

Dale City Tuesday Pride Fall 2008 Bylaws

I. LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

- A. The league will be known as the Dale City Tuesday Pride (DCTP) League.
- B. The league will have two (2) person teams.
- C. Certification and affiliations.
 - 1. The league will be certified by United States Bowling Congress (USBC).
 - i. Bowlers must complete and submit an USBC membership card, and pay any applicable fees, on the first night bowled.
 - ii. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of any/all points won on the night(s) this individual bowls.
 - iii. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of any/all points won on other league(s) that the bowler is a member of, including full-time and substitute.
 - 2. The league will be a member of the Capital Area Rainbowlers Association (CARA).
 - 3. The league will be a member of International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).
 - 4. The President will appoint members to serve as representatives to CARA and IGBO.

II. LEAGUE SPECIFICS

- A. The league will bowl at AMF Dale City Lanes with a scheduled starting time of 8:00 PM. The league will have ten (10) minutes of practice starting promptly at 7:50 PM.
- B. AMF Dale City recognizes DCTP as a “guaranteed league”, which starts on the first (1st) Tuesday in September.
- C. The league will bowl for sixteen (16) weeks.
- D. The league will use individual handicaps of 80% of 200. The team handicap will be the total of the two (2) bowler’s handicaps.
- E. The league will bowl a three (3) game match, and will abide by a seven (7) point system:
 - 1. two (2) points for each game and one (1) point for total pin-fall;
 - 2. In case of a tie game, each team will receive one (1) point; and
 - 3. In case of a tie in total pin-fall, each team will receive one-half (1/2) point.

III. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

- A. The management of the league is vested in the Board of Directors.
 - 1. The Board of Directors consists of four (4) elected officers (President, Vice President,

Secretary, and Treasurer) and the Team Captains.

2. The Board of Directors will settle any disputes and be the governing body for the league.
- B. The league will adopt playing rules (Bylaws). For the league Organizational Meeting the members present will be considered a Quorum.
1. The meeting will be conducted at AMF Dale City in their Meeting Room.
 2. The meeting will be held on the last Tuesday in the month of August at 8pm.
- C. Voting.
1. A Quorum of the Board of Directors must be present to vote on league matters.
 2. A Team Captain who is also an officer may represent his or her team as well as offer her/his own views as an officer, but will only have one (1) vote.
 3. The President will only vote in the event of a tie.
- D. Meetings.
1. The President will call Board of Directors' meetings to order. A Quorum for these meetings is a majority of the Board of Directors.
 2. An Organizational Meeting will be conducted one (1) week prior to start of league.
 - i. During the organizational meeting, league rules may be proposed by any league member.
 - ii. Rules shall be adopted by majority vote of the members present.
 - iii. After the start of league play, changes may be adopted only by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
 3. Quorum for all league meetings is a simple majority of the league members.
- E. League officers are responsible for the duties outlined under Rule 102 of the 2008-2009 USBC Playing Rules. In addition:
1. The league officers are responsible for coordinating the end-of-season awards party; and
 2. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating the league fundraisers.
- F. Committees.
1. The President will appoint members for the Audit, Banquet, Nominations, and Prize Committees.
 - i. As required by USBC, the President shall verify the league's bank balance monthly;
 - ii. "Verify", as defined by USBC, means the league's President must not only determine

- the amount on deposit, but also do the arithmetic necessary to determine how much should be on deposit;
 - iii. The Audit Committee will assist the President in generating the monthly bank balance report by the last business day of each month; and
 - iv. The league’s Secretary will distribute a copy of the monthly bank balance report to each Team Captain.
2. Each committee must include at least one league officer:
- i. The President and Treasurer shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Audit Committee;
 - ii. The Vice-President shall serve as the Chair of the Nominations Committee; and
 - iii. The Secretary shall serve as the Chair of the Prize Fund Committee.

IV. LEAGUE FINANCES

A. Weekly fees (per person) are \$15.00, distributed as follows:

- 1. Lineage..... \$10.25;
- 2. CARA dues..... \$0.35;
- 3. Secretary salary..... \$0.40;
- 4. Treasurer salary..... \$0.30; and
- 5. Prize/Trophy fund..... \$3.70.

B. The IGBO Sanction Fee is dependent upon the number of bowlers in the league and may require the league to transfer monies from the Prize/Trophy fund to cover this expense.

C. Payment of fees.

- 1. A team may meet its obligations with advance payments.
- 2. As a “guaranteed league”, all regular bowlers are required to pay the weekly fee even when he/she does not bowl.
- 3. There will be a one (1) week grace period for the full payment of fees. The grace period may be extended only by approval of the league officers.
- 4. A team is in arrears if it does not pay all past and current monies due at the end of the grace period.
 - i. A team will forfeit all points won while in arrears.
 - ii. These points cannot be recovered under any circumstance.
- 5. Fees for the final two (2) weeks of bowling are a non-refundable franchise fee and are due on week 5.
 - i. These monies cannot be used to meet a team's weekly obligation,
 - ii. These monies cannot be used to meet a team's vacating fees obligation, and
 - iii. These monies cannot be transferred to meet a new bowler’s obligation.
 - iv. In the event a new bowler begins on or after week 5, she/he must pay the fees for the final two weeks during before their second night of bowling.

6. All bowling fees for the DCTP League must be paid by week 14.
7. Any money owed the league will be withheld from a team's prize money at the end of the season and redistributed to offset league obligations.
8. Payment envelopes must be returned to the league Treasurer by the start of the fourth (4th) frame of the first (1st) game.

D. Personal checks.

1. Personal checks must be payable to "Dale City Tuesday Pride."
2. Personal checks will not be accepted after Week 12.
3. A returned personal check must be "made-good" (paid in cash – the full amount of the check, plus any returned check fees incurred by the league, plus a \$20.00 league service fee) the night of bowling after notification by a league officer. Otherwise, the team will be in arrears.
4. A bowler with a returned personal check may not pay by check for the remainder of the season.
5. \$20.00 league service fees collected must be added to the Prize Fund.

E. Management of league funds.

1. League officers will manage league funds consistent with USBC requirements for full bonding (see Chapter 8 of the 2008-2009 Playing Rules).
2. Two (2) league officers must sign each check.
 - i. The President and Treasurer must sign the salary check for the Secretary.
 - ii. The President and Secretary must sign the salary check for the Treasurer.
3. The league's Board of Directors will handle any overages or shortages of league funds according to majority decision.
4. The Audit Committee will perform their monthly audits as mandated by USBC, and conduct their final audit during the week following the 14th week of bowling.

V. TEAMS AND TEAM CAPTAINS

- A. Each team shall have a Team Captain who will represent, or appoint a league member to represent, the team at all Board of Directors meetings.
- B. Team Captains are responsible for:
 1. The duties listed under Rule 104a of the 2008-2009 USBC Playing Rules;
 2. Ensuring that the league Bylaws are followed;

3. Ensuring that no team member falls more than one (1) week behind in bowling fees; and
4. Notifying team members of the status of bowling during inclement weather.
 - i. The League Secretary will provide each Team Captain with the current league roster, which will include bowler's name, team number, phone number, and e-mail address, if provided.
 - ii. Each bowler is responsible for contacting the League Secretary to ensure his or her contact information is correct.
 - iii. League roster information is for Official Use Only, and all bowler application-related information including name, residence, and contact information will be viewed and used only by the League's Board of Directors. Under no circumstances will any Team Captain or League Officer ever give, sell, or transfer any personal or application-related confidential information, which includes e-mail address, to any third party.

VI. ENTERING AVERAGE

A. Entering average.

1. A bowler's entering average will be determined in the following order (twenty one (21) game minimum):
 - i. Winter 2008 Dale City Tuesday Pride League; then
 - ii. 2007-2008 CARA League (highest average if more than one league); then
 - iii. 2007-2008 USBC Yearbook Average; and then
 - iv. 2008 Dale City Summer Pride or other CARA Summer League.
2. A bowler entering with an established average must submit proof of this average to the Secretary, if requested, within one week. Failure to comply may result in:
 - i. Forfeiture of any points won on nights the individual in question bowled, and/or
 - ii. Other measures as determined by the league's Board of Directors.
3. A bowler without an entering average under article VI.A.1 (above) will establish an average using his or her first three games. Their average will be re-calculated each week using actual pin fall from this league.
4. Bowlers with an established average as outlined in section "A" above will use that average for their first nine games; afterwards, bowler's averages will be calculated using actual pin fall from this league.

VII. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES.

- ### A. Protests must be made in writing to the League Secretary within 7 days of the problem, except that any protest during the final two (2) weeks of the season must be made within 48 hours.

1. Protest must include date and time of the incident; and
 2. Name of all bowlers directly involved, and witness to, incident being protested;
 3. Description of the protest in legible writing.
- B. The steps for settling protests and other disputes will be:
1. Dale City Tuesday Pride Board of Directors; then
 2. United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

VIII. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The league will bowl a 16-week season. In the event the league does not bowl due to weather and/or AMF Dale City Lanes is closed, an additional week will be added to the end of regularly scheduled season to offset the missed week of bowling.
- B. The Secretary will maintain:
1. Pin fall and win/loss records;
 2. Composite (season-to-date) pin fall and win/loss records;
 3. Composite individual averages; and
 4. Current League roster, including contact information (e.g., name, address, phone, and e-mail address if available).
- C. Position rounds will take place as shown in the league schedule.
1. Position Round 1 will occur on Week 8, and Position Round 2 will occur on Week 16.
 2. Ties for rankings will be broken by handicap pin fall.
 3. The Secretary will determine lane assignments for all Position/Championship rounds.
- D. Championships. Championships will be determined as follows:
1. League championship – composite win/loss record.
- E. Ties for championships.
1. If there is a tie for first place for the championship, a one game roll-off will be held.
 - i. If the roll-off results in a tie, a one-frame “sudden death” roll-off will be held (one-tenth of the individual's handicap will be added).
 - ii. Roll-off scores are eligible for individual and team awards.
 2. All other positions will be ranked by team composite record

- F. Ties for positions other than first place will result in equal splitting of all monies involved.

IX. TEAM ROSTER

- A. Two (2) Person Team Rosters are limited to three (3) members. Each team may field up to two (2) bowlers for each match.
- B. Roster changes during the final two (2) weeks of the season require majority approval of the Board of Directors.

X. LEGAL LINEUP, TARDY PLAYERS, AND PACERS

- A. A legal team lineup is one (1) regular team member ready to bowl at the end of the first frame in any game.
 - 1. A team will forfeit any game where it does not have a legal lineup.
 - 2. Any pin fall bowled under an illegal lineup will not be counted towards the team's cumulative total.
- B. A tardy player must start bowling before the anchor bowler on the opposing team has finished his or her fourth (4th) frame of the current game. Otherwise, a blind score will be taken for that game. The player may bowl as usual in subsequent game(s).
- C. The use of a pacer is not permitted.
- D. "Bowl Out" is not permitted.

XI. ABSENTEE (BLIND) AND VACANCY SCORES

- A. A blind score will be the absent team member's average minus ten (10) pins; the handicap remains the same.
 - 1. A blind score can be used provided:
 - i. A bowler has an established entering average; OR
 - ii. A bowler without an established entering average has bowled a minimum of three (3) games.
 - 2. When a bowler has departed the team, and a replacement has not been found, a blind score will be used for two (2) weeks. After this period, a Vacancy score of 120 will be used.
- B. A team will use a Vacancy score when it does not have enough roster players for a full lineup. The Vacancy score will be 120 with a handicap of 64.
- C. No vacancy shall be filled with a substitute.

XII. SUBSTITUTES

- A. Substitutes:
 - 1. All subs will be required to pay the weekly fee to bowl three (3) games. These additional funds will be added to the Prize/Trophy Fund;
 - 2. May not bowl for more than one team on any scheduled night of bowling; and
 - 3. Are not eligible for Dale City Tuesday Pride League or CARA prizes or awards.
- B. May be used on position rounds provided they have a nine (9) game average in the league.
- C. Week 12 is the last night a new substitute will be allowed (a new sub is an individual who is bowling in this league for the first time this season when his or her score will count towards match play).
- D. Must be a USBC sanctioned bowler in “good standing”. If Substitute is a new bowler, then:
 - 1. She/He must complete USBC membership application and pay fees in accordance with USBC Rule 101; and
 - 2. She/He must complete and sign AMF application as required by AMF Dale City.

XIII. PRE-BOWLING/POST-BOWLING AND BOWLING UNOPPOSED

- A. Pre-bowling and Post-Bowling are allowed as described below.
 - 1. For a match during regular rotation:
 - i. The team(s) must notify the Secretary at least 48 hours before the match, unless there is an emergency situation; and
 - ii. The team(s) must bowl the match within two (2) weeks, or before the position round, whichever comes first.
 - 2. For the championship round:
 - iii. Pre-bowling or post-bowling will be allowed only if there is an emergency situation;
 - iv. The team(s) must notify the Secretary at least 24 hours prior to or 24 hours after the match; and
 - v. The team(s) must bowl the match within one (1) week.
 - 3. All games must be bowled at AMF Dale City Lanes.
 - 4. The opposing team has the options of bowling with the team that requested to pre-bowl or post-bowl, or bowling on the original scheduled night of bowling. Pre- and post-bowl scores can be viewed prior to the start of league play in accordance with USBC rules.
 - 5. If the teams cannot agree to a date and time for the make-up match, the Secretary will make the decision.
 - 6. A team that fails to appear as scheduled will forfeit, and the other team will bowl unopposed. If both teams fail to appear, both teams will forfeit.

- 7. In accordance with USBC Rules, pre- and post-bowling scores are not eligible for USBC Awards, but are eligible for DCTP and CARA awards.
- B. Bowling unopposed. A team bowling against a nonexistent team, an absent team, or a team without a legal lineup:
 - 1. Must complete one frame on one lane before starting the next frame on the adjoining lane; and
 - 2. Will be awarded points as shown below:

If the team's score...	Then the team...
exceeds its blind score	is awarded a win
matches its blind score	is awarded a tie
is less than its blind score	wins no points, and the points are credited as unearned

XIV. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. If there is a potential for inclement weather, it shall be the duty of each team captain to contact the bowling center to determine if bowling has been cancelled and if so, to notify the remaining members of his or her team of the cancellation.
- B. In an emergency, a bowler may finish their game in accordance with USBC Rule 108.
 - 1. When a player is unable to complete a game because of disability, injury or emergency, and another eligible player is not available, the team shall count the actual score for the frames bowled plus one-tenth (1/10th) of the league's absentee score (i.e., member's average less 10 pins) for each frame missed.
 - 2. A player that is unable to complete a game may not return for any subsequent game(s) that night. Scores will count toward any individual and/or team performance awards.
 - 3. The Team Captain involved will notify the League Secretary, or another league officer if Secretary is absent, immediately of the situation.
- C. If there is a question about the legitimacy of any emergency, the Dale City Tuesday Pride Board of Directors will decide if an actual emergency existed. The President will convene the Board of Directors prior the next scheduled week of league play.

XV. VACATING THE LEAGUE AND REPLACEMENT TEAMS

- A. Teams and individuals vacating the league must provide a written two (2) week notice to the league Secretary and pay two (2) weeks of bowling fees, unless the vacancy(ies) have been filled. If an individual vacates the league without paying their two (2) weeks of fees, the Secretary will immediately report them to CARA, IGBO, and USBC as a member "not in good standing" until all monies owed are collected.
- B. If a bowler resigns, he/she will forfeit their money and fees already paid to the league.
- C. A team replacing a team that has dropped out assumes that team's pin fall and win/loss record.

1. The new team may assume forfeited team position prizes only if it assumes any/all financial arrearages owed the league; otherwise, only position prizes (prorated from their actual starting date) will be awarded.
2. Team performance award(s) may not be assumed under any circumstances.

XVI. PRIZE FUND AND PRIZES

- A. The President will appoint a Prize Committee to draw up proposals, which are due on Week 5.
 1. The Prize Committee will present no less than three proposals for voting by the league membership in attendance on Week 5.
 2. A copy of the winning proposal will be distributed to all team captains.
- B. If the selected prize fund includes individual and/or team performance awards:
 1. Each individual and each team may win in only one category, with the exception of “high average” or “most improved.”
 2. A league member must have bowled at least two-thirds of the scheduled games to qualify for an individual prize. These games must be bowled as a league member (i.e., games bowled as a sub will not count).
 3. A bowler without an established entering average will be eligible for individual handicap awards after completion of nine games.
 4. Scores bowled during unopposed bowling may be eligible for DCTP league awards.
 5. When an individual or team qualifies in more than one category, the award with the higher monetary value will be awarded. For awards of equal value, the order will be: scratch set, handicap set, scratch game, handicap game.
- C. “Most improved bowler” awards will be based on a comparison of the bowler’s final average compared to their first nine (9) game average.

XVII. LEAGUE FUND RAISERS.

- A. The Dale City Tuesday Pride league may run a 50/50 raffle, brackets, or other Fundraisers (i.e., brackets, Lucky Strike, etc...).
- B. The Vice-President is responsible for overseeing all League fundraisers.
- C. During the absence of the Vice-President, another league officer will oversee the fundraisers.

XVIII. LEAGUE ELECTIONS.

- A. Officers for the Dale City Tuesday Pride II Winter League will be elected prior to the end of the

Dale City Tuesday Pride Fall League.

1. The President will appoint a Nominations Committee of no less than three (3) members, and
 2. The Nominations Committee will be chaired by the League Vice-President.
- B. The Nominations Committee will solicit nominees for league offices, prepare a slate of nominees, and coordinate the election of officers.
1. Nominations will be in Weeks 13 and 14; and
 2. The election will be held in Week 15.
- C. Election procedure. The Nominations Committee will:
1. Prepare and distribute secret ballots;
 2. Count returned ballots; and
 3. The Vice-President or a member of the Nominations Committee in the event the Vice-President is absent, will announce the results to the League Secretary.
 4. There will be additional ballots for any office for which no candidate has received more than 50% of the vote. A run-off will be conducted for the two (2) candidates with most votes.

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Any team or individual guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct will be given one verbal warning by the President or another league officer. Any subsequent offense will result in action taken by the League Officers of the Dale City Tuesday Pride, according to USBC guidelines.
- B. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.
1. Individuals engaging in such behavior may be asked to leave the league.
 2. Any league member who has been harassed or received unwelcome attention is encouraged to discuss his or her concerns with the league officers.
 3. Any member who witnesses another league member having been harassed or received unwelcome attention is encouraged to report their observation with the league officers.
- C. The league officers must approve in advance all announcements, solicitations, and similar activities not specifically related to league, CARA or IGBO programs.
1. The Secretary or another league officer will make all public address announcements.
 2. Team Captains are encouraged to notify the League Secretary, or another league officer if Secretary is absent, in the event one or more members on their team bowls a 200 or higher game, or 75 pins over their average.

- D. Situations not specifically addressed in the bylaws will be handled in accordance with the 2008-2009 USBC Playing Rules.
- E. League members are responsible for their guest(s) behavior.
 - 1. Inappropriate behavior of member's guest(s) will not be tolerated. Individual(s) engaging in such behavior may be asked to leave the bowling center.
 - 2. Any League member's guest(s) who has harassed or given unwelcome attention to either a League member or non-League individual will not be allowed back to the bowling center.