

JUST 4 FUN LEAGUE

2025-26 GUIDELINES AND FORMAT

1. The **Just 4 Fun** bowling league will bowl on Wednesday nights at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, North Carolina, with practice beginning sharply at 7:00 p.m. League games will begin after 10 minutes of practice. Tardy bowlers may start a game and make up frames missed if the 4th frame has not been started by opposing team. The league will be managed by Victory Lanes. The league officers are:

President:	Mike Stadler	
Vice President:	Jason Fleming	
Secretary/Treasurer:	Kerry Ann Clark 704-664-2695	kerryann@victorylanes.com
Sgt.-at-Arms:	Shawn Perry	

2. **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. Teams will consist of Four (4) members, any combination, all men, all women, or mixed. All team members must be over 18 years of age. **Teams are allowed up to six bowlers on their roster. Roster bowlers are not considered Roving subs and may only bowl on their designated team. Roster bowlers do not pay the \$9.00 "sub fee." No Pacers allowed.**
4. **SCHEDULE:** The league will bowl on Wednesdays for 33 weeks beginning September 3, 2025 and concluding on April 29, 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 December 24, or December 31, 2025.**
5. **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.**
6. **FEES:** Bowling fees shall be \$25.00 per week and allocated as follows: Lineage \$21.00, Prize fund \$3.50, League Record Service fee \$.25, donation to BVL \$.25. **Bowling fees for the final two weeks of the season must be paid by the 10th week of bowling (November 8, 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. The league will run a 50/50 raffle each week. Proceeds will go into the prize fund. Each week two different teams will be responsible for selling 50/50 tickets (the team on lane #1 and the team on lane #40*). *Or whatever the end lane is.
7. **FRANCHISE FEE:** There will be a **\$20 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 \$726.05 (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 \$377.85 (does not include sanction fees or sponsor fee). Total pre-pay amount for the second half of the season is \$377.85.

Bowlers may pay all fees online at www.Victorylanes.com. Bowlers may also set up recurring weekly payments.
8. 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.
9. **ALL league dues** must be paid by the 30th week of bowling (April 8th). **Any team that is in arrears after the 30th week will not be allowed to participate in the roll off.**

10. Handicap will be 95% of the difference of the bowler's average and 230. **The maximum score will be 300.** Entering averages will be as follows: **1. Just 4 Fun 2025-26 league session.** Any new bowler without a Just 4 Fun League 2025-26 average 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.
11. **Absent bowler's score will be the bowler's average, minus 10 pins plus handicap. Vacancy score will be 120 plus handicap of 104. After three weeks, a VACANCY score will drop 10 pins to 110, plus handicap of 104.**
12. The league shall use a 10-point system. Two points will be awarded for each game won and four points for team series. When bowling against a vacant team or a forfeit, the team present must bowl with 40 pins of their average to win a point.
13. Pre-bowling is allowed (including the first week) by individuals or full teams of regular team members (not substitutes). **Post-bowling is NOT allowed except for the FIRST WEEK OF BOWLING and in the case of an extreme emergency and must be approved by the league board of directors.** No Post-bowling will be allowed after the last night of regular scheduled bowling. Pre-bowling will be allowed for position round, but not for the roll-off. Pre-bowling is not allowed on Friday nights or all of Saturday. Lanes are NOT available during those times. Best pre-bowling times are any day (Monday – Friday) before 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays after 6:00 p.m. Always reserve lanes in advance with Victory Lanes for pre-bowling. Call 704-664-2695.
- 14. One regular bowler (not a sub) will constitute a legal lineup.**
15. No new bowlers or new subs will be allowed during the last three weeks of bowling (weeks 31, 32, 33). Subs will be allowed in a position round provided they have at least 9 games in the league prior to the position round. Subs will be allowed in the roll off provided they have at least 12 games in the league prior to the roll-off. Roster bowlers are allowed to bowl in the position round and rolloff regardless of the number of games bowled. **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 bowlers ARE eligible for brackets and Strike Pots. Pacers are not allowed.**
16. The President will select a prize committee by the 5th week of bowling (October 1). The President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be part of the Prize Committee. **The prize committee members must have their proposed prize funds and Roll-off format to the President by the 7th week (October 15).** The prize committee must maintain a guideline of approximately 80% to the regular season payoff and 20% to the roll off.

Proposed Rolloff qualifying criteria: The Roll Off will be broken into two groups. Group One is the four "Quarter winners" and the 16* 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. The format will be determined by the Prize Fund Committee. *Number of teams determined by the total number of teams in the league to create a 50/50 split.
17. **Victory Lanes has a zero-tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct, sandbagging, abusing the bowling equipment or excessive profanity. Bowlers who demonstrate inappropriate behavior may be may be expelled from the league at the discretion of Victory Lanes management.**
18. **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.**
19. **Proper Etiquette - a few simple guidelines to help make your bowling experience more pleasurable:**
 - Be ready to bowl when the pins are set.
 - Observe one-lane courtesy. The bowler on the right should bowl if both reach the approach at the same time. Stay off the approach while you wait.
 - Taking too long to aim or get set up when you are on the approach delays the game.
 - Step off the approach once you have delivered the ball.