advisor/Coach. Where and when available, bowlers not starting match will be given practice time at the same time on a "spare" pair of lanes. Subs will not be able to practice any longer than starting bowlers.
16. If a team is bowling unopposed or a team without a legal line-up the team must bowl within 90 % of their average to win points. Bonus points are based on 50 pins over team average that day for game and series. (**NOTE:** This is average of the four bowlers competing that game.)
17. **POSITION ROUND:** In case of tie for position round, team with highest **SCRATCH** pinfall will prevail.
18. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** If there is inclement weather that closes roadways or creates a state of emergency – **as declared by the Governor of PA** President/Vice President/Association Manager will cancel entire travel league. If any coach in any section has a legitimate concern for the safety of **their team(s)** due to inclement weather the coach is to contact the Section Advisor and coach of the opposing team in sufficient time so that the match can be postponed. If the Section advisor believes that the entire section should be cancelled, they will notify President/Vice President/ Association Manager, and all Coaches of the section by 6:00 a.m., so that appropriate phone calls can be made and completed. Cancellations must be legitimate and based on honor system **due to inclement weather only**. Cancellations will be made up on next available open date. If center hosting on cancellation date is unavailable on next open date centers may exchange dates to accommodate the league. If any center becomes unavailable, match for that section can be bowled at any center in the Greater Pittsburgh Travel League that can host them.

19. A **ZERO** will be given for any score not entered on recaps after they are signed.

20. Any 1<sup>st</sup> place team with more than a 23 point lead going into the position round will bowl the last place team. All other teams will shift down 1 position. (Ex: 2 vs 3, 4 vs 5)

21. Any travel league bowlers who have bowled at least 9 games during travel season may bowl on Scholarship Day  
All scores of bowlers who bowl during scholarship day are eligible for scholarships. Dorothy Green Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Boy and Girl with most improved average from previous season. A new bowler of current season is not eligible.

**22. All teams will pay be a franchise fee of \$80.00/team. All teams franchise fees are to be sent to Barb McGeary. All awards presented to bowlers on scholarship day will be held in SMART. 100% compliance is expected from all teams within the travel league.**

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