

HOW DO I START MY OWN BOWLING LEAGUE

Listed below are the requirements to form a bowling league and some of the most commonly asked questions concerning bowling leagues.

How do I start?

To start a league you simply need to find enough people willing to have fun. Leagues have at least 4 teams with 3-5 people bowling on each team. Yes, you can start a league with only 2-3 teams but you will play the same people every week. It is best to have an even number of teams so each week one of your teams doesn't bowl alone, but any number of teams will work.

Whats my next step?

Contact the Bowling Manager at Mac Daddy's: 252-393-6565

Together we can determine:

- 1 What days of the week are available
- 2 What times are available
- 3 How many weeks you want to bowl
- 4 How many lanes you will need
- 5 Will this be a fun or sanctioned league and what that involves?

What if I don't have enough people when I talk with Reid for the first time?

At this point it doesn't matter. The hard part is setting the day and time. We can add additional people and teams at any time. It is best to have as many people as possible show up for the first week of bowling. Currently, our smallest league has 4 teams with a total of 12 bowlers.

What are the benefits to being a league bowler?

All Mac Daddy's league bowlers receive discounted prices any time they come to bowl. Daytime rate: \$3.00/game, Nights and Wknds: \$3.50.

What if I need to change days or times?

Not a problem. Just contact the Bowling Manager and find a time that fits both our schedul

How many weeks will we bowl?

You can determine that based on your schedule. Most leagues bowl at least 14 weeks with many playing for up to 35 weeks.

How many people can bowl or be on each team?

Normally, 3-5 people bowl for each team. Each team can have as many as 8 members, but only 3-5 bowl at a time. The others are reserves who fill in when other members can't come. Bowlers not on a specific team can fill-in for any team. They are called substitutes.

How many games do we play and what does it cost?

You will bowl 3 games each time. League lineage (cost for all 3 games) varies depending on the time of day and day of week. Lineage varies from \$9.00 to \$10.50 (\$3.00-3.50/game). Shoes are not included in lineage and cost \$3.25.

All bowlers must wear bowling shoes. Normally, bowling takes about 2 1/2 hrs.

Will this be a Fun League or Sanctioned League?

Most groups enjoy Fun Leagues. Bring anyone who wants to bowl and we will make it happen. Come for the fun and let us handle the rest.

Sanctioned Leagues require more work and the election of officers.

They have formal meetings and usually a longer weekly bowling schedule.

A benefit of sanctioning is the recognition and rewards of patches and pins for bowlers who do well, prize funds that can grow to several thousands of dollars, and meeting new people each week.

I haven't bowled in 20 years and don't want to embarrass myself. What can I do?

The main reason for bowling is to have fun. Most people would be surprised at how low regular league bowlers scores really are. So how do they compete?

One word - Handicap. Handicaps are the greatest thing for new bowlers since sliced bread. You will have points added to your scores that, in a lot of cases, allows you to beat that bowler that brags too much. Handicaps are computed based on a certain percentage of the difference between a set high average and your average. For example: most league handicaps are based on 90% of (200 - your ave). If your average is 80, your handicap equals $90\% \times (200 - 80) = 108$. You get 108 points added to each game you bowl. If you average is 160, you only get 36 points added.

I'm still not sure. What other games do you offer?

We offer several other bowling games. The most popular is 9-Pin No Tap. This means that if you knock down 9 pins it counts as a strike. We offer 6, 7, 8, & 9-Pin No Tap games.

I've got enough people and we begin next week. What's next?

If you know who is bowling and you have already made teams, just give us a copy a few days before you are scheduled to bowl. When you arrive we will have everything ready including what teams play each other, what lanes you bowl on, and each persons name on that lane.

If you don't have all this information, don't worry. We will handle it before bowling begins. The first night might take a few extra minutes but it only effects this first night.

Bowling leagues are a great way to offer employees and friends a fun time together in a safe, clean enviroment. Parents can bowl while their kids play in the arcade. You can have your favorite beverage and a meal at the lanes while bowling or watch one of several TV's and catch your favorite game in the lounge. The main point is to have fun with your friends.