

# Sam Adams Match Point Invitational League Rules 2025-26

*Rules adopted in a league meeting held August 28, 2025*

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION:** The Sam Adams Match Point Invitational League shall be certified by the United States Bowling Congress. All members must be members of the USBC. 2025-26 USBC dues are \$22.00. Association dues are \$6.00. Teams shall consist of four regular members and up to two roster subs. Each team will choose a captain to represent them on the Board of Directors.

**2. SCHEDULE:** The league will bowl at Victory Lanes Events & Entertainment Center on Thursdays for 33 weeks beginning September 4, 2025 and concluding on May 7, 2026. Practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the league starting promptly at 7:10 p.m. **There will be no bowling on November 27, December 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026.**

*The league will bowl four 8-week "rounds" following a standard schedule with Position Rounds on weeks 8, 16, 24 and 32. There will be a Position Round the last week of each Round. There will be a separate prize payout for each round. All teams will participate in a season-end "roll-off" on week 33 and payoff immediately following the roll-off.*

**3. MANAGEMENT:** The management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the league officers and team captains. When a team captain cannot be present at a Board of Directors meeting, he/she has the power to name an alternate team member to represent the team. League officers shall be elected at a meeting open to the entire league membership. Last season's officers were:

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| <b>President:</b>           | <b>Mike Stadler</b>  |                     |                                  |
| <b>Vice President:</b>      | <b>Dylan Wright</b>  |                     |                                  |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b> | <b>Victory Lanes</b> | <b>772-626-0238</b> | <b>kerryann@victorylanes.com</b> |
| <b>Sergeant-at-arms:</b>    | <b>Mike Thomas</b>   |                     |                                  |

**4. FEES:** Bowling fees shall be \$30.00 per week and allocated as follows: Lineage \$21.00, Prize fund \$8.50, League Record Service fee \$.25, donation to BVL \$.25. **Bowling fees for the final two weeks of the season must be paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> week** of bowling (November 6, 2025), or the bowler will be considered in arrears. The prize fund and the League Record Service fees shall be deposited into the house banking league trust account. Any league member who withdraws from the league shall be responsible for league fees for two additional weeks after written notice is given.

**Added prize money:** There will be \$1,000 added prize money from Samuel Adams (Boston Brewing). The league will run a 50/50 raffle each week. Proceeds will go into the prize fund. Each week a different team will be responsible for selling 50/50 tickets (Week #1 – Team #1, Week #2 – Team #2, etc.).

**FRANCHISE FEE:** There will be a **\$100 franchise fee per team.** Franchise fees will be added to the prize fund.

**PRE-PAYMENT:** Bowlers may **PRE-PAY** the ENTIRE season and receive a **15% discount off lineage (save \$103.95).** Total pre-pay amount for the FULL SEASON is \$886.05 (does not include sanction fees or sponsor fee).

Bowlers may **PRE-PAY** for one HALF of the season (one payment in September and one payment in January and receive a **10% discount off the LINEAGE fees (save \$34.65).** Total pre-pay amount for the first half of season is \$460.35 (does not include sanction fees or sponsor fee). Total pre-pay amount for the second half of the season is \$460.35.

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

**5. 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. Any bowler two weeks behind, will be put in as BLIND and will not be able to bowl until fees are current.**

**6. SCORING SYSTEM:** The league will bowl three games using a **30-point match point** scoring system as follows:

- One point for each INDIVIDUAL GAME (four points possible each game, 12 points possible each night)
- Two points for each TEAM GAME (six points possible each night)
- Two points for each INDIVIDUAL SERIES (eight points possible each night)
- Four points for TEAM SERIES

**7. TEAM LINE-UP:** The team line-up shall be as follows:

- Lowest average bowls FIRST
- Second highest average bowls SECOND
- Third highest average bowls THIRD
- Highest average bowls FOURTH

The line-up is subject to change from week to week based on current averages and which roster bowler is bowling on any given night. The team captain is responsible for making the changes in the line-up and assuring the opposing team line-up is correct.

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**8. ROSTER:** A team may have up to six (6) members on their roster. Any changes in a team's roster are to be reported to the League Secretary **BEFORE** league play and should be written on the recap sheet. **No new members may be added the last two weeks of the league schedule without board approval.** Pacers are not allowed. When using an absentee, the absentee bowler will be the bowler on the roster with the most number of games. When two or more bowlers have the same number of games, the absentee will be the bowler with the highest average.

**9. AVERAGES:** For the purposes of line-up and handicap, the entering average on the first night of bowling will be **based on the HIGHER of:**

1. The bowler's ending Sam Adams Invitational FALL/WINTER 2024-25 session average of at least 21 games or more, or the **USBC Composite average** (21 games or more) from the 2024-25 season, **WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.**
2. If none of the above, the bowler will be placed in the FOURTH position the first night to establish his/her average and handicap.

These rules apply to any new bowler entering the league after the start of the season. Entering averages will be used for the first nine games.

**10. HANDICAP:** The handicap will be based on 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230 scratch. **The maximum score in any game will be 300.**

Handicap for the Roll off will be based on the higher average of the Quarter you qualified for the Roll off or your year-end average.

**11. ABSENTEE SCORE:** An absentee score is allowed when a team has a legal line-up. An absent bowler's current average **minus 10 pins (plus the bowler's handicap) will be used to determine the absentee score. It is the team captain's responsibility** to contact any team member who has been absent two consecutive weeks and to notify the league President and Secretary.

**12. VACANCY SCORE:** A team without a full roster will use a VACANCY score of 150 plus 72 pins handicap (222) for three weeks. After three weeks, the VACANCY score will drop 10 pins to 212.

**13. LEGAL LINE-UP:** Two regular members on a team's roster must be present to complete the first frame of any game or series to constitute a legal line-up. When one or both teams scheduled against each other fail to present a legal line-up and postponement was not requested, the game(s) are forfeited unless an emergency existed. In the event of a forfeit, the team present must bowl within 40 pins of their team average to win the team GAME points and within 120 pins of their team average to win the team SERIES points. Individual bowlers must bowl within 10 pins of their average to win the SINGLES GAME point, and within 30 pins of their average for the SINGLES SERIES points. Points not won will not be awarded to any team and will be treated as unearned points on the standing sheet. In the event of an uneven number of teams, these same rules will apply to bowling against a VACANT team.

**14. POSTPONEMENTS:** Prior to scheduled time of bowling, except for an emergency, the team captain must notify the league President of their need to postpone. As a courtesy – but not a requirement – teams that need to bowl another day and time should also try to notify the scheduled opposing team prior to bowling unopposed to give the opponent the option to bowl with the team in a head-to-head match.

**15. PRE-BOWLING/POST BOWLING:** Pre-bowling is allowed (individual or team). **There will be no post bowling** except the first week and in case of an emergency. Games must be made up at least one day before the next scheduled league session. Pre-bowled scores may be displayed on the bowling monitors and recaps. **No pre/post bowling for position rounds or the roll off.**

**16. PRIZE FUND:** The President will appoint a prize committee. The committee will present the prize list and roll-off proposals to the league by the 4th week of bowling (September 25). **The committee is: Howard Cohen, Paul Kreins, Mike Ransom, Kevin Donohue, Steve Kaiser.**

**17. TIES FOR FIRST PLACE OR ANY ROLLOFF POSITION:** If there is a tie for first place there will be a one game match (total pins with handicap) to break the tie. Ties for any other position will be broken by total pins for the ROUND (with handicap).

**18. ROLL OFF:** The Roll Off will be broken into two groups. Group One is the four "Quarter winners" and the two teams with the top overall season points. In the event a team wins more than one Quarter, the highest finishing team that quarter, not already in the Roll Off will earn a spot in the Roll Off. Group two will consist of the remaining teams that did not qualify for Group One.

**In the Roll-off, teams on the left will move one pair to the left. Teams on the right will move one pair to the right after each game. Total pins for the three games will determine the final positions in each group.**