

**CAPITAL AREA RAINBOWLERS ASSOCIATION  
SATURDAY MORNING ALTERNATIVE CLUB KING & KWEEN PINS  
(SMACK) 2009-2010**

**A. LEAGUE SPECIFICS**

1. The Saturday Morning Alternative Club King & Kween Pins (SMACK) league will be comprised of individuals who will play in two (2) person "teams." The composition of the teams will be determined by a pre-determined rotational calendar of play. The Secretary will make a best effort to ensure that the bowlers bowl with a different partner and bowl against a different team each week. The calendar of play for individual slots (i.e. Bowler #1, #2, #3 etc) will be developed prior to the season and the bowler's names will be randomly drawn to fill the slots.
2. The league will be certified by USBC. A USBC membership card must be filled out and given to the Secretary the first day a person bowls. The membership dues must be paid if a different league has not already registered the individual for the 2009-2010 season. Failure to comply may result in a forfeiture of any/all points won on the morning(s) this individual bowls(ed).
3. The league will retain membership in good standing with the Capital Area Rainbowlers Association (CARA) and the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO). The President will appoint one (1) CARA Representative, one (1) alternate CARA Representative, and one (1) IGBO Representative.
4. The league will bowl at AMF Alexandria Lanes with a scheduled starting time of 10:30 a.m. Practice will begin at 10:20 a.m.
5. SMACK's 2009-2010 bowling season will be split into two entirely separate leagues. The Fall league shall start September 12, 2009, and end January 16, 2010. The Fall league awards presentation/Winter league organization meeting will be January 23, 2010 with league play starting January 30, 2010 and ending May 8, 2010. The awards brunch for the Winter league will be May 15, 2010.
6. The league will use individual handicaps of 90% of 225. Negative handicaps will not be used if a bowler has an average over 225.
7. The league will abide by an eight (8) point system. Two points will be won by the "team" with the highest handicap score each game. Two points will be won by the "team" with the highest handicap series. One point will be awarded to each "team" for any tie game or series.
8. Each member will be awarded the points earned by his/her "team" each week, to count toward the member's individual standing.
9. In order for a bowler to be eligible for an end-of-season individual award, he/she must have bowled 2/3 of all scheduled games for the season.
10. All bowlers are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to provide an e-mail address to the Secretary so that he/she may join the DC Bowling Yahoo Group during the first week of bowling.

**B. LEAGUE AND TEAM MANAGEMENT**

1. The management of the league will be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the five elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-

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Arms), plus two league members appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

2. The league will adopt playing rules (Bylaws), but the Board of Directors will settle any disputes and be the governing body for the league. If a dispute arises, the steps for a settlement will be:
  - a. SMACK Board of Directors
  - b. CARA Board of Directors (depending on USBC time limits)
  - c. United States Bowling Congress (USBC)
3. The presence of at least three officers will be considered a quorum for any board meeting. For the league organizational meeting at least one week before the league start date, those present shall be considered a quorum.

### C. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each member is responsible for:
  - a. Entering and/or verifying their name and handicap in the computer prior to league play.
  - b. Entering and verifying the accuracy of their weekly games and series on the recap sheet.
  - c. Delivering all of their bowling related fees in the payment envelope to the Treasurer by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> frame of the first game.
2. Officers will serve a full year term which will consist of the Fall and the Winter leagues
3. The President is responsible for ensuring that league Bylaws are followed and updated yearly, presiding over league meetings, appointing an Audit Committee, appointing a Prize Fund Committee, and other duties outlined in the USBC Rule Book, Rule 102c and d.
4. The Vice President is responsible for all fundraising efforts, standing in for the President if he/she is unable to be present, and other duties outlined in the USBC Rule Book, Rule 102d.
5. The Secretary is responsible for:
  - a. Ensuring that the league and all bowlers (including substitutes) are certified members of USBC, CARA & IGBO.
  - b. Computing all statistics for the league.
  - c. Submitting applications for awards earned by the league's bowlers.
  - d. Handle all league correspondence.
  - e. Keeping minutes of all league meetings.
  - f. Other duties outlined in the USBC Rule Book, Rule 102e.
  - g. The Secretary will be paid 40 cents per bowler's weekly fee paid per week.
6. The Treasurer is responsible for:
  - a. Maintaining all accounts and records of all receipts & disbursements of league funds.
  - b. Making payments on behalf of the league in a timely manner.
  - c. Other duties outlined in the USBC Rule Book, Rule 102f.
  - d. The Treasurer will be paid 30 cents per bowler's weekly fee paid per week.
7. The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for:
  - a. The end-of-season event (i.e., securing food, raffle prizes, etc.).
  - b. Advising members who are in arrears, upon being notified of such by the Treasurer, that they may not bowl until the arrears are satisfied.

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- c. Other duties outlined in the USBC Rule Book, Rule 102g.

### D. LEAGUE FINANCES

1. The weekly fee (per person) will be \$16.00 broken down as follows:
  - \$10.30 for lineage
  - \$ 0.40 for the Secretary's salary
  - \$ 0.30 for the Treasurer's salary
  - \$ 0.35 for CARA dues
  - \$ 3.65 for the prize fund
  - \$ 1.00 for the general fund

Any extra funds left in the general fund at the end of the season will supplement the prize fund.

2. There will be a **one-week grace period** for the full payment of each individual bowler's \$16.00 weekly fee. If any bowler is more than one week in arrearage of league fees, that bowler will not be allowed to bowl until such arrearage is paid up and the bowler will lose the points associated with those games. The Treasurer shall notify the Sergeant-at-Arms prior to bowling that the bowler is in arrearage and cannot bowl unless the delinquency is cleared up that day. The team will use the bowler's blind score until the deficit is fully removed or the bowler is dropped.
3. Any money owed **the league will be withheld** from a member's prize money at the end of the season and be distributed to offset league obligations.
4. The Treasurer will open a checking account in a recognized banking institution. The signatures of two of the league officers will be needed for any check or fund withdrawal. The President's signature is mandatory on the salary checks for the Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Personal checks will be accepted. Please make your checks payable to SMACK. **Week twelve** is the last session personal checks will be accepted.
6. A check returned for any reason must be "MADE GOOD" in cash plus \$10.00 over the bank's service charge by the next session of bowling after notification by the Treasurer. This fee will be added to the general fund. If this amount is not paid by then, the individual will be considered in arrears starting that night. If another check by the same individual is returned, in addition to the above, he/she is forbidden to pay by check for the remainder of the season.
7. Fees for the final two weeks of bowling must be paid **by week five**. Failure to comply will result in a forfeiture of any/all points starting that night and continue until these fees are paid.

### E. ENTERING AVERAGE

1. A bowler's entering average will be determined in the following order (all 21 game minimum):
  - a. SMACK average from the Winter 2009 season
  - b. Highest current CARA league average
  - c. 2008-2009 yearbook average (CARA Yearbook)
  - d. 2008-2009 yearbook average (USBC)
  - e. 2009 highest summer league average

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2. A bowler who does not qualify under section "E.1" (above) will establish an average using his/her first three games, which must all be bowled on his/her first day.
3. A bowler will use an entering average until he/she has bowled at least NINE GAMES by the start of a given week. Afterwards an average will be refigured weekly using actual pinfall from this league.
4. A bowler who started with an established entering average as outlined in section "E.1" above, but has not yet obtained a nine game league average, is governed by section "E.3" above, even if in the interim he/she has established a 21 game average from another 200 9-200 10 league.
5. A bowler entering with an established average must submit proof of this average to the Secretary within one week. Failure to comply may result in:
  - a. A forfeiture of any points won on days the individual in question bowled, or
  - b. Other measures as determined by a majority of the league's Board of Directors.

### F. POSITION ROUNDS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. A position round will occur on **week eight** and on the **last week** of the season.
2. Rankings for pairings on position rounds will be based on the individual's point standing. Ties for rankings will be decided by handicap pinfall.
3. During a position/championship round:

Bowlers in 1<sup>st</sup> place & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will bowl against the bowlers in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place, the bowlers in 5<sup>th</sup> place & 7<sup>th</sup> place will bowl against the bowlers in 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> place and likewise for all positions.
4. If at the end of the season there is a tie for first place, an immediate one game roll-off will be held to determine the winner. Should a tie still exist after this roll-off, a tenth frame roll-off will be held (one-tenth of the individual's handicap will be added). Any roll-off will not count towards the team composite record, towards an individual's average or be eligible for individual performance awards.

### G. EXITING THE LEAGUE, BLIND SCORES, VACANCY SCORES AND PACERS

1. SMACK is required to give AMF 2 weeks notice of any proposed reduction in the number of active bowlers, and must pay all fees during that 2 week period. Therefore, any individual vacating the league MUST provide a written two-week notice to the league President or Secretary stating the reason for leaving and is responsible for paying all weekly fees up to and including the two-week notice period.
2. The payment of weekly fees for the two-week notice period may be waived by majority vote of the Board of Directors if the departing individual finds a replacement who agrees to begin bowling, and paying weekly fees, and any other fees outstanding, on the week following the departure of the individual. The replacement bowler would assume the point and pin count of

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the departing bowler and would be eligible for "team" prizes at the end of the season. The replacement would be eligible for individual prizes only if they qualify under section K (2)(b).

3. The Secretary may report those vacating the league without following the above procedures to CARA and/or USBC for appropriate action.
4. If a new bowler joins the league, other than under G(2) above, and there is an existing vacancy, the new bowler will assume the point and pin count of the vacant position. The new bowler will be eligible for individual and team prizes subject to the restrictions under section K(2)(b). If the only vacancy available is one due to the departure of a bowler, the new bowler will not be held responsible for any debts associated with the vacancy. If the new bowler begins bowling after week 5, payment for the last two weeks of bowling will become due 3 weeks after the new bowler begins (if the new bowler starts in week 8, payment of the last 2 weeks will be due on week 11) or on week 13, whichever is earlier.
5. A blind score will be the absent bowler's average minus 10 pins; the handicap remains the same. A blind score can be used provided:
  - a. A bowler has an established entering average.
  - b. A bowler without an established entering average has bowled a minimum of three games.
6. After a bowler has departed the league with a written two-week notice, and a replacement has not been found, a vacancy score of **120 average/94 handicap** will be used.
7. A "Vacant" bowler is considered a legal bowler for league purposes.
8. The use of a pacer will be allowed with the permission of the opposing team. A pacer's score will not count toward the team's pinfall and it does not qualify for league or CARA awards. Pacers are required to be USBC members and are eligible for USBC awards. Pacers are required to pay lineage (\$10.30/3-game series) for each session they bowl.

## H. SUBSTITUTES

1. Substitutes may bowl in SMACK. Regular roster members may contact a sub to bowl in his/her place (if they do so, please contact the Secretary to make him/her aware of the situation). If a sub shows up, the Secretary will make every effort to place a sub. Any regular roster member bowling on a "team" alone due to an absent bowler may ask the Secretary if a sub is available. Subs will be assigned in the order of request.
2. Substitutes are not required to pay for bowling. The regularly scheduled league bowler is responsible for the weekly fees. Substitutes are not permitted to bowl for more than one team for any scheduled session of bowling (this includes post and/or pre-bowling), and are not eligible for league or CARA prizes/awards. Substitutes must join USBC prior to subbing their first day.
3. **Week fourteen or the next to last week of bowling** is the last week a new sub (any individual who is bowling in this league for the first time this season when his/her score will count towards match) will be allowed.
4. For all position/championship rounds, a sub must have a minimum of nine SMACK league

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5. A sub will be considered illegal if he/she is in conflict with "H.1" "H.2" and "H.3" (above). Using an illegal sub will result in a forfeiture of any/all points won on that night.

### I. PRE BOWLING/POSTPONEMENTS, UNOPPOSED BOWLING AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

1. Pre-bowls and post-bowls by individuals are allowed, but MUST abide by the following rules:
  - a. A league officer must be present.
  - b. All games are bowled at AMF Alexandria Lanes.
  - c. The absent individual's "teammate" for that week has the option of pre-/post-bowling with the absent "teammate" or to bowl as scheduled. Scores will be compared after all bowlers of opposing teams have bowled and will be awarded wins/losses according to the league's 8-point system (A.6-8).
  - d. The person(s) pre-/post-bowling must notify the opposing team. The opposing team has the option of bowling at the same time.
  - e. If a bowler fails to appear for a previously agreed upon make-up date, a forfeit will result and rule "1.2" (below) will apply.
  - f. In a pre/post-bowl situation, a bowler may see his/her "teammate's" scores for that week at any time. Members of the opposing team may see the pre-bowled scores only at the end of each game.
  - g. In order to pre-bowl or post-bowl:
    1. For regular rotation matches: A minimum 48-hour notice to the Secretary or President is required (except in an emergency situation) and it should be made up within two weeks or by the next Position/Championship round, whichever comes first.
    2. Position/Championship Rounds: Only in an emergency situation will this be allowed. A situation will be deemed an emergency by the Board of Directors. It must be made up within five days unless a longer time is allowed by a majority of the Board of Directors.
2. A "team" that is scheduled to bowl a non-existent "team" or a "team" in a forfeiture situation will be awarded a win if they exceed the non-existent "team's" handicap blind score (**204 per person per game**) for any game and/or for the set. For example, with a league handicap of 90% of 225:
  - a. A tie will be awarded if the live team equals the non-existent team's blind handicap score for any game (408) and/or series (1224).
  - b. A live team score of 409 or more per game or 1225 or more for a set will beat the non-existent team handicap score.
  - c. Points not won by the live team bowling will be treated as unearned points and will not be credited to any team.
3. An individual that fails to show because of an emergency situation will be allowed to make up the games. If there is a question about the legitimacy of any emergency, a majority of the Board of Directors will decide if an actual emergency exists. The President will convene the Board of Directors no later than the following week of bowling for this purpose. A bowler in an emergency situation will endeavor to personally notify the league President or Secretary no later than 9:30 a.m. the day of bowling.

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### J. TEAM LINEUP, TARDY PLAYERS AND ABSENCES

1. A legal team lineup is one regular team member present and ready to bowl before the first ball is thrown in the opposing team's fourth frame in any game.
2. A forfeiture of any/all points will result without this legal lineup. Under no circumstances can a team without a legal lineup win points. Any pinfall bowled under an illegal lineup will not be counted towards the team's cumulative total. The opposing team with the legal lineup will bowl as if they were unopposed as per H.2.
3. A tardy player must start bowling before the anchor bowler on the opposing team has thrown his/her first ball of the fourth frame of the current game. If not, then a blind score will be taken for that game and he/she may bowl as usual in subsequent game(s) that day.
4. A blind score will be the absent bowler's average minus 10 pins; the handicap remains the same. A blind score can be used provided:
  - a. A bowler has an established entering average.
  - b. A bowler without an established entering average has bowled a minimum of three games.
5. After a bowler has departed the league with a written two-week notice, and a replacement has not been found, a vacancy score of **120 average/94 handicap** will be used.
6. A replacement individual for one that has dropped out assumes that person's pinfall and points. The new individual may assume forfeited position prizes due at the end of the season only if he/she assumes any/all financial arrearages owed the league. Need to define position prizes Otherwise only position prizes (prorated from their actual starting date) will be awarded. No performance award(s) can be assumed under any circumstances.

### K. PRIZE FUND

1. The President will appoint a prize fund committee to draw up prize fund proposals that are due to the committee chairperson on **week five**. The chairperson will present no less than three proposals for voting by the league membership in attendance on **week six**. The winning proposal must receive an absolute majority of greater than 50% of the votes from the league members in attendance this week. A second round of voting will be held if an absolute majority of greater than 50% is not obtained in the first round. The chairperson shall distribute a copy of the winning proposal to all league members on week seven.
2. The following will apply (in whole or part) should the league adopt a prize fund which includes individual and/or team performance awards:
  - a. Each prize fund proposal including individual awards will take into account the league's gender ratio and season length when determining the distribution and size of individual awards.
  - b. To qualify for any individual award, a member must have bowled at least 2/3 of the scheduled games. These games must be bowled as a league member (i.e.; games bowled as a sub will not count).
  - c. An individual is only eligible to win in one category, with the exception of "high

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- average" or "most improved." When an individual qualifies in more than one category, the award with the higher monetary value will be awarded.
- d. For awards of equal value, the following order will be used: Scratch Series, Handicap Series, Scratch Game, Handicap Game. Team awards will also follow this format, except there will be no "high average" or "most improved" team award.
  - e. For "most improved bowler" awards: They will be based on comparing a bowler's entering average as determined by Section "E.1" to their final average or, for bowlers without an entering average, by comparing their 21-game average to their final average.
  - f. Scores bowled during unopposed bowling will count for league awards provided the conditions under section I are followed.
3. In an emergency, a bowler may finish any one game ahead of his/her team and opponents. Once a player bowls out he/she is not permitted to return for any subsequent game(s) that night. Scores will count toward any individual and/or team performance award(s). A bowler who needs to bowl out will notify the Secretary immediately of the situation.
  4. Ties in win/loss record for any position other than first after the final week of the season will result in an equal splitting of monies for all positions involved, if applicable.
  5. The Board of Directors will handle any overages or shortages of league funds according to majority decision.

### L. LEAGUE FUNDRAISERS

1. The league will run at minimum a combined 50-50 and Lucky Strike raffle with the following jackpot.
  - a. A combined 50-50 raffle and Lucky Strike raffle: Funds from the jackpot will be divided equally with 1/4 going to the 50/50 winner, 1/4 going to the Lucky Ball jackpot and 1/2 going to the league.
2. If the Board of Directors decides to offer \$5 brackets during league play they will be paid out with \$20 going to the first place finisher, \$10 going to the second place finisher and \$10 going to the league.
3. The Vice President will be responsible for running the fun-raisers and ensuring that an impartial third-party draws the tickets and that winning numbers are verified. In his/her absence, the Sergeant-at-Arms will be the coordinator.
4. The fun-raisers will start on the first week and continue through the last night of the season.
  - a. CHIT will conduct the first week's raffle with proceeds benefiting CHIT, unless there is a dire need for the league to keep the money, whereupon SMACK will conduct and receive the funds from the fun-raisers.
  - b. For the last week, ticket sales will be distributed 50% to 50/50 and 50% to Lucky Strike.
  - c. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be sold as follows: \$1.00 each, or three for \$2.00, or 15 for \$5.00.

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### M. MISCELLANEOUS

1. If inclement weather forces a cancellation of bowling, the Secretary or President will notify AMF Alexandria Lanes by 8:30 a.m., or as soon as possible. Time permitting, the President or Secretary will send a notification e-mail to all league members.
2. Any team, individual or guest of a league bowler guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or lewd behavior will be given one verbal warning by the President. Any subsequent offense will result in immediate removal/suspension from the league.
3. The President and the audit committee will perform at least two financial audits during the season in accordance with USBC rules. The first audit will occur during week eight. The second audit will occur during after the last week of bowling.
4. All protests must be in writing and turned into the President within seven days of the occurrence (except during the last three weeks of the season, in which case a 48-hour time limit will apply).
5. All announcements, promotions, solicitations, etc., not specifically related to SMACK must be approved in advance by the President or Vice President.
6. The Sergeant-at-Arms will appoint a committee to arrange for a season-end awards party by **week thirteen**.
7. A full league meeting will be held to elect officers for the 2009-2010 season on week thirteen of the Winter season. The President shall ask for nominations for all positions by week twelve.
8. Only if a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the league is of a different gender as the majority of league bowlers: The Sergeant-at-Arms position shall be reserved for a candidate of the opposite gender if the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions are all filled by bowlers of the same sex. If necessary, to ensure gender representation, the Sergeant-of-Arms election will occur separately and after the other officer elections.
9. A league officer shall serve on all league committees except the election committee.
10. The league should refer to the 2008-2009 USBC playing rules book for situations not specifically covered in these Bylaws.

### N. LEAGUE TERMINATION

1. Should a decision be made to terminate the league, funds remaining after settling all outstanding debts will be divided equally among members in good standing as of the date of the decision to terminate the league.
2. Upon vote of a majority of members in good standing as of the date of the decision to terminate, other methods of disposing of assets, as proposed by the Board of Directors, may be agreed to.