

CATERPILLAR MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
2018 – 2019 RULES

League Officers

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GENERAL

The Caterpillar Lafayette Mixed Bowling League shall consist of 14 teams with a playing strength of three. The League will bowl on Wednesdays commencing August 22rd, 2018, and ending March 20th, 2019. March 27th, 2019 will be set aside for a Nine-pin no-tap Fun Night, and/or a Tiebreaker Match between the top two teams if necessary, and the league Banquet/Awards Ceremony.

The league will be non-sanctioned for the 2018-2019 season. There will be no player fees required.

The Caterpillar mixed league will not bowl on Wednesday, November 21nd. Also, there will be no bowling on Dec 26th, due to the holidays and Christmas shutdown. All scheduled matches will start promptly at 4:30 P.M. In addition, while we don't have a league after on the lanes keep in mind that our contract states we are to be done bowling by 6:35.

If we have a vacancy team or a team is lost during the season, the opposing team faced without an opponent will bowl against themselves. The team must achieve a score better than 30 pins under their team game average to earn two points per game. The team must also achieve a score better than 90 pins under their team series average to earn two points for series.

RULE 1 - MANAGEMENT

The management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers (President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer) and team captains. The election of league officers will be held at the annual league meeting after the season, with each team present being allowed one vote each. In annual business meetings, a majority shall constitute a quorum.

Any changes to these rules would need to be brought up to the officers during the season or at the season year end meeting. Changes would then be voted on at the following years opening captain's meeting to take effect for that year if passed with a majority vote.

If anyone feels there is a need to change a rule mid-season then provide your request to the officers. In order for a change to be approved and take effect on a mid-season basis it would take a unanimous vote from all captains

RULE 2 - SECRETARY'S SALARY

The Secretary's salary shall be bowling reimbursement (\$11.00 per week) and shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule with final individual averages available and budget closed.

RULE 3 - TEAM ROSTERS AND ELIGIBILITY

Team rosters will be determined by the officers prior to the start of season after sign-up has been available for a reasonable length of time. There is no limit to team size, but a recommended number of team members is five or six.

The Caterpillar Mixed Bowling League is open to all Caterpillar and contract employees as well as their spouse/significant other and friends. At least one Caterpillar-affiliated employee must be on each team. The Board and existing Team captains will also allow other teams as approved. In any case that a team member is no longer affiliated with Caterpillar, through no fault of their own, that person may continue to bowl for their team or participate as a sub.

RULE 4 - LEGAL LINE-UP AND POSTPONEMENTS

Team captains may determine the bowling order of their team members. Teams must field at least one bowler or forfeit all points for the match. At least one rostered member of a team, plus a substitute bowler if necessary shall constitute a legal line-up. A second substitute bowler is allowed to fill a line-up to three. Any member of the league may substitute for any team in the league. On position night, all bowlers must be team members from your roster or if using a sub, the sub must have an established Cat Mixed league average, or a blind score must be used. No new bowlers may be brought into the league after week 21.

If a team forfeits a night, then the following scoring methods will apply. The forfeiting team cannot win any points. The opposing team must achieve a score better than 60 pins under their team game average to earn two points per game. The team must also achieve a score better than 180 pins under their team series average to earn two points for series.

In the event you know in advance that you can't field a team during the regular bowling time then there is the option of pre-bowling. This option is available as a team or as an individual should you know you can't field a full team on the regular bowling night. In order to pre-bowl, you would need to contact the league secretary so lanes can be reserved in the available pre-bowl time slots. Time slots are available everyday so if the situation arises contact league secretary and options can be discussed.

RULE 5 - VACANCY SCORES

Vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has a legal line-up but less than a full line-up at the start of any game in a series. This score will be 175 with no handicap.

RULE 6 - TARDY PLAYERS

Practice begins at 4:30 for 8 minutes then bowling must begin by 4:45. If a team is not available to begin with at least one team member, that team forfeits that first game.. If as long as one member begins bowling, then the 5th frame rule enters in for the other team members. This applies in all cases regardless if you are bowling against another team, a pre-bowled team, a vacancy team (should we have one), etc.,

A player will not be excluded from a game until both competing teams have started the **5th frame**. A vacancy score will be used if the tardy player is excluded from the game. No practice balls will be permitted after the 4:38 starting time.

RULE 7 - ENTERING AVERAGES

Bowlers will use their average established in Caterpillar Mixed League play last season, based on a minimum of 21 games. This entering average will be used for the first three series bowled this season. For the remaining games a cumulative running average for this season will be used. Anyone who did not bowl the minimum number of games last season in the Caterpillar Mixed League will establish his or her average after the completion of the first series of bowling in the league this season. This average will be used for the first three series (9 games) of bowling. For the remaining games, a cumulative running average will be used.

RULE 8 - HANDICAP

The handicap allowance shall be 90% and shall be figured on the difference between each individual's scratch average and 220. If a bowler's average exceeds 220, a negative handicap will be used. This negative handicap will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's scratch average and 220. Handicap will be capped at 110 pins.

RULE 9 - FEES

The amount to be paid by each bowler (whether a regular bowler or a sub) each night shall be \$11.00, of which \$8.60 will be paid to the bowling alley for the cost of bowling. Because subs pay for their own bowling, they will be eligible for all weekly prizes given to regular league members during the regular season. Substitutes must bowl a minimum of 24 games to be eligible for year-end prizes. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that a total of \$33 is paid in cases when a full team is not present. Any shortage must be paid the next scheduled league night or ALL points for that night will be forfeited. Team captains (or other designated person) are responsible for turning in their respective team's money envelope to the league Secretary-Treasurer (or other designated person) by the end of the first game.

RULE 10 - SCORING SYSTEM

For the normal league schedule, each team match will be assigned 8 points:
two points for each team game won.....6 total points possible
two points for the team series won.....2 points

All points won are based on handicap scores. The last night of bowling shall be Nine-pin No-tap and a Tiebreaker match for the top two teams if necessary, and no points will be scored.

RULE 11 - PRIZES AND ELIGIBILITY

There will be weekly cash prizes distributed as follows:

Game one:

Will be a mystery score game. A random score, from numbers 75 to 225, will be drawn and the bowler with that score or the closest to it (over or under) wins \$15. In case of ties, money is split equally.

Game two:

Will be a "pin money" game. A name will be drawn sometime during the second game. On that person's next frame, he/she will receive cash based on number of pins knocked down on their first ball, where 1 pin = \$1 up to 9 pins, a strike will get that person \$15 or accumulated sum from previous weeks. If a strike is not rolled then the balance of money not won in that week will accumulate until a strike is rolled.

Game three:

Will be a random name \$15 drawing.

Restrictions:

Only league members and subs actually bowling that night will be eligible to win.
Winners will be limited to one prize on any given night.

The Secretary-Treasurer will deposit the remainder of the nightly fees in the League Treasury on a weekly basis. The President or Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall sign for withdrawals. The President shall verify the balance each month.

All league members & Subs will be eligible for team and/or individual cash awards, at the end of the season, provided they have bowled 24 games in the league.

Bowlers without an established average must bowl nine games before subsequent scores are eligible for handicap awards. No individual may win more than one cash prize. In the event that individuals qualify for multiple prizes, the Secretary shall distribute the prizes based on the ranking of the awards resulting in only one prize per individual per category (i.e. scores, average, attendance, etc.).

Any bowler is eligible to bowl in all special events and the final position night if he or she has an established league avg. as of the date of the event.

RULE 12 - LANE USAGE

There shall always be at least one empty lane between league and open bowling.

RULE 13 - PRACTICE BOWLING

Bowlers will not practice bowl on assigned lanes before the beginning of league play on the day of competition. Offending bowlers will be penalized with a 175 blind score, no handicap, for the first game for that bowler. League play begins when instructed by bowling alley personnel.

RULE 14 – CONDUCT/BEHAVIOR

This is a fun league and we wish it to be fun for the entire league, all teams. All team members should act in an acceptable and respectful manner. Everyone should follow all bowling alley policies (ex. No outside food or drink is allowed, No outside music is allowed, etc). If there are teams or individuals that act in behavior not deemed acceptable by other league members then it should be brought to the attention of the league officers and will be reviewed. If the League officers agree that the behavior is inappropriate or disrespectful then it will be discussed with the team or individual as such and they will be requested to correct just behavior. A second complaint about the same person or team will result in elimination from weekly prizes for 4 weeks. A third such situation will result in removal of the individual or team from the league.

As a bowling member of the Cat Mixed League you are accepting these terms and will abide by them.

RULE 15 - VENUE

If we have a lineage guarantee for the following year then there will be no venue vote. For Example, if lineage is guaranteed for two years then there would be no option to vote to move venues.