

TIDEWATER TEAM CHALLENGE

BYLAWS

2019–2020



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These Rules have not been approved September 22, 2019.

1. The Tidewater Team Challenge [TTC] will be a **USBC SANCTIONED CHALLENGE PATTERN YOUTH HANDICAP TRAVEL LEAGUE**. Each bowler must be on a USBC sanctioned league at the center the team represents. Bowler's sanctions must be in good standing. There will be no limit to the number of teams a center may enter. A bowler may be approved to bowl on a team from a center without being on a sanctioned league at that center **ONLY** with the approval of the Tidewater Team Challenge directors.

1. a. The Tidewater Team Challenge Board of Directors will be as follows:

Adults: President: Jon Zogg Vice President: Larry Schmidtman

Treasurer: Jerry Benbrook Secretary: Alan Glasgow

An adult representative from each center represented in TTC will be included in the directors of TTC. Changes to the By Laws of TTC will require a 3/4 affirmative vote of the officers and center representatives.

A youth President, _____, will be elected yearly and have voting rights.

A youth Vice President, _____, will be elected yearly.

2. Each team will consist of four bowlers with a combined team Challenge average of 500 or higher [130 house ~ 125 Challenge]. **Handicap will be 90%** of the difference between the two teams Challenge averages with the team who has the lower average receiving the pins. **A team with less than a team Challenge average of 500 will be allowed to compete, BUT THEIR TEAM AVERAGE WILL BE SET AT 500 FOR DETERMINING HANDICAP.**
3. The opening average used for the first event will be as follows:
 - a. TTC final average 2018-2019
 - b. If you did not bowl with TTC last season, a game weighted composite Challenge average will be calculated using your previous year's USBC average(s) (21 game minimum).
 - c. If you do not have an average, we will calculate your average at the end of the first three game block completed, no matter how many games are bowled in that three games block. This average will be used in the first two three games blocks. Averages will then be recalculated after each competition (month).
4. Teams must have **two regular roster members** to have a **LEGAL LINE-UP**. A team must have a legal line-up by the end of the first frame. If a team does not have a legal line-up by the end of the first frame, the game will be declared a forfeit and will be bowled under USBC Youth RULE

#110c “Forfeit Procedure for Bowling”. A team bowling against a “Forfeit” must bowl within 40 pins of the team’s average, to “WIN” the game (USBC RULE #110c).

5. A **late bowler** must arrive before the end of the **FIFTH FRAME** to bowl in a game already started ; otherwise the bowler must wait for the next game.
6. Substitutes will be allowed if a team has a legal line up. Substitutes must meet all the requirements of team membership. A substitute’s average will be accordance with Rule 3, Tidewater Team Challenge Bylaws Year 2019-2020. Substitutes are not eligible for regular season scholarship awards and pay only lineage (\$16.50). It is the regular roster member’s responsibility to pay Scholarship and Secretary Fee (\$15.50). **A substitute or someone that fills a vacancy will be allowed to bowl in roll offs and the Championship ONLY if they have bowled in at least 12 games in the current season’s competitions. Bowlers that are roster members on a team during the regular season are NOT eligible to be a substitute for a different team during the Championship event.** Substitutes are not eligible for championship scholarship awards unless the bowler authorizes, in writing to the TTC board on or before the Championship, a portion of their scholarship award to be award to the substitute. Bowlers that fill a vacancy for a team in the championship are not eligible for scholarship funds..
7. The League will consist of nine competitions. Each competition will consist of two (2), three (3) games blocks. Two (2) points will be earned for each game by the team with the highest total game score, including handicap. One (1) point will be earned by the team with the highest total series score, including handicap. This results in a total of seven (7) points to be earned for each three game block. If two teams “tie” in total for a game, each team will receive one (1) point for the game. If teams “tie” in total for the three game series, each team will receive 1/2 point.

There will be a position round at the 1st set of competition #5 (January) and #9 (May).

8. The Championship round will consist of a series of seeded, one game, double elimination matches. The top eight (8) teams in the final season standings will participate in the Championship round with seeding determined by end of season standings. Any end of season ties that effect Championship participation or seeding will be resolved by a one game roll-off, total score with handicap on the last day of league bowling (Week 9). If three or more teams are tied for a Championship position, the roll-off handicap will be based on highest average of teams participating. Teams will bowl on adjacent lanes, as assigned by the directors, with no team bowling on lanes they just completed competition on.

After the roll-off, the teams will be placed according to the highest to lowest total score, including handicap, until all Championships positions are filled. If tied at the end of the roll-off, a 9/10 frame roll-off, with 1/10 handicap per frame, will be held, and repeated if necessary, until winner is determined.

All Championship games will be total score, including handicap, to determine winner. Any tie will be resolved by a 9/10 frame roll-off, with 1/10 handicap per frame, until a winner determined.

The format for the 1st round of the Championship will be as follows:

Round 1: 1st place vs 8th place, 2nd place vs 7th place, 3rd place vs 6th place and 4th place vs 5th place.

The balance of the pairings will be as shown on the double elimination bracket sheet.

The Championship winner will be designated as the **Tournament Champion**.

The team finishing in 1st place for the season will be the **League Champion**.

9. The exact amount of scholarship will be determined by the number of teams bowling. All teams finishing the season will receive scholarship funds and the teams bowling in the championship round will receive additional scholarship funds based of their final order of finish. Scholarship funds will be deposited in the TTC SMART Account – #08853.
10. ALL bowlers must have **ALL FEES PAID IN FULL on or before the end of the seventh competition** [week 7 (Franklin)] to be eligible for the scholarship award. The bowler will not be eligible for any scholarship award until the fees are paid in full.

If a bowler is transferred out of the area **BEFORE** the end of the league, or cannot finish the league and furnishes the TTC board of directors a satisfactory explanation, the bowler will be eligible for a percentage of any scholarship the team wins. **IF ALL SCHOLARSHIP FEES** are paid in full before the bowlers leaves, the percentage will be 100%. Otherwise, if the bowler withdraws properly, the percentage earned will be the same as the percentage of scholarship fees paid compared to the season’s total scholarship fees.

If the team cannot replace a lost bowler, the team may pay the unpaid scholarship fees for the bowler who was lost and split the remaining scholarship award between the remaining bowlers.

11. **ABSENT OR VACANCY BOWLERS:** A bowler who has an established average in TTC and is ABSENT will be assigned a score equal to the bowler’s average for every game missed due to the absence. **No pins will be subtracted for an absent bowler.** When a team has a VACANCY, the team will use a vacancy Challenge average of 125 for the score.

12. There will be **NO PRE** or **POST** bowling allowed.

13. A team must bowl in 36 of the 54 games to qualify for the roll offs and/or championship. If a team fails to meet this requirement, the next team, based on number of points won, will advance to the roll offs and/or championship.

14. A **LATE ENTRY** will be allowed if a team cannot be at the first competition. Late entries **MUST** be bowled by **October 19, 2019** at the same bowling center the first competition was scheduled (**AMF Norfolk**). Late entries **MUST** be bowled in the presence of at least one TTC director. **SEPTEMBER RESULTS** will not be official until all late entries have been bowled.

15. Cost is **\$32.00** per competition: (Subject to change)

\$16.50 Lineage
\$15.25 Scholarship Contribution
\$.25 Secretary Fee
\$32.00

16. Any absent bowler or bowler who has not paid for their bowling fees will have **ONE** competition to pay for the bowling missed. Repeated absences and non-payment of fees without notification to the TTC board of directors will be construed as the bowler dropping out improperly and result in forfeiture of all potential scholarship awards.

17. Ball Delivery

1. Bowlers cannot change or deviate from their normal delivery of the bowling ball.
2. Any deviation from the bowler's normal delivery is a violation of rule 118b. To clarify:
 - a. A right-handed bowler must always bowl with right hand. Similarly, a left-handed bowler must always bowl with their left hand.
 - b. Two-handed bowlers are required to use the same dominant hand during their delivery on both their first and second shots.
They may use one hand for shooting spares, as long as it is the same dominant hand as their first shot.
 - c. Bowlers shall not throw between your legs, backwards, or from the end of the approach, which are changes from their normal delivery.
3. The penalty for violating this rule is forfeiture of the game in which the violation occurred.
4. The team receives a zero score for the game. The individual receives a zero for their game.

The remaining bowlers score still counts towards their averages.

18. Bowler Conduct

All bowlers will be held accountable for conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner while at the bowling center. Improper behavior before, during or after the league will not be tolerated. If for any reason a bowler does not adhere to these conduct guidelines, they will be subject to penalty based on the severity of their behavior. It will be the responsibility of the league officials to interpret and enforce the conduct rules. The penalties for misconduct are as follows:

Minor Offense: This includes but is not limited to use of loud or foul language, demonstrative or distracting behavior while on the approach, violence or aggression towards other competitors, striking center equipment, or any other basic unsportsmanlike behavior. If a bowler has behaved in this manner, they will be given one warning and they will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If they violate this policy a second time at any point during the season, they will be asked to leave the center for the remainder of that event, and their team will receive a zero for any frames they have yet to throw. If they incur a third violation, they will be asked to leave the center for the remainder of the event, their team will receive a zero for any frames they have yet to throw, and they will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season, including the championship round.

Major Offense: This includes but is not limited to the striking of center equipment that results in the equipment being broken or damaged and needs to be repaired. It also includes any violent outbursts by any bowler towards another bowler, coach or parent/spectator that results in physical contact or harm to the other individual. If a bowler has behaved in this extreme manner, they will be asked to leave the center for the remainder of that event, and their team will receive a zero for any frames they have yet to throw. They will also be suspended from the league for the next five (5) TTC events. This will include the Championship event if the offense takes place in the fifth event or later. If the offense takes place in the second half of the season, the suspension will carry over into the start of the following season until the 5 events have been met.

Any removed or suspended bowler will only be eligible for scholarship money for the events that they have participated in and paid for. They are not responsible for any fees during their suspension. Their team may use a vacancy or get a sub or replacement to fill in for the suspended bowler during their suspension, including the finals. Substitute bowlers are responsible for lineage only and are not eligible for scholarship money. Replacement bowlers will pay the total league fee for any event bowled and will be eligible for scholarships on a pro-rated scale, including the finals.

Removed or suspended bowlers are allowed to be in the center during league play, but they are not permitted to be in the bowling or approach area at any time. If at any time they become disruptive to league play, they will be asked to leave and will not be permitted back for the remainder of the season.

For further clarity regarding bowler's conduct, see USBC Rule 17b, d (Pg. 17) regarding improper conduct.

19. Dress Code:

All bowlers will be expected to dress in an appropriate manner while participating in the travel league. The following guidelines should be followed during league play:

Bowlers will not be allowed to wear clothes, jewelry, or other apparel or personal belongings or equipment that advocate violence, use of alcohol, tobacco products, drug use and/or distribution; that represent gang activity and/or membership; use obscenities; or reflect adversely on any person due to race, gender, creed, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

*Bowlers will not be allowed to wear hats, caps, or any other kind of head cover while bowling.

*Bowlers will not be allowed to wear items containing spikes.

*Shirts must be worn in an appropriate manner.

*All pants must be secured at the waistline.

*Bowlers may not wear revealing attire, including apparel that exposes the midriff, tube or halter tops, see-through fabrics, low-cut, backless, or spaghetti-strap garments.

*Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be sufficient length to avoid distraction.

*Bowlers are required to wear appropriate bowling footwear at all times. Bowlers are permitted to wear non-bowling shoes, such as sneakers, as long as the footwear is ONLY used for bowling and the footwear is never worn outside the bowling center. Non-bowling shoes must have non-marking soles to be used on the approaches.

20. Electronic devices (cell phones, MP3 players, hand held games, etc.), ear buds and headsets will NOT be permitted on the approaches/lanes or settee area. Enforcement will be done by the Team Captains & TTC Board. Bowlers will get a warning for the first time. Each additional infraction will result in the bowler getting a zero (0) for the frame.

21. All areas not expressly covered by these rules will be governed by the USBC Playing Rules & Commonly Asked Questions 2019 – 2020.