

# FALL/WINTER 2025-26 SESSION

## BEER LOVERS LEAGUE RULES

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| President:           | Vicky Bowman                    |              |
| Vice President:      | Jenn Binger and Bonnie Gosselin |              |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Victory Lanes/Kerryann Clark    | 704-664-2695 |
| Sgt.-at-Arms:        | Dan Dove                        |              |
| Rules Czar:          | Dave Urckfitz                   |              |

1. The name of the league will be the **"SAM ADAMS VICTORY LANES BEER LOVERS LEAGUE"**. The league will bowl on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. **for 29 weeks beginning September 4, 2025 and ending on April 9, 2026. There will be no bowling on November 27th (Thanksgiving), December 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 1st.** There will be a season-end awards party/sweeper on the final week. Members of this league must be at least 21 years of age.

*The league will bowl four 7-week "rounds" following a standard schedule for 27 weeks with a Position Round on Week #28. Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams in each round. The overall winners will be based on full-season totals. All teams will participate in a season-end "Roll-off/Sweeper/Fun Night" on week 29 and payoff immediately following the Fun Night.*

2. The league will be managed by Victory Lanes. **This will be a USBC Certified league and will be governed by the rules of the USBC.** All members must complete a sanction application and pay the appropriate dues the first night of bowling. Current USBC dues are \$22.00 per year. ALL bowlers must complete the USBC sanction application. Bowlers who are not sanctioned will cause their team to forfeit all league games in which they bowl.
3. Victory Lanes will run beer specials and drink/shot specials each week. See calendar.
4. Bowling fees will be \$23.00 per person per week, with \$21.00 being paid to Victory Lanes for bowling and \$.25 for League Record Service, , **\$.25 to be donated to the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL)**, and \$1.50 placed in prize fund. League funds will be held in the Victory Lanes League Banking Trust.

**Bowlers may PRE-PAY for the ENTIRE SEASON and receive a 15% discount off the lineage fees (save \$91.35). Pre-pay amount is \$575.65.**

**Bowlers may PRE-PAY for the FIRST HALF of the season (Fall session) and receive a 10% discount off the lineage fees (save \$30.45). Pre-pay amount is \$303.50. Bowlers may PRE-PAY for the SECOND HALF of the season (Winter session) and receive a 10% discount off the lineage fees (save \$30.45). Pre-pay amount is \$303.50.**

**Bowlers may pay all fees online at [www.Victorylanes.com](http://www.Victorylanes.com). Bowlers may also set up recurring weekly payments.**

**This is a guaranteed league. Bowlers must pay for bowling each week. If you are absent, you must pay when you return. **BOWLERS MAY NOT BE ARREARS. If you bowl, you must pay. No one will be allowed to bowl who hasn't paid.****

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5. A bowler's "Entering Average" will be their average from the **Beer Lovers League FALL/WINTER 2024-25 session**. If none, bowler will use their **highest USBC League Book Average from the 2024-2025 season**. Bowlers without either of these averages will establish their average the first night of bowling. Entering averages will be used for the first 9 games of bowling. After a bowler has bowled 9 games, their current average will be used.
6. Handicap will be 100% from 210.
7. An absentee score shall be the bowler's average less 10 pins. A vacancy score shall be 200 (no handicap).
8. The league shall use a 10-point system. Two points will be awarded for each game won and four points for team series.
9. Teams shall consist of FOUR members — any combination of men or women, but may have up to six bowlers on their roster. Bowlers must be at least 21 years of age. One member must be present to constitute a legal lineup. Must be a roster bowler.
10. Substitutes are allowed. No new bowlers or new subs will be allowed during the last two weeks of bowling (weeks 28 and 29). Bowlers will be allowed in position rounds provided they have at least 9 games in the league prior to the position round. Bowlers will be allowed in the roll off provided they have at least 12 games in the league prior to the roll-off. **Roving substitutes will pay a \$9.00 "Sub Fee" which will be added to the prize fund. Roster subs do not pay the "Sub Fee."** Roving Subs are not eligible to participate in the Victory Lanes' Strike Pot or Brackets. Roster Subs ARE eligible for brackets and Strike Pots. Pacers are not allowed.
11. Pre-bowling is allowed by individuals or full teams of regular team members (not substitutes). **POST-BOWLING is not allowed except the first week and emergencies.** Pre-bowling will NOT be allowed for position round or the roll-off. Pre-bowling is not allowed on Friday nights or all of Saturday. Best pre-bowling times are any day (Monday – Friday) before 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays. Always reserve lanes in advance with Victory Lanes for pre-bowling or post-bowling. Call 704-664-2695.
12. **Victory Lanes has a zero-tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct, abusing the bowling equipment or excessive profanity. Bowlers who demonstrate inappropriate behavior may be given one warning or may be expelled from the league immediately at the discretion of the management.**
13. **Please be aware of all USBC rules pertaining to legal equipment (no-thumb bowlers, altering the surface, etc.) and two-handed bowlers. These rules will be enforced.**

**Proper Etiquette: A few simple guidelines to help make your bowling experience more enjoyable:**

- **Be ready to bowl when the pins are set.**
- **Observe one-lane courtesy. Stay off the approach while you wait.**
- **Step off the approach once you have delivered the ball.**