

# **Sunday Leisure Goldpin Tenpin Bowling League Constitution**

## **for the 2025-2026 Season**

### **1.0 General**

- 1.1 This league shall be known as the Sunday Leisure Goldpin Ten Pin Bowling League
- 1.2 The league will bowl at the Hollywood Bowl every Sunday or as per the predetermined schedule at 9.30am, with practice starting at 9.25am.
- 1.3 The purpose of the league is to conduct tenpin bowling activities and to determine the annual champions from the registered teams, each selecting two bowlers to bowl weekly over the scheduled season.
- 1.4 The league will play and conduct all of its games in strict compliance with current BTBA rules and regulations and any conflicts with these rules will be null and void unless stated otherwise in this constitution.

### **2.0 Management**

- 2.1 The management of the league shall be vested in the Board of Directors comprising of the League Officers and Team Captains (or when absent, a team representative).
- 2.2 Each member of the Board shall be entitled to only one vote, whether they are a League Officer, Team Captain or both. A majority of the Board at such meeting shall be deemed to be a quorum to conduct business.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that all league members conduct themselves in the best interests of the league. It shall have the authority to expel any team or member from the league for good and sufficient reason.
- 2.4 The Board must decide upon all disputes, complaints or protests and it is within its authority to forfeit or null and void any protested or disputed game or games and decide upon any other matter arising in the league.
- 2.5 The Board shall adopt the league rules in place after the AGM and ready for the start of the season. After adoption the league rules may only be added to, amended or revoked by the unanimous decision of the Board present and entitled to vote.

### **3.0 Duties of the President**

- 3.1 He/she shall preside over all meetings and is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board.
- 3.2 He/she will ensure minutes are taken at the Annual General Meetings and made available to all league members at the very earliest opportunity.
- 3.3 He/she shall verify that the Treasurer has deposited the league funds in a registered bank account in the name of Sunday Leisure Goldpin.
- 3.4 In the event of any shortage, he/she may be responsible for this.
- 3.5 He/she must verify the accounts on a monthly basis.
- 3.6 He/she will supply each Team Captain with a copy of the current league rules, together with a schedule for each new season.

### **4.0 Duties of the Vice President**

- 4.1 He/she shall perform all duties of the president in the event of latter's absence.

### **5.0 Duties of the Secretary**

- 5.1 He/she is responsible for the proper function and organisation of the league.
- 5.2 He/she shall post the league standing sheet each week showing the current team positions, handicaps and averages.

- 5.3 At the end of the season, he/she will advise the League Officers as to the names of the persons eligible for awards.

## **6.0 Duties of the Treasurer**

- 6.1 He/she shall be responsible for the keeping of a true and accurate account of all league funds.
- 6.2 He/she shall collect the league's prize monies and lineage each week and pay the collective lineage to Hollywood Bowl. All league funds will be deposited in the league's bank account weekly.
- 6.3 The signature of the Treasurer and one other officer is needed for any withdrawal from the leagues bank account.

## **7.0 Team Captains**

- 7.1 Team Captains shall be elected from the applicable registered team members.

## **8.0 Team Conduct**

- 8.1 The membership of the league shall consist of an agreed number of teams with a minimum of two bowlers as agreed and accepted by the officers of the Board prior to the start of the season.
- 8.2 After the first week of the season, new bowlers may be registered no less than seven days before bowling as a team member. The maximum number of bowlers registered within a team is seven.
- 8.3 After a match has started, no changes shall be made to the order of the bowlers for that match.
- 8.4 During a game the Captain may replace any bowler with a registered team reserve only in the event of an injury or emergency. If such a substitution occurs, the lower handicap of the two bowlers concerned shall be applied in any game in which they both have taken part. The reserve's handicap shall be used for any subsequent complete games bowled.
- 8.5 If for any reason an injury or emergency occurs in the middle of a game and a reserve is not available, the defaulting bowler's accrued score will be cancelled and replaced with the blind score.
- 8.6 No bowlers may be registered in the last three weeks of the season except in exceptional circumstances accepted by the Board.

## **9.0 Handicaps**

- 9.1 The league shall bowl on a handicap basis. The handicap allowance for the season shall be 90% of the difference between each individual's average and 220 scratch. Handicap values are rounded down (e.g. a handicap of 20.9 will become a handicap of 20).
- 9.2 The handicap maximum shall be 100 and the minimum will be 0.
- 9.3 For the first nine games of a new season, a bowler will use their previous season's handicap, after which time the handicap will be re-calculated from their average score over the nine games bowled in the new season. If a bowler during the previous season bowled less than twelve games, a handicap is calculated from their average after three games are bowled in the bowler's first match of the current season.
- 9.4 New bowlers to the league will have their handicap calculated after the three games have been bowled in the bowler's first match.

## **10.0 Bowler Blind Score**

- 10.1 If a team can only field one bowler for a league match, the match shall take place as scheduled with a fixed blind score of 200 being used for the absent bowler.
- 10.2 Where blind scores are present in both teams in a match, the playing order must be arranged such that the blind scores are not in direct opposition.

- 10.3 The team's absent bowler's blind score will be used when determining the match result.
- 10.4 When a blind is used the team Captain is responsible for ensuring the absent bowler's prize fund monies is paid in full on or before the date of the match.
- 10.5 A blind score of 210 will be used when necessary for an absent bowler in all other additional competitions run within the league during the course of the season.

### **11.0 Team Blind Score**

- 11.1 The League does not allow postponed or pre-bowled matches. If a team cannot field at least one bowler for a league match, the match shall take place as scheduled with the current bowler blind score, less 10 being used for each absent bowler (e.g. 190, if the current blind is 200).
- 11.2 The team's absent bowlers blind scores will be used when determining the match result.
- 11.3 When blinds are used the team Captain is responsible for ensuring both absent bowler's prize fund monies is paid in full on or before the date of the match.
- 11.4 A blind score of 210 will be used when necessary for the absent bowler in all other additional competitions run within the league during the course of the season.

### **12.0 Pacers**

- 12.1 Any non-playing league bowler may bowl as a pacer with a team that has an absent bowler and is using a blind score, but the pacer scores do not count towards the result of the match in which they bowl.
- 12.2 Pacers scores will be recorded for use in the league's high games, the league's bowler averages, the individual leagues and other separate additional competitions in which they may be participating.
- 12.3 With the Pacer's scores being eligible for all additional competitions, a Pacer must contribute to the prize fund in full in addition to covering the cost of the lineage for three league games, meaning the full league bowler lineage will be due.

### **13.0 Tardy Bowlers**

- 13.1 Any bowler who arrives late may join the game then being bowled as long as they arrive before the opposing team has finished the 5th frame. They may then be permitted to bowl in the game, bowling the first five frames missed. Any bowler arriving after the end of the 5th frame may not take part until the start of the next full game.
- 13.2 Should a late bowler not be permitted to bowl any game, the current bowler blind score will be used.
- 13.3 The team's late bowler's blind scores will be used when determining the match result.

### **14.0 Position Standings and Championship Tie**

- 14.1 Position standings will be decided on Peterson point's basis, two points for each person wining head-to-head and two points for each team game. Two points for each of the bowler series and also two for the team series. Total scores each match (24 points in all) are to include all due handicaps. In the event of a tie the points shall be shared. The team on the left of the score card always decides the bowler order of play first.
- 14.2 In the event of a tie for the league championship, the higher handicap pinfall shall determine the winner. If a tie still exists, a match of three games with handicap will be bowled between the two drawing teams to determine the winner using the same Peterson points basis described above. In the unlikely event a winner is still not be determined, single games shall be bowled on the same points basis until there is an outright winning team. All these additional games will be bowled immediately after the original scheduled match, with the league paying the lineage.

### **15.0 Meetings**

- 15.1 Meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the President or Secretary, or upon request in a written application, a protest or complaint, by any member of the league. At such a meeting voting will be as set out in Rule 2.0 above.
- 15.2 An AGM shall be held before the start of each new season at a time to be announced by the president and must include the election of the League Officers to the Board of Directors. Whilst it is preferable that League Officer nominees attend the meeting, nominated officers may stand for election in their absence, provided written application is received from them prior to the start of the AGM. Should there be a good and sufficient cause, the date of the AGM can be altered.
- 15.3 At the AGM the league constitution or rules may be added to, amended or revoked by a majority vote of the Board attending the AGM.
- 15.4 No proxy voting will be allowed at the AGM, but if a member of the Board is unable to be present, a written application expressing voting preferences will be accepted if received prior to the start of the AGM.

## **16.0 League Funds**

- 16.1 The following dues would normally be submitted by each team, each week, by the team Captain unless the team is playing any blinds, in which case the payments set out in Rule 10.0 and 11.0 above apply:

League Games (paid to Hollywood Bowl):	£12.00 (3 x £4.00)
Prize Fund Monies:	£4.00
Secretary/Treasurer:	£0.00*
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Bowler per Week:	£16.00
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Team per Week:	£32.00
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\*The Secretary will be remunerated a fixed sum of £200.00 and the Treasurer £150.00 at the end of the season from the total prize fund.

- 16.2 By arrangement with Hollywood Bowl, the Sunday Leisure Goldpin Ten Pin Bowling League will be VAT exempt.

## **17.0 Awards**

- 17.1 To qualify for an individual award a bowler must bowl in at least a third of the total matches available in the league's full season. This can be rounded down when the number of matches is not wholly divisible by 3 (e.g. in a season with 28 matches, a bowler must bowl in 9).
- 17.2 No person or team shall qualify for more than one of the awards in each high game/series table.
- 17.3 A team or bowler leaving the league must immediately return any of the league's annual trophies that may have been awarded to them.

## **18.0 Other**

- 18.1 The Secretary/Treasurer will organise a weekly prize fund raising football match card. The winner will receive £10.00 and the remaining monies will go towards the end of season prize money for teams that participate, as will all the monies raised on any week we do not have a winner (i.e. if the winning team was not purchased).
- 18.2 The Secretary/Treasurer will organise a Christmas and Easter raffle with the league members voluntarily donating prizes and purchasing raffle tickets. All funds raised will go towards the end of season prize money.
- 18.3 Hollywood Bowl are committed to dress all lanes used by the league prior to the league start time. If not able to do so the Bowl management will inform the League Secretary and that week's matches will be postponed. In the event that insufficient notice results in teams attending the Bowl, the League Secretary will advise the league members on arrival and call a

meeting of the Board, who will then by majority vote decide whether to bowl on the lanes or request a postponement.

18.4 The Secretary requested and it was approved by the Board, that a member of the team in the left lane always takes responsibility for completing the league score card, this is unless somebody else volunteers to complete it.

18.5 The League Officers of the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 season are as follows:

President:	Mark Woodman
Vice President:	Graham Hare
Secretary:	Steve Deal
Treasurer:	Debbie Deal

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