

1. NJGLB is an LGBT “Social” League

We are a league formed for the LGBT community to meet, compete and socialize. We are open to all sexual and gender orientations. We encourage friendly competition among our bowlers and socializing through bowling and other events hosted by NJGLB and our bowlers throughout the year.

2. Sanctioned Bowling

NJGLB is sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Essex County bowling associations. Except where allowed and otherwise stated in our bylaws, NJGLB adheres to the rules set forth in the USBC’s “Playing Rules” as required for sanctioned league bowling. All bowlers must be individually sanctioned and must complete a USBC sanction application even if already sanctioned through another league. Sanction fees for the USBC and local bowling associations are the responsibility of the individual bowler, and must be submitted with the sanction application by the end of the bowler’s first scoring night of bowling. No unsanctioned bowlers will be allowed to bowl on scoring nights.

NJGLB is also an International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) sanctioned league; the league sanction cost has been paid through our league and applies to all of our bowlers.

3. Bowlers (definitions)

Regular Bowler - One of three primary members of a team. Must pay their weekly fees unless their position is being filled by the team’s Alternate bowler for that week. Awarded their portion of the team’s prize based on their team’s position in the league’s final standings; also receive free admission to the annual banquet following the bowling season as well as various gifts and special events throughout the bowling season.

Alternate Bowler - An optional fourth member of a team; teams are not required to have an Alternate but are strongly encouraged to do so. May bowl in place of any Regular bowler on their own team during any week of league bowling and is responsible for payment of weekly fees on any evenings that s/he bowls and is eligible for their portion of the team’s prize at the end of the year based on the number of weeks that they have bowled and paid for; also receive free admission to the annual banquet following the bowling season as well as various gifts and special events throughout the bowling season. The cutoff date for adding and Alternate Bowler to a team’s roster will be January 31, 2012.

Substitute Bowler - A Substitute bowler on our league is not a member of any team and may bowl in the place of any Regular or Alternate bowler on any team in our league. Substitute bowlers do not have any payment obligations for weekly bowling dues; these dues are to be paid by the member that the Substitute bowler is replacing for the night. Substitute bowlers are not permitted to bowl during position nights, and are not entitled to any portion of a Team’s prize or other league member benefits.

4. Makeup and Number of Teams

The League shall consist of no more than thirty-two (32) teams having a playing strength of three (3) Regular bowlers and may include one (1) Alternate bowler. Our league uses the Bye system in the event that the league roster contains an uneven number of teams.

5. Addition of Teams After First Scoring Week

Teams may be added to the League roster until the first position night of the Season; after that date, new bowlers or teams can only be added to existing teams or to replace existing teams. Teams added to the roster after the first scoring night of bowling but before the first position night of the Season will be subject to the following terms as allowed by USBC rules: If the league has an uneven number of teams prior to the addition of the new Team, the Team will postbowl any missed scoring weeks against the Vacant (“Bye”) Team within two weeks of joining the league or before the first position night of the season (whichever comes first). If the league has an even number of teams prior to the addition of the new Team, the team will postbowl any missed scoring weeks against randomly drawn team scores previously bowled for those weeks and a Vacant (“Bye”) team will be added to the League’s roster.

6. Legal Line-Up

A minimum legal line-up is any one Bowler from a Team’s current roster. A minimum legal line-up must be present by the completion of the fourth frame of each game or a forfeit will be declared for that particular game. Any Bowler arriving after the start of the game but prior to the completion of the fourth frame of each game, will be allowed to bowl that game

using their absentee score for any missed frames. A Substitute Bowler cannot constitute a legal line-up without a Regular or Alternate team member.

7. League Schedule

Our league shall bowl for a period of 36 consecutive weeks commencing on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and scheduled to end on May 15, 2012 (with no bowling on Tuesday, December 27, 2011); 34 weeks will be counted for positions and 2 weeks will be "fun" nights. Starting time will be at 9:15pm with five (5) minutes of practice session. In the event of cancellation of a scheduled league night due to weather or other emergencies, the cancelled night will be added on the next consecutive Tuesday night, not to extend beyond May 22, 2012.

"Fun" nights are the two nights throughout the season during which games bowled will not count toward league standings. These nights do not count towards individual averages and Team standings. This includes the first night of league, and one "event" night to in October and organized by the Party Committee during the Season.

8. Team of the Week

Music is played during our bowling sessions; in fairness to all teams and all bowlers, each Team will be assigned an evening to supply the music ("The Team of the Week"). No Team of the Week will be selected on "Fun" nights, during which the Party Committee will supply the music.

9. Position Nights

There will be 4 position nights; the last 2 weeks of bowling, November 29, 2011 and February 21, 2012. On these nights, the first place team will bowl against the second place team, third place vs. fourth place, etc. If the first and last place teams are locked into their positions, the first place team will bowl against the last place team on position night (2nd will bowl against 3rd, etc.). If both the top two and bottom two positions are locked in, no change to the lineup will be made for position night. On position nights no substitutes will be permitted to bowl for any team.

10. Weekly Fees

The weekly fee will be \$25 per week, of which \$11 is paid to Brunswick Olympic Bowl per person and \$14 is applied to the League's Prize Fund, Bowler of the Week game of skill, League Events and other League expenses. Fees may be paid in cash or by check made payable to "N.J.G.L.B.". The final two (2) weeks of this Season's weekly bowling fees must be paid by the fourth week of bowling (September 27, 2011). These last two week's fees cannot be used to offset any other weeks that a Bowler may be delinquent with their fees.

11. Games of Skill

Bowler of the Week

Each week (beginning October 4, 2011), one bowler will be selected as our "Bowler of the Week". For the Bowler chosen, the first ball rolled on their next scheduled frame will qualify as their Bowler of the Week shot. If the bowler gets a strike on this ball, they will receive the total accumulated pot (Minimum pot of \$100). If the bowler misses the strike they will receive a consolation prize based on the number of pins knocked down; the balance in the pot will rollover to the next week's Bowler of the Week pot with the exception of the last night of bowling. On the final night of bowling for the season bowlers will be selected until a winning bowler gets a strike. A bowler who is selected as Bowler of the Week may NOT designate someone other than themselves to bowl. No Bowler of the Week will be called on nonscoring nights.

To qualify for "Bowler of the Week" a bowler MUST be a Regular or Alternate bowler who is current on his/her fees and the Team Pay Envelope MUST be turned in before the end of the FIRST GAME (approximately 10:00pm); if not, you will not qualify to participate in that week's "Bowler of the Week." For each week that any bowler qualifies to be the Bowler of the Week, each bowler will also receive one place in the Second Chance game to be held at the year-end banquet.

Other Games of Skill

Throughout the season, various games of skill such as in-league tournaments, brackets and high game pots may be available for bowlers to play. Full rules and details on each game would be made available as the games are announced. Such games will not begin until October 2011.

12. Nonpayment of Fees

A Regular bowler who misses a weekly payment because they are absent from League without being represented by a paying Alternate bowler must pay the delinquent fee along with their weekly fee the following week. The Bowler will not be permitted to bowl if these fees are not paid. Absenteeism is the only excuse for non-payment of fees! Any League member who submits a check for bowling fees that is returned by the bank for insufficient funds will be charged a \$25 returned check fee; checks will no longer be accepted from a Bowler who has paid with a check that is returned by the bank for insufficient funds. Exceptions will be made only if the bank was in error. Any Team having delinquent fees due at the end of the season will have the delinquent amount withheld from that Team's prize fund distribution.

13. Community Support

As an LGBT League, we are supportive of various LGBT organizations, as well as other causes and organizations of interest to our Bowlers. On selected evenings, various fundraisers such as games of skill and other events such as in-league tournaments will be available to Bowlers. The proceeds from these events will benefit these causes.

14. League Awards

To qualify for individual League awards, a Bowler must have bowled a minimum of 48 sanctioned League games on regular (scored) bowling nights. A Bowler/Team will be eligible for only one League award per season. If a Bowler/Team qualifies for more than one League award in a Season, the Bowler/Team shall be awarded the highest-paid of the League awards that they have qualified for on the basis of the following priority:

- 1) High Average
- 2) High Series Scratch
- 3) High Game Scratch
- 4) High Series Handicap
- 5) High Game Handicap

Bowlers starting the Season without established averages must bowl 15 regular (scored) games to be eligible for handicapped awards. This rule excludes any League-held special-event prizes that may be awarded throughout the Season. The Most Improved Bowler award will be calculated based on the averages established after the first twenty-one (21) games for Bowlers who are bowling their first year in our League this Season; Returning Bowlers from the prior Season will be calculated based on their averages from the end of the prior Season. Prizes are awarded at the Year-End Banquet and distribution of the Team prizes will be the sole responsibility of the Team Captain.

15. League Handicap Calculation

The League handicap will be 90% of the difference between 200 and the bowler's average (this applies to both positive handicaps for bowlers with averages under 200 and negative handicaps for bowlers with averages over 200). The team handicap for each scheduled match will be the total of the individual handicaps for the bowlers in the legal line-up, including handicaps for any/all absentee and/or vacancy scores.

16. Beginning Averages

For the first nine (9) games bowled during the Season, each Bowler will use the following method to determine the average that will be used for handicapping (in order of applicability):

Returning NJGLB Bowlers will use last year's NJGLB final average of 21 games or more.

Previously sanctioned Bowlers who did not bowl with NJGLB last year will use their highest USBC sanctioned average (up to 3 years back) from any county providing that they bowled a minimum of 21 games.

New Bowlers without an average from the prior categories will establish their average after bowling their first three (3) games for team competition only.

17. Team Captains

Each Team will elect their Team Captain. Team Captains are required to understand all League rules, and may access the USBC rule book online at www.bowl.com. If any Team Captain needs further understanding of a League and/or USBC rule, please see a League Officer. Team Captains must turn in a full roster of Team Bowlers including name, address, email, and telephone number to the Secretary. Team Captains will be responsible for the collection of all bowling fees, and will turn in the pay envelopes to the Treasurer by the end of the first game of each night. Both Team Captains on each

pair of lanes shall be responsible for seeing that score sheets are properly completed, signed by both Captains and turned into the League Secretary upon completion of the third game of bowling for the night.

18. Delay of Game

With the exception of the League Officers, all League Bowlers must be ready to bowl without delay when it is their turn. Smoking is permitted only between games and must be kept to a minimum to avoid any delays in bowling.

19. Non-Bowling Guests

Members of NJGLB are welcome to bring guests to watch and visit with them during bowling. All guests must remain out of the bowling area (behind the tables) and behave appropriately. Any guest behaving disruptively or disrespectfully will be required to leave the premises immediately.

20. Absentee Scores

Absentee scores will be allowed when a Team has a legal line-up of at least one Bowler but less than a full line-up by the end of the fourth frame of any game.

21. Pacer Bowlers

NJGLB does not allow for the use of Pacer Bowlers; all bowlers participating must be bowling for scores.

22. Bowling Out

NJGLB does not allow for Bowling Out by individual bowlers; a bowler needing to leave due to unforeseen circumstances must use an absentee score or substitute bowler for any incomplete frames or games in a series.

23. Scoring

Scoring will be based on the 7-point system. Two points will be awarded for each game one and one point will be awarded for the highest total pinfall (including handicaps) for the night. Position pairings for teams tied with the same cumulative total points won on the weekly standings sheet will be placed by the highest cumulative total pinfall including handicap from highest to lowest. In the event of a tie game, each Team will earn one (1) point each. In the event of a tie series, each team will earn ½ point each for total series pinfall.

24. Postponements (Postbowling) and Prebowling

All pre- and post-bowled games must be scheduled in advance with Brunswick Olympic Lanes once approval to bowl has been granted. Lane availability is subject to the discretion of Brunswick Olympic Lanes management. A computer printout must be obtained from the front desk at the completion of the three-game series. If any score corrections were made during bowling, a signature must be obtained from a Brunswick Olympic staff member on the score printout with an explanation of the correction. Brunswick Olympic will turn the scores over to the League Secretary for inclusion in the League's standings.

NJGLB does not permit pre- or post-bowling by individual Bowlers. All pre- or post-bowling must be completed as a team (with a minimal legal line-up of one or more Bowlers). Pre- and post-bowled games do NOT count toward NJGLB Perfect Attendance Awards.

Teams post-bowling unopposed (without the other Team present at the same time) will not be permitted to know the scores of their opposing Team until both Teams have completed the games. In the case of pre-bowled games, the scores of the pre-bowled Team will be revealed to the opposing team on the regularly scheduled night of bowling on a game-by-game basis. All efforts will be made to prevent final scores from being seen by the opposing team until the end of each game, but cannot be guaranteed.

Pre-bowling

Prebowling is allowed by NJGLB and encouraged when a team has advance notice that they will not be able to provide a minimum legal line-up for any night of league bowling. No voting is required to authorize a pre-bowl, but the Team Captain must notify the League Secretary that a pre-bowl will take place and the night that the pre-bowl scores are to be used for.

Post-bowling

Non-emergency situations (advance notice)

If a team is aware that they cannot provide a minimum legal line-up for a specific night of league bowling, but are not reasonably able to pre-bowl the games before that date, the Team Captain must notify the League President at the earliest opportunity. The Board of Directors will then have 48 hours to vote via

email on the request. If a post-bowl request is not made prior to the beginning of bowling in a nonemergency situation or if the request is denied by the Board of Directors, a forfeit will be recorded.

Emergency situations (no advance notice)

If a team is unable to field a legal line-up due to circumstances beyond their control on the night of league bowling, the Team Captain has 24 hours to request a postponement by notifying the League President of the circumstances. The absence of a single team member does not constitute an emergency situation, as the team would be able to field a legal line-up. The Board of Directors will determine what is sufficient cause for a postponement on a case-by-case basis, and will have 48 hours to vote via email on the request. If a post-bowl request is not made in a timely manner (generally, within 24 hours after the scheduled night of bowling) or if the request is denied by the Board of Directors, a forfeit will be recorded.

All post-bowled games must be made up within two weeks from the missed date of bowling or by the last scheduled night of League bowling for the season (whichever comes first). Any games not bowled by this time will be subject to forfeit.

25. Using Substitute Bowlers

Teams are highly encouraged to make use of Substitute Bowlers whenever they are unable to have a full team of three bowlers present for bowling. Substitute Bowlers will not be allowed if the absent Regular Bowler is no more than two (2) weeks delinquent in paying their bowling fees, and cannot be used in place of a Vacancy. The League Secretary will maintain a "sub list" for any Team that needs or wants to use a Substitute Bowler and needs help with contacting one. Although substitute bowlers may be available at the start of bowling, it is preferable to contact a League Officer in advance for assistance in finding an available substitute bowler.

Once a Substitute Bowler has thrown the first ball of a League game, the Substitute Bowler must complete that game. If the Regular bowler is able to attend bowling, they will be able to start bowling with the beginning of the next game, and the Substitute Bowler may bowl any remaining games for the evening with another Team.

THE TEAM CAPTAIN MUST FIRST CHECK IN WITH THE LEAGUE TREASURER FOR TEAM ELIGIBILITY, AND BOTH THE TREASURER AND LEAGUE SECRETARY MUST INITIAL THE SCORE SHEET BEFORE THE SUBSTITUTE BOWLER BOWLS THE FIRST BALL OF THE FIRST GAME. WHEN USING A SUBSTITUTE BOWLER, THE NAMES ON THE BOWLING LINEUP MUST BE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY. Any Team not following this procedure will be subject to having the scores of their substitute ruled ineligible for the night's bowling series.

Regular and Alternate Bowlers cannot act as substitute bowlers for another team even if they have more than three members of their team present for League bowling.

26. Tied Positions in the Final Season Standings

In the event of a tie score in the final team standings for the Season, a one-game playoff will be rolled the last night of the Season to determine a winning team for the purposes of trophies only. Money involved in ties will be split evenly between the two tied teams. If a tie-score still exists at the end of the one-game playoff, a single frame will be bowled to determine the winner of the series.

27. Cancellations and Postponements of League Bowling

In the event of inclement weather or State of Emergency, the League Officers will determine if League bowling will occur or be postponed. Attempts will be made to notify all Team Captains, and in turn, the **Team Captains will be responsible for notifying their team members.** The President, or if unavailable, a succeeding Officer will notify Brunswick Olympic Lanes if bowling is to be cancelled or postponed. If any postponements are to be made, the postponed date(s) will be

added to the end of the League schedule for the Season. If necessary, the League's Board of Directors will decide by vote (in agreement with Brunswick Olympic Bowl) the specific date and time for the postponed games to be bowled, not to be after the Memorial Day holiday in 2012.

28. Food and Beverages

Outside food and beverages are not allowed anywhere within Brunswick Olympic Lanes.
FOOD AND BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE ACTUAL BOWLING AREA.

29. Smoking

Per NJ law, smoking is not allowed within the building, but is permitted directly outside of the building. Smoking is limited to between games and should be completely quickly to avoid delay of the remaining games.

30. League Officers

NJGLB's league officers are elected within the last 4 weeks of a bowling Season for the upcoming Bowling season via an election by the membership during a designated night of league bowling.

The officers for the 2011-2012 bowling season are:

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| Co-Presidents: Carrie Fitzpatrick (973) 634-6507 | email: carrie@njglb.org/njglbpres@gmail.com |
| Jen Cecire (973) 634-6648 | email: jen@njglb.org/jc12497@aol.com |
| Vice President: Mead Winters (201) 452-4216 | email: mead@njglb.org/vinoinvierno@msn.com |
| Secretary: Melissa Hertling (732) 874-4476 | email: Melissa@njglb.org/melissa.hertling@gmail.com |
| Treasurer: Bob Sorbanelli (201) 859-0470 | email: bob@njglb.org/bsorbanelli@easylink.com |

The budgeted salary for each officer position is \$25 per team for the 2011-2012 bowling season, which may be waived at the officers' discretion.

31. Non-League Activity

Any non-League activity (including solicitations, distributions, announcements, etc.) MUST be approved by the League Officers before being undertaken at any League-held gathering.

32. Situations Not Covered Under the Bylaws

Any situations not covered by these rules shall be dealt with in accordance to the USBC or other governing rules for the current Season. All of the above rules apply to all Bowlers, including Regular, Alternate and Substitute Bowlers.

MOST IMPORTANTLY – LET'S HAVE FUN!!!