

Belgium Community Center's

4th Saturday Couples Bowling League / 11 - 12 Season Rules

1. 4th Saturday couples bowling league is to begin Saturday, September 24th and continue every 4th Saturday through Saturday, April 28th. **November's date has been changed to the 1st Saturday in December; due to Thanksgiving & Hunting Season.** **No bowling** is scheduled on Saturday, December 24th. Dates of bowling are as follows:
 - a. Saturday, September 24th
 - b. Saturday, October 22nd
 - c. ***** Saturday, December 3rd → Note this date, changed due to Thanksgiving & Hunting Season.**
 - d. Saturday, January 28th
 - e. Saturday, February 25th
 - f. Saturday, March 24th
 - g. Saturday, April 28th
2. Practice will start approximately at **6:30 pm** and league will start at **6:45 pm**.
3. Each member on a team (2 couples – A couple is defined as 1 male, 1 female) will bowl 3 games and pay **\$15.00 per couple**. [\$13.50 to BCC - \$2.25 a game per person; \$1.50 towards Cash Prize]. Shoe rental is \$1.00 per night.
 - a. Substitutes will be allowed – **No Limit of Substitutes per team**. A man can only sub for a man, and a woman can only sub for a woman. Same average/handicap rules apply to subs. Bowlers, not the BCC, are responsible for getting their own substitutes.
4. The BCC's 4th Saturday Couples Bowling League is **NOT** sanctioned. To keep the league consistent and fair, All USBC rules will govern this league in addition to these rules and regulations.
 - a. All members of the team must bowl on the assigned lanes according to the schedule, UNLESS, the BCC or bowling manager changes your lanes because of pre-bowlers.
5. **Due to each team's commitment to bowl every 4th Saturday (September – April, except November) and the Belgium Community Center's commitment to reserve ALL 16 lanes to bowl for the 4th Saturday Couples League, it is the responsibility of all bowlers to notify the center when you are unable to bowl for that day.**
 - a. **On the first night of bowling (September 24th) – A total of \$37.00 will be paid per couple.**
 - i. \$15.00 & \$15.00 → Pays for your 1st night of bowling (September 24th) and Last night of bowling (April 28th) per couple.

Your last night of bowling payment, is A REFUNDABLE deposit, that pays for your last night of bowling. Any couple, who doesn't pre-bowl or doesn't show (resulting in not paying the cost of bowling) – your deposit of \$15.00 will be used to cover the cost. If a team does miss a month or more in a row, they will be required to pay for the time(s) missed & the current night before bowling can begin. (The \$15.00 deposit will once again be available after this payment is made).
 - ii. \$7.00 --> pays for the Secretary fees for the year (per couple).
6. Each couple is allowed **no more than 1 time** to pre-bowl for the entire season. **Pre-bowling** is allowed and can happen ANYTIME before the scheduled night of the 4th Saturday Couples League. **NO Post-Bowling** is allowed. The bowling fee must be paid when you come in to pre-bowl.
 - a. **You must schedule a time, 24 hours before you want to pre-bowl with our Bowling Manager or Amy Bodus. There are NO "Pre-Bowling" on Monday's or Thursday's. All other days are available.**
 - b. The full amount of \$15.00 per couple must still be paid, even if you are unable to bowl.
7. **No outside food is allowed in the center.** A variety of snacks, candy, drinks and a menu full of delicious foods from our grill can be purchased through the bowling center counter or from a waitress. **No food or drinks are permitted on the scoring consoles or tiled floor at any time.** All candy wrappers, soda cans, and other waste must be thrown away in the appropriate trash cans behind the lanes after bowling.

8. There will be no foul language or ruff-housing by any of the bowlers. ATTITUDES will also not be tolerated - everyone is here to have fun, and a bad attitude takes away from everyone's experience.
9. Money will be collected by the bowling manager during the first game. Change will be available at the counter when you come in. All bowlers are asked to have the exact amount ready when the money is collected.
10. **Bad weather** – In case of bad weather, the BCC will decide on the cancellation of league bowling. The BCC will make a decision by 5:00 pm. It is the responsibility of each individual bowler to contact the BCC (262) 285 – 3011 to determine if league bowling has been cancelled due to bad weather – A decision on making up cancelled nights or extending the league schedule will be made by majority vote of the teams in the 4th Saturday Couples.
11. A “fresh” start for all bowlers will begin at the start of the new season (All new averages will be established after the 1st night). The blind score will be 10 pins less than the missing bowler's average. Handicap will be 80% of 200 for the men and 80% of 180 for women. If a bowler is unable to finish bowling any game(s) – vacancy score will be 150 for men and 120 for women.
12. Should the league have an uneven number of teams, a bye will be used. Teams bowling the bye must bowl within 10 pins less of each member in order to win the point for each game and an aggregate of such for the series. For example, teams with 4 members must bowl within 40 pins for each game and a total of 120 pins for total pins overall.
13. A standard point system calculated with handicap will be used to determine points awarded for each team game and team series. 2 points will be awarded for each team game won and 1 point will be awarded for each team series won. Standings will be determined by percentage of wins to loses rather than absolute points. When there is a tie in team standings, the tie will be broke by using the total pinfall WITH HANDICAP then actual games won (not points).
14. **Last Night of Bowling/End of the Year – All teams will decide in March** (one month prior to the end of the last scheduled bowling time with a meeting) if the league would like – Specials on pizzas, Buffet meal, “Fun Prizes with Spin the Wheel & Colored Pins. (If “Fun Prizes with Spin the Wheel & Colored Pins” are decided by majority vote of the teams in the 4th Saturday Couples – each couple will pay \$2 this night...remember – the last night of bowling is already paid for on the 1st night of bowling).
 - a. **Cash Prizes** will be awarded to the Top 5 Teams after the last night of bowling (*Example Shown Below is based on 16 teams - \$1.50 per couple (48) X 7 times = \$336 Total*).

1st Place - \$105 / 2nd Place - \$80 / 3rd Place - \$65 / 4th Place - \$51 / 5th Place - \$35

Have a good season!!! BCC 4th Saturday League Secretary - Amy Roskopf) – belgiumcommunitycenter@hotmail.com / (262) 285 – 3011

***All Rule Changes for the 4th Saturday Couples League was established on March 26, 2011 – A Meeting will be held on March 24, 2012 to revisit these rules & to make changes as needed for the 12 – 13 Season. ***