

FRIDAY NIGHT TRIOS LEAGUE RULES

League: FRIDAY NIGHT TRIOS

League No.: 655

Start Date: 1/10/2025

SPRING 2025

President: BETH WISSINGER

Phone: (714) 794-8273

Time: 8:20 PRACTICE, 8:30 BOWL

Vice President: DAVID BEARD

Phone: (714) 794-8273

Secretary: DAVID WIRTHS

Phone: (714) 794-8273

Treasurer: HELEN LYNN

Phone: (714) 794-8273

Weeks: 13+ SWEEPS

BYES: NONE

Position Rounds: 4/4/2025

Sweeps Date: 4/11/2025

BANQUET: 4/13/2025

Location TBD

Number of Teams: 16

League Fees: \$30.00

Per Team: \$90.00

Additional Fees:

Sweeps Fees: \$30.00

OPTIONAL:

GENERAL RULES

- All bowlers in the league will be certified by USBC and abide by the printed/online edition of the USBC rulebook if not covered by these rules.
- League will bowl 3 games with a 7 point system.
- Split Season: NO
- Handicap will be 90% of 220.
 - League wins and losses for first session will be handicapped. Averages for handicap based on a minimum of one game bowled in this league.
 - High score listing on league sheet will be scratch & hdcp.
- If applicable, entering average will be: Team max. _____ Other: Rule not applicable
Individual average to be used in entering based on the following listed in order of usage:
Subs or replacements may not cause a team to exceed the team maximum based on entering average. If so, team forfeits all points won that bowling session.
- Teams to be limited to 3 regular bowlers per team of any gender.
- Team captain's responsibilities: Please be certain all bowlers on your team have made payment to the control desk before the end of the first game. Certify all bowlers, including subs. Use of uncertified bowlers will result in forfeiture of all points won that bowling session. Be sure all are eligible to bowl. Check team's weekly recap for accuracy of names and scores. Sign recap and turn it in to a league officer.**
- Fountain Bowl will not become involved in any dispute that may arise in the league. All disputes will be turned over to the league board of directors and/or USBC.

SHORTAGES

- If you bowl you **MUST** pay.
- There will be no shortages allowed, unless absent.
 - All shortages must be paid in full when bowler returns to league play.
- Regular bowler is responsible for league fees if sub bowls or not.
- Fountain Bowl reserves the right to refuse bowling privileges to any bowler who owes more than two weeks lineage to Fountain Bowl.
- Shortages in this league from bowlers or teams dropping out of the league will be assumed by the league and the prize fund charged. Any individual or team replacing dropped bowlers will assume their shortages, wins & losses. All prize fund amounts listed in this document are based on a full roster and will be adjusted based on the actual number of bowlers paying into the prize fund.
- Any team or individual dropping out of the league must give a two-week **PAID** notice to the team captain, league secretary and the house. If a replacement is found within the two weeks, remaining prepaid monies will be refunded.
- Fountain Bowl reserves the right to collect the amount of any check(s) tendered by a league member in payment of league fees, whether for lineage or prize fund, that are returned by the maker's bank unpaid, for any reason, together with applicable service charges then in effect, first from the maker, second from maker's team, third from the remainder of the league's prize fund.

SUBSTITUTES, ABSENTEES, LATE BOWLER, ETC.

- Subs in a no bowler spot must pay league fees.
- Roving subs will be allowed. NO PACERS (NO SUBS ON POSITION ROUNDS OR SWEEPS)
- A. Subs will be league ratio as listed in rule 6 above.
 - At no time can there be more than two substitutes per team during the same bowling session.
- New bowlers and new subs are prohibited during the last 2 weeks of league play, defined as the week of final position round and the week preceding it.
- Vacancy score for incomplete teams at any time: 203 net (140 plus handicap based on 150=63)
- Absentee's score during season will be the regular bowler's average less 10 pins.
 - Averages of subs may not be used for an absent score.
 - Absentee's blind score during position rounds and sweepstakes will be the regular bowler's average less 0 pins.
- 1 regular team members must be present and able to bowl by the end of the 1st frame or team will forfeit that game and each game a legal lineup is not present.
- Late bowlers:
Bowlers must be ready to bowl by the time the anchor bowler on the opposing time has started his/her third frame. If a bowler is not present and able to bowl by the time the anchor bowler on the opposing team has started his/her third frame, the bowler is ineligible to bowl that game and shall start bowling the next game.
- Captain of team desiring a postponement or pre-bowl must request postponement or pre-bowl from a member of the postponement committee (in this league, any league officer) prior to scheduled bowling time, except for emergencies.**
- Bowling unopposed will be allowed. All games must be bowled within 2 weeks of scheduled match. Team must get print out from desk after each game. Two teams making up at the same time do not require a print out.
 - All make-up games must be bowled one week prior to a position round, regardless of time rule stated above, or team will forfeit all points.
 - Pre-bowls or make-ups will not be permitted for position rounds.
- If a league at any time has an odd number of teams, the team bowling against the missing team will:
Beat own team average minus 0 (zero) pins.
- Teams bowling in a forfeit situation must:
Beat own team average minus 30 pins.
- Violations of rules stated above will result in forfeiture of all games.

AWARDS

28. In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the schedule, there will be a three-game roll-off bowled on sweepstakes night with total points as set forth in Rule #2 above deciding the winner. In the event teams tie for total pins in the roll-off, a one-frame roll-off (handicap to be at 1/10 of one game) will be bowled to determine the winner. In the event the one-frame roll-off produces a tie, successive one-frame roll-offs will be bowled until no tie exists and a winner can be declared. 2nd and 3rd places to be determined by total pins in the event of a tie.
29. Bowlers must roll two-thirds of the games to be eligible for league awards.
 A. To determine season high awards, a 12-game handicap will be added to scratch score bowled during the first 4 weeks. Thereafter, the current handicap will be added to scratch scores bowled each week.
30. No team or individual will be allowed to win both high series and high game awards nor will any team or individual be allowed to win both scratch and handicap awards. High series will take precedence over game.
SCRATCH will take precedence over HANDICAP.
31. Games bowled as a substitute do not qualify for league awards even if the sub becomes a regular bowler at a later date. Games bowled as a sub do count toward minimum game rules if they become a regular member. (Scores bowled during pre-bowls or make ups do not count for season awards).

TROPHY EXPENDITURES

HOUSE AWARDS

1ST place - HOUSE
 2nd place - HOUSE
 3rd place - HOUSE
 LAST PLACE - HOUSE

BASED ON FULL ROSTER AND SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT

INCOME

Individual Weekly Fee	\$	30.00
Less bowling fee	\$	16.50
Net to prize fund	\$	13.50
at bowlers per team	3 \$	40.50
at teams per week	16 \$	648.00
at weeks per season	13 \$	8,424.00
Secretary Fee.	\$ - \$	-
Trophy Fee	\$ - \$	-
Prepaid Sweepstakes	\$ - \$	-
Administrative Fees	\$ - \$	-
Other	\$ - \$	-
Other	\$ - \$	-
Other	\$ - \$	-
Total Income	\$	8,424.00

EXPENSES

Points	728
per point	\$ 5.30
Prize money	\$ 3,858.40
overage	\$ 5.60
Total prize money	\$ 3,864.00
Secretary Fee	\$ - \$ -
Trophy Fee	\$ - \$ -
Prepaid Sweeps	\$ 30.00 \$ 1,440.00
Weekly Lineage	\$ - \$ -
Rooms	\$ - \$ -
Guar Doubles	\$ 2.00 \$ 1,248.00
Administrative Fees	\$ -
Banquet	\$ 3.00 \$ 1,872.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,424.00

*****SWEEPS FEES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM BOWLERS EARNINGS*****

SWEEPSTAKES

32. Computer Sweeps:
 Included in weekly fee.
33. Sweepstakes will be guaranteed and will be bowled as a team event.
 Sweepstakes fee is included in weekly fee.
34. TEAM EVENT
 Team event will pay 1/3 of the number of teams in the league, rounded down, places.
 Fountain Bowl reserves the right to combine regular team members to form complete teams for sweepstakes events.
35. Mixed doubles sweepstakes events will be guaranteed.
36. Sweeps will be handicapped.
37. Subs may not bowl sweepstakes.
38. Bowlers who do not participate in sweepstakes will be placed at the bottom of the doubles event payout.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

39. No children allowed in the bowling area.
40. All playpens must be kept on the carpeted area on the concourse.
41. It is a violation of California law to carry or drink alcoholic beverages outside the building and if caught the individual carrying or drinking the alcohol may be cited by the police department or other law enforcement agency. Please do not carry alcoholic beverages outside.

ANY NOTES OR ADDITIONS TO LEAGUE RULES:

The Friday Night Trios league is an invitation only league. As such, the league reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone. Ownership of the league is by and for its members who choose to bowl at Fountain Bowl and Fountain Bowl is not in any way involved in any decisions made by the league to admit or deny membership.

The Friday Night Trios league was started for the fun and enjoyment of all of its members. Anyone disrupting or causing problems will be issued a verbal warning, and if the disruption or problems continue, that individual(s) will be asked to leave and all of that/those individual(s) prize money will be forfeited. The decision to ask a league member to leave is the right and responsibility of the league officers and a majority of the team captains. Additionally, Fountain Bowl reserves the right to bar anyone from its premises who is acting in any way so as to interfere with the enjoyment of its premises by other customers or who is caught damaging Fountain Bowl's property.

ALL BOWLERS MUST COMPLY WITH USBC RULE CHAPTER 8, EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS, Section 7(1)(a)(iii) which provides that holes or indentations for gripping purposes MUST be used on every delivery. This means if you have a hole in your ball, you MUST USE IT. No exceptions. If you don't want to use a thumbhole, for example, it must be plugged, and balls without a thumbhole must have a scribed or engraved cross-hair lines (+) near the center of the palm to indicate the grip orientation.

No powder or any substances are permitted on shoes. Although this may be permitted by USBC, bowling centers may adopt this policy. This is a bowling center safety measure and all leagues are required to comply.