

2008 - 2009

Rules for the ELMMCC Kid's Bowling League

League Sponsors: ELMMCC 239-4316

League Supervisors: Danielle Borges 239-9919

To reach the ELMMCC Bowling Alley call 239-8809

SCHEDULE – Bowling will begin December 6, 2008 and the last day of bowling will be Saturday, March 28, 2009. In the event that more than 25% of the league is expected to be absent on a given long weekend, bowling will be cancelled. **Every year (usually a Saturday) the Mt.Pisgah Sportsman's Club sponsors a free fishing derby for the youth of Winchester and Ashuelot. Because of this event, we have not scheduled bowling for the Saturday Kid's Bowling League for February 21, 2009. There will be NO BOWLING ON:**

December 27, 2008

February 14, 2009

February 21, 2009

If, however bowling has been cancelled due throughout the regularly scheduled league play days, we will make them up at the end (ultimately we have 12 weeks of bowling).

2. BOWLER REQUIREMENTS- Bowlers wishing to bowl with the ELMMCC youth league will need to be in grades k-5th.

3. DUES - The cost per bowler will be \$6.00 per week (includes bowling fees and dues), which will be paid each week regardless of absences. If bowling should be cancelled, no fees will be due for that day. The ELMMCC Kid's Bowling League uses the "pay it forward" method. Please see the fee schedule below.

- ◆ Week #1: each bowler pays \$12.00
- ◆ Weeks # 2-11 each bowler pays \$6.00
- ◆ Week #12 no payment required.

4. REGULAR MATCHES - Weekly matches will consist of 2 strings

of bowling. Since this is a league, like with soccer, baseball, or any other league, bowlers are expected to arrive on time to bowling each week, and commit to being at bowling throughout the season. When a bowler is absent, they end up hurting the other members of their team, so please make certain that you (your child) are at bowling regularly!

5. STARTING TIMES / LATE BOWLERS – Start times will be 9:00 am. Beginning week #2, the bowling alley will be open at 8:45 for league member warm ups. Please be prompt, as warm-ups will not be permitted for late arrivals. If an earlier group is still bowling, please do not move your belongings into the bowling area until the other bowlers have finished.

6. HANDICAP – *****A 100% handicap system will be used.*

Lane assignments will be posted weekly in the bowling alley. The ELMMCC will post the league standings each week. Scores may also be posted on the ELMMCC website at www.elmcenter.com using the bowler's first and last initial and their team name (for security purposes).

7. TEAMS - Teams shall consist of four to five bowlers. Each bowler must have their telephone numbers listed with the ELMMCC bowling alley staff in case of emergency. Where possible, we will try to allow friends to stay together, however, we reserve the right to assign bowlers to teams to keep age ranges more even (i.e. spreading out older kids and younger kids).

In the unlikely event that teams become uneven the league supervisors will hold a lottery to move one bowler to a team with less bowlers.

8. ABSENT BOWLERS - If a bowler is absent, the team will use that bowler's average minus 5 pins per string. If that same bowler cannot bowl for more than 3 weeks due to injury or illness, then the team will receive a "dummy score" after the third week of absence. The absent bowler will still be responsible for paying for all weeks of bowling missed.

In the event that a full team is absent from bowling, the team will receive no points for the match. The opposing team must beat the scores of the absent team (minus 5 pins for each bowler) plus the appropriate handicap to win points.

9. **DUMMY TEAM** - If there is a “dummy” team, then the score of the dummy team will be equal to the average of the team they are bowling against.

10. **BOWLER’S AVERAGES** - Bowlers will use their starting averages (if applicable) for two weeks of bowling. After that they will use their actual league averages.

11. **SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS** - In the event that a bowler knows that they will be absent, the team may use a substitute bowler. Teams may not use a regular bowler as a substitute.

12. **BOWLER LEAVING THE LEAGUE** - If a bowler leaves the league, then that bowler forfeits any and all prizes that they would have won.

13. **DUES REQUIREMENTS** - Each bowler must be paid up-to-date to be eligible for all prizes. The parents of a Bowler who is found to be two weeks behind on dues will receive a warning, and must work out a payment plan with the league supervisor. **Bowlers who are four or more weeks behind on their dues without a payment plan in place will be disqualified**, and their share of prize money will be used to pay for the weeks of bowling fees owed to the bowling alley, and the remainder of the money will go to the general prize fund.

14. **QUESTIONABLE INCIDENTS** - Any questionable incidents must be brought to the attention of the league supervisor IMMEDIATELY in case a decision needs to be made; do not wait until the following week to question something. If the question pertains to a ruling needed while bowling, all bowlers on those teams MUST stop bowling until the league supervisor(s) resolves the issue.

15. GENERAL RULES - All **International Candlepin Bowling Association** rules will be in effect at all times. Copies of the rule book may be downloaded from the ICBA's website at:
www.candlepinbowling.com

16. SPORTSMANSHIP – Good sportsmanship is essential to teamwork and personal development. Every bowler on a team will be expected to bowl his / her best each week. Even if the bowler is not the best on their team, every person makes their own contribution to the team. No bowler will ever be asked to “sit-out”, or ridiculed in any way, for not bowling well on a given day.

Good sportsmanship is always encouraged here at the ELMCC! Any bowler who uses offensive language, improperly treats another bowler, or abuses the equipment at the ELMCC will be asked to leave the premises. That bowler's parents will also be notified of the incident. A second incident will result in the expulsion of that bowler from the league.

Parents are encouraged to attend bowling matches whenever possible, with the understanding that the rules of good sportsmanship apply to them as well.

17. BOWLING INSTRUCTION – If you would like helpful hints or bowling advice, please notify your league supervisor and (s)he will make arrangements during your warm up time. Instruction on proper bowling techniques will be offered throughout the regular bowling league time. The instruction is free of charge; the bowler simply pays for their bowling.

18. PRACTICE BOWLING – Bowlers are encouraged to practice when possible. Since it is our hope that every member of our league will take the time to learn the game of candlepin bowling, we are offering a special rate to our Kids League bowlers for practice games. **Kids League bowlers will only be charged \$1.50 per game for regular open bowling on Sundays, 12 noon to 5 pm.**

19. SCHOOL REWARDS – Schoolwork is essential to the development of every child. It is our hope that while a child may learn to excel on the bowling lanes, it is far more important that they excel in the classroom. Therefore, any child who is active in our Kids League will receive a coupon for one free game of open bowling for every “A” grade that they receive on their last report card for the year! In the event that your child does not receive letter grades from their school, they will receive a coupon for one free game of open bowling for every “A equivalent” grade (whatever category is the highest on their report card). Please provide us a copy of your child’s report card and we will mail the coupons out to you as soon as possible!

20. SAFETY FIRST! - With respect to safety, and consideration the ELMMCC lanes, bowling shoes and other bowling equipment we ask the bowling shoes be worn only on the grey carpeted area. Street shoes are not allowed on the grey carpet area by leaguers or parents. Leaguers will need to put street shoes on their feet to go to the bathroom.