

The Border City Mens League

Rules for 2025-2026

1. **STARTING TIME** - **7:15p.m.** A bowler who arrives late but before his team has completed the third frame, will be allowed to catch up. After the third frame, he must sit out that game and his blind score shall be used. **A blind score is the absent/late bowler's average less 10 pins.**
2. **SCHEDULE** - The league will operate on a 32 week schedule with a (two) position rounds one at week 16 and the other at week 32 and starting lanes (i.e. first PR 1st place team is on lane 25 etc.). All teams will meet on the Thursday following completion of the regular schedule for **a year end tournament**. The League Champions will be the team with the most points at the end of the regular season, in the event of a tie, the team with most games won over the schedule will be declared the champions (least games lost) , if they are still tied it will be broken by the best record head-to-head. The playoff final standings shall be declared by total pin fall for three games including handicap of **100%** of the difference between the teams average and 820.
3. **HANDICAP** - A handicap allowance of **100%** of the difference between the opposing teams averages will apply with no maximum. The handicap will be used the first night of the season.
4. **AVERAGES** - Bowlers will use last years league average **for the first three weeks (9 games) of the season**. A new bowler will use their highest book average of 21 games or more, if he has no book average, his average **will be set after he has bowled his first 3 games**.
5. **SCORING** - The league will use the 7 point system (2 points for each game won, 1 for ties and 1 for total pins). Actual score sheets and official score sheets must be given to the secretary-treasurer.
6. **FEES** - Bowling fees will be **\$30.00 (\$18.00 to the bowling establishment and \$12.00 to prize money and expenses)**. *Teams are responsible for payment for 4 bowlers*. The secretary will **not** keep any cash on hand.
7. **PRIZES** - Games bowled other than regular time (bowl-offs), do not qualify for individual or team prizes. Bowlers must have bowled at least two-thirds of the regular season (64 games) to be eligible for individual prizes. A bowler will qualify for only **one individual prize** (priority order high average, high series, high single, most improved).

8. **FORFEITS** - The league shall recognize CTF Rule 109e. **(Please read carefully as when this happens the team bowling unopposed must bowl at least their team average less 10 pins per player to earn points).**
9. **TEAM ROSTERS** - Each team will be permitted to carry eight regular bowlers. Their names and sanction cards must be completed and submitted to the secretary/treasurer by the completion of the **third week of bowling**. **A team must have a minimum of one regular bowler from their roster on the lanes to qualify for points.** Bowlers on a team roster may spare for another team, but not against their own team. You may replace a man on the roster with 7 days notice and agreement of the majority of the Board of Directors.
10. **BOWL - OFFS** A bowler must:
- bowl off prior to Thursday. (no limit to the number of weeks i.e. 1 or 3)
 - bowl three games on two lanes, with a two frame warm-up and **get a signed score sheet at counter.**
 - **All bowl-offs must be dated for the date they are to be used and they must be used, no substitution is allowed.**
 - bowl his third game, if the opposing team agrees, after the second game has been bowled (as a team), with a bowler from the opposing team (e.g. if he must leave early for WORK).
- The league will recognize **CTF Rule 106.**
11. **SPARE BOWLERS** - All spare bowlers must be sanctioned for the current year and have a have LCTA book Average from the previous year. **Teams using an ineligible bowler shall forfeit points won when using that bowler.** (CTF Rule 107)
Addendum: Spares used in the year-end tournament must be from the league roster.
12. **CTF SANCTION CARDS** - No one may bowl without a CTF Sanction card being completed and paid for by the completion of their **first night** of bowling. Cost for these cards is **\$25.00.**
13. **FOULS** - All foul line rules will be observed (See CTF Rule 5 Pages 2 & 3).
14. **Board of Directors meetings will be held at 5:30pm on the night of the banquet for the purpose of conducting league business as per CTF Rule 103a and League rules.**
15. **BANQUET** Each team will be allowed to take **four regular bowlers and their sponsor to the banquet.** **Other team members or spares may attend at the cost of the meal.** To avoid ordering unnecessary meals each CAPTAIN must make sure his bowlers plan to attend. Money will be deducted from the prize envelopes for bowlers who do not attend and have previously committed to attend.

15.(a) BANQUET FORMAT - No other business will be conducted the night of the banquet.

1 - Cocktails 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

2 - Dinner 6:30 p.m. SHARP!

3 - **Election of league officers**

4 - Awards and prize money distribution.

16. SECRETARY-TREASURERS FEES - The secretary-treasurer will **receive a per year remuneration equivalent to the cost of the year of bowling.** (approx.. \$1000)

17. ETIQUETTE - Bowlers must be courteous and use bowling etiquette at all times and it is the captain's responsibility to enforce. CTF Rules will apply. A league member causing a disturbance is subject to review by the league executive.

18. PRIZE MONEY - Individual & Team *** *The point money and year end tournament monies are dependent on all fees being up-to-date, 50/50 proceeds, and no increase in lineage.*

19. TROPHIES - Awards

Mike Marcin Memorial Trophy – League Champions

Ace Trucking Trophy - Playoff Champions.

Matheson Insurance Trophy - Individual High Single.

Harry Dunlop – Individual High Series

Jim Nicolson Memorial Award – League Individual High Average

Paul Champagne Most Sportsmanlike . Four weeks prior to the end of the season, the League Board of Directors will submit a list of candidates for this award and the league members will vote for a candidate of their choice.

20. MEN'S ONLY LEAGUE

This league to be composed of CTF sanctioned MEN only and will hereafter be known as **"Border City Men's League"**.

21. ELECTION OF LEAGUE OFFICERS Each officer is elected to a 3 year term

The league will conduct an election of league officers at the banquet, every fourth year, prior to prize fund distribution. The outgoing President or Vice President will conduct the elections. This consists of nominations for the position of Vice President and Secretary/treasurer and each candidate will be required to declare his intention to stand or decline. If a vote is necessary for any position, the candidates will be required to leave the room and the vote will

be done by a show of hands. The Vice President becomes the next terms President by acclamation.