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I) Bowling Rules

A) General Game Information

- 1) Each team will play 12 individual games per night making up one match
- 2) Teams will choose to either bowl as a 4-person or 6-person team (TSSC encourages this to be split evenly between gender, however handicap rules will even the playing field such that uneven numbers may exist)
 - (a) When bowling as a 4-person team, each bowler will bowl 3 games and when bowling as a 6-person team, each bowler will bowl 2 games
- 3) No “Pre-Bowling” will be allowed due to negotiated terms with the bowling alleys.
- 4) Substitute bowlers will establish a handicap once they have bowled at least 2 games during the season.
- 5) Each match will consist of 3 team games.
 - (i) When a team is bowling as a 6-person team, the first 4 games completed will count toward the team’s first game, the next 4 games will count toward the second team game and the final 4 games will count toward the third and final team game.
 - (ii) When bowling as a 4-person team, the team games are straightforward and count directly toward the team game in which they are bowled.

Visual example:

Team of 6 Bowlers			
	First 10 Frames	2nd 10 Frames	3rd 10 Frames
A	Team Game1	Team Game2	
B	Team Game1	Team Game2	
C	Team Game1	Team Game3	
D	Team Game1	Team Game3	
E	Team Game2	Team Game3	
F	Team Game2	Team Game3	

Team of 4 Bowlers			
	First 10 Frames	2nd 10 Frames	3rd 10 Frames
A	Team Game1	Team Game2	Team Game3
B	Team Game1	Team Game2	Team Game3
C	Team Game1	Team Game2	Team Game3
D	Team Game1	Team Game2	Team Game3

B) Players

- 1) Teams must have at least two players to be considered a legal game.
- 2) Teams may play with any amount of men or women. This is offset and balanced by individual handicaps. If a player(s) is/are absent, their average and handicap will be utilized, minus ten pins.
 - (a) Absent Player Example: Jim has an average of 110 and doesn’t show up. His score will be recorded as $- 110 - 10$ (pins) = 100. His handicap will still be factored in with the final score, thus giving him a 190. This takes place if no sub is used to replace him.
- 3) Substitute bowlers will establish a handicap once they have bowled at least 2 games during the season.

C) Scoring

- 1) All players and teams will receive scratch scores and Handicap scores.
- 2) Scratch scores are the actual amount of pins that a person knocks down in a given game.
- 3) A Handicap score consists of the amount of pins knocked down added to the person's Handicap.
- 4) A Handicap is figured by taking a person's average and subtracting that average from 200 then multiplying that number by 90%. A person's handicap is updated and changed each week after the results from the previous match are tallied (your handicap always reflects how you are doing over the course of the entire season).
 - (a) 200 is the Handicap score base used for all bowlers.
 - (b) Handicap Example: Bowler's Average = 105; Handicap = $200 - 105 = 95 \times .9 = 86$
 - (i) If above bowler bowls a 107, the handicap score is 193 (86 added to pins)
 - (ii) If above bowler bowls a 100, the handicap score is 186 (86 added to pins)
- 5) Teams will play against another team for three team games each night.
- 6) Each game of the night will be worth 2 points to the winning team based on total team handicap scoring.
 - (a) There are 7 possible points per night. If two teams have combined handicap scores that tie they will split the 2 points.
- 7) The team with the higher total scratch pins will also receive 1 point.
 - (a) If the total scratch pins are tied, 1 point will be awarded to each team.

D) Playoff Standings / Seeding

- 1) The top teams as determined by a factor of points scored and match record will make the playoffs.
 - (a) Heavier weight is given to the points accumulated throughout the season
 - (b) Playoffs will consist of a minimum of 2 teams and a maximum of 4 teams.
 - (i) It is up to TSSC discretion to determine how many teams will make the playoffs based on final match records and points accumulated
 - (ii) A 2-team playoff will be scored as a standard match between 2 teams. The 7 points will be awarded as normal.
 - (iii) A 3-team playoff will be scored as a standard match between 3 teams. The 7 points will be awarded as normal.
 - (iv) A 4-team playoff will be scored as the 1st seed against the 4th seed and the 2nd seed against the 3rd seed in standard match scoring. The 7 points will be awarded as normal for the initial matches.
 - The teams winning their respective matches will have their scores used again to determine who wins the overall championship.

II) Toledo Sport and Social Club's General League Rules

A) Officials

- 1) Leagues run by TSSC either have an official or are self-officiated. When self-officiated, the teams playing must be responsible for calling their own infractions. It is not the responsibility of the opponents to call a foul.
- 2) TSSC officials are responsible for the fair play of games, however, participants are still responsible for knowing and understanding the league rules. Officials will make calls based on established league rules and have the final say. Officials will work to provide fair and fun game play. If a participant is found to be disrupting this effort, the league official has the authority remove said player from the game.
- 3) Participants choosing to yell at officials will NOT be tolerated!

B) Forfeits

- 1) TSSC strives to provide fun and organized game play. This is achieved in large part by having teams committed to playing their scheduled games. However, from time to time a team may not be able to attend its scheduled game. In this case, it is the responsibility of the team to notify TSSC at least 24 hours in advance of missing a game to report its forfeit. Teams who forfeit multiple times during a season may not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament or may be removed from the league altogether.

C) Substitutions

- 1) Substitutions are allowed during the regular season. It is the responsibility of the team captain to explain the rules to subs before games begin. Teams may borrow players from other league teams as substitutes only during the regular season. When borrowing players from another team, a maximum number of subs allowed is the amount needed to have a full team on the field plus one. Teams must play their normal roster players ahead of substitutes who were borrowed from another team.

D) Playoffs Eligibility

- 1) In order to be eligible to participate in the end-of-season playoffs a player must have played at least one regular season game with the team or be of no greater skill than the player he/she is subbing for.
- 2) Teams may be ruled ineligible by TSSC for rule or sportsmanship infractions and will be notified if their eligibility has been revoked.

E) Standings / Seeding

- 1) Throughout the season, league standings will be updated and displayed on the league webpage. The order shown on the page is not necessarily the order of seeding that will exist for the end-of-season tournament. In the case of multiple teams having the same regular season record, tie-breakers will be listed in the sport specific portion of the rules.

F) Sportsmanship

- 1) The Toledo Sport and Social Club exists to provide adults with the ability to continue to compete in lifelong recreational play. We realize there will be intense moments during games, in particular towards the end of games or when a player makes a mistake in judgment, but we hope the TSSC Spirit of Play will always remain.
- 2) The TSSC encourages players to play with a "Fun First, Win Second" attitude. Our leagues are about getting out and having a good time with old friends and new! The TSSC believes that encouraging good sports behavior is why players join and will remain in our leagues. Playing with TSSC Spirit provides a non-threatening, fun environment for all levels of players. Good sporting behavior: behavioral tendencies of a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, and victory without gloating, and who treats all opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy and respect. This is the attitude we encourage all players to display on and off the playing field!

G) League Cancellation / Rainout

- 1) TSSC uses two methods to inform teams when a rainout or game cancellation has taken place. The voice mail message for the phone line 419-302-5135 will be updated with information regarding the status of league play. Additionally, TSSC will update the status of its profile, 'ToledoSportand Social Club' on Facebook.
- 2) Due to the nature of weather, TSSC won't always be able to update these messages prior to the start of league play for a particular evening. If neither of these methods has been updated, please show up to the game location and seek information there about the status of games for the evening.
- 3) In the case of a rainout or game cancellation, TSSC will attempt to reschedule the games. However, not all games are guaranteed and TSSC reserves the right to shorten the league schedule, without issuing a refund, if necessary.

H) Website

- 1) Toledo Sport and Social Club's websites, www.ToledoSSC.com and www.ToledoSportandSocialClub.com are the source for all information regarding all team and league information. Please utilize the websites functions for all scheduling and registration functions. Other features that may be found on the website are: Free Agent postings, League Rules, Social Events, and in-season announcements.

I) Sponsors / Post Game Socials

- 1) Prior to the beginning of each league TSSC will establish as "Sponsor Bar" to serve as a social gathering place for all TSSC teams and fans after league nights. The sponsor establishments and deals are specific to TSSC members and are prearranged. These will be listed on the league page throughout the season. Please socialize and enjoy yourselves at all times but keep in mind that you are representing TSSC when attending post game socials.

J) Rule Changes

- 1) TSSC reserves the right to change league rules at any time. Team managers will be made aware of rule changes and it then becomes their responsibility to communicate changes to their teams. Rules for each sport will be listed under each sport's page.