

MIAMI RAINBOWLERS LEAGUE BY-LAWS
WINTER SEASON 2011-2012

1. The Miami Rainbowlers League will consist of Teams with the playing strength of four (4) members per team. The League will bowl on Monday nights for 34 weeks beginning on September 12, 2011 and ending on May 21, 2012. There will be NO BOWLING ON December 26, January 2 and March 12. There will be two (2) Position Rounds, Week #17, and Final Position Round on Week #34. Payoff date to be determined. SPLIT SEASON WILL BEGIN ON WEEK #18.
2. Bowling practice will begin at 7:50PM and League Play at 8:00PM. The League will be sanctioned with USBC and local associations. Male Sanctioning is \$18.00 and Female Sanctioning is \$19.00. Everyone must fill out a Sanction Card on the first night of bowling and pay sanction fees if needed. If not, scores will not be counted and a blind score will be used.
3. The Management will be vested in the Board of Directors, which will consist of the Officers and Team Captains. Those attending will constitute a quorum.
4. **LEAGUE FEES***: The League Fees will be \$18.00 (\$10.25) Lineage, \$.50 for secretary/treasurer fees, \$6.75 going into the Prize Fund and the balance of \$.50 apportioned for league advertising and promotional efforts, including joining the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO)).
NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE LAST THREE (3) WEEKS OF BOWLING.
5. An account will be opened in the name of Miami Rainbowlers League at Bird Bowl. The President, Treasurer or Vice President will sign for all withdrawals. The President will verify the balance monthly. The last two (2) weeks of bowling must be paid by Week #5.
6. **PRIZE COMMITTEE**: The League President will appoint a Prize Committee by the second week of the season. Two (2) prize lists will be submitted to the membership for approval . If more than two (2) lists are proposed, the Board of Directors will select two (2) that will be submitted to the membership for voting.
7. **LEGAL LINEUP***: There must be at least two (2) members present for a legal lineup. A maximum of one substitute will count as part of a legal lineup. A Legal lineup must be present at the end of the third frame or that game will be forfeited. If a legal lineup is present, late bowlers will have until the end of the third frame to join that game to have their scores count. In cases where there is no legal lineup present, the opposing team must bowl within 40 pins of their combined team average to win the points. The forfeiting team gets no points for the games that were forfeited. Bowlers who bowl get pins bowled for their individual averages. A team that forfeits a game cannot win series. IF THERE IS NO LEGAL LINEUP AT THE END OF THE THIRD FRAME, IT IS NOT UP TO THE OTHER TEAM TO LET THE LATE TEAM CATCH UP ... THE GAME IS FORFEITED.
8. **SUBSTITUTES**: Substitutes will establish an average on the first night of bowling. Subs will not be able to bowl on position rounds or the last two (2) weeks of the league. Substitutes are only allowed to bowl three (3) consecutive weeks for the same team.
9. **ABSENCE**: An absent bowler uses his/her average minus ten (10) pins, regardless of the bowler's average. If a sub is used on a team, and the regular member shows up, the member is entitled to bowl the remaining games of the series. The sub can resume bowling on any other team that night should a vacancy be available.
10. The maximum number of subs a team can have is two (2). Only one (1) can be counted as a legal lineup. The other as a team member.
11. **POINTS**: Scoring will be two (2) points per game won, and one (1) point for total series. A total of seven (7) points per night. In the event of a tie in game or series, the points will be shared.
12. In the event of a tie for first place, a one game roll off will be bowled the same night. All other ties and prize money will be combined. Total pins can be used to determine position. In a position round, the lane assignment will be determined by wins. All payoffs will be made at the end of the season. If first place team is more than 7 points ahead, they will bowl the last place team in a position round. *

13. **AVERAGE:** Averages will be established after the first three (3) game series.
14. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be 90% of 220. Blind score is 120 for average and 90 pins handicap. Averages and handicaps will be carried for three (3) games.
15. **PRE-BOWL/POST-BOWL*:** Pre-bowl games will be allowed. At least one (1) weeks notice must be given to opposing Team Captain and League Officer. In cases of emergency (i.e. death, accident, etc.) no notice is required. There is a one (1) week period to make up pre-bowl games. You will be eligible to make up your games as an individual, instead of the whole team. Post-bowl requests will not be allowed, unless it is for the reason of not being able to field a legal lineup and falls within the guidelines described within USBC rule 111b. In this case the entire team will need to post-bowl. There is a one (1) week period after the game date to make up post-bowl games. Individual post-bowl requests will not be allowed.
16. To qualify for an award, a bowler must bowl 2/3rds of the season's games.
17. Most Improved will be determined by comparing the beginning average to ending average. Handicap games for awards for both team and individuals will begin from the first week.
18. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure all monies are paid. If fees are owed at the end of the season, the money owed will be deducted from the bowler's prize money. If not enough money is available, the balance will be taken from the team's prize fund at the end of the season. Any bowler leaving the league before the end of the season, without proper notice, may forfeit all claim to the prize money.
19. A bowler's average can be carried for as many weeks as he/she is paid in advance. If a bowler is in arrears for more than two (2) weeks, and not current by the third week, he/she will not be allowed to bowl until the bowling fees are brought current. A vacancy score will be used in their place. If a bowler is absent for two (2) weeks, and no notice has been given to the Team Captain or League Secretary, that bowler will be automatically placed on the sub list for the third week, and a blind score will be used.
20. After week 5, a bowler who leaves the team and is fully current on payments, his/her remaining team members will decide to either vacate that bowler's position or continue to pay lineage. The league will use substitutes. All substitutes must be sanctioned the first night of league play. It is the team captain's responsibility to notify the League Secretary of a new sub. If a sub is used, he/she is responsible for bowling fees. The absent bowler is responsible for the \$7.75 balance to cover the secretary/treasurer fees, the prize fund and the advertising and promotion fund. However, if a sub is used in place of a vacancy score, he/she will be responsible for the bowling fee of \$10.25. This means all subs pay the bowling fee.
21. The League will pay handicap awards only. All awards and prize monies will be given to the Team Captain or his/her representative at the end of season payoff.
22. A bowler, and a team, can receive only one award, with the exception of High Average and Most Improved.
23. If a team has a full complement of bowlers, pacers will not be allowed to bowl with that team.
24. If necessary, a league officer will determine placements of pacers and substitutes.

Any changes, amendments and/or disputes and all rules and regulations not covered above will be found in the USBC General Rules and Regulations Handbook.

PRESIDENT: JOE RODRIGUEZ

VICE PRESIDENT: BRIAN PAVLAS