Desert Pride Strikers League Rules
Winter 2021 Season

The organizational meeting of the league membership was held on September 3, 2021, at 6:30 PM to elect officers and to adopt the rules for the upcoming season. Approval of the elections and rules was by most of the members present.

1. League Schedule

The league will bowl on Thursday nights from 9/9/19 through 12/19/19 at Palm Springs Lanes. Practice starts at 6:15 PM and the first game starts promptly at 6:30 PM. The league will bowl every Thursday night during the season. The league will bowl a total of 30 weeks. There will be 3 bye weeks of 11/25/21 and 12/23/21 and 12/30/21. Position round will be on 4/14/22 and Sweepstakes will be held on 04/21/22.

2. Management

The league is an Invitational league and will be managed by the Board of Directors, which consists of the elected officers and team captains. The full membership adopts these league rules, and changes to the rules require unanimous approval by the board of directors after the first ball is thrown on 09/9/21. The elected officers are:

Position	Name	Phone	Email
President	Chris Javier	951-906-5285	Chris.javier77@gmail.com
Vice President	Matt Miller	760-250-7036	aagreatmatt@yahoo.com
Secretary/Treas.	Curt Schuller	760-333-1705	cschuller@mac.com
Sergeant at Arms			

3. Team Roster

The league will consist of up to 28 teams with a playing strength of four players per session. Rosters will be limited to five bowlers per team. Teams may consist of all male, all female, or any combination of male and female. New teams will be allowed to join the league through the third weekly session. After that, it will require a 2/3 aye approval of the Board to add a team. Team members must have at least 59 games bowled to participate in Sweepstakes. Exceptions for Sweepstakes need to be voted on by Board of Directors and require 2/3 aye vote.

4. League Fees, Secretary's and Treasurer's Salaries and Finance Reporting

Weekly league fees are $25.00 per bowler, which is allocated as follows:
$13.00 lineage*
$1.00 for Secretary's salary
$1.00 for Treasurer's salary
$1.00 for in house Sweepstakes
$.50 for awards fund
and the balance of $8.50 for the prize/point money. Trophies will be purchased out of the point money fund, not to exceed $200. The Treasurer shall present to all team captains an estimated financial statement by the 7th week of bowling and a final accounting of league finances on the final night of bowling.

Team members are responsible for the weekly fees even if they are absent. Bowlers may bowl if they are no more than one (1) week in arrears. Games shall be forfeited by any team with a member who bowls and is more than one (1) week in arrears. The Secretary's and Treasurer's salaries shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule or earlier if approved by the officers for partial payment. Payment for the last two (2) weeks of the season is due by 11/4/2021. Palm Springs Lanes has agreed to reduce the lineage for Sweepstakes' nights to $6.50 per bowler. The difference of $6.50 per bowler for Sweepstakes' night will be used to augment the Sweepstakes competitions, except optional events.
The Treasurer collects all fees owed the league. Each team captain (or designated alternate if the team captain is absent) is responsible for collecting all fees from team members and delivering them in the team's pay envelope to the Treasurer by the end of the second game each week. On the first night of bowling, each member will pay the first night's fees, plus the USBC membership fees specified above. Members holding a current 2021/2022 Citrus Belt USBC membership card are required to pay only the first week's bowling fees on the first night of bowling. Bowlers must complete the USBC card including their DOB in order to be certified. NO EXCEPTIONS. On each subsequent night of bowling, each member will pay the weekly fee for that night of bowling, unless absent. Absent bowlers must pay up to date the first night they return. A bowler giving proper notice of an absence longer than the two weeks may remain on the team roster if the weekly fees are paid during their absence. It is the team captain's responsibility to declare a bowler vacancy or pay the weekly fees. A member will be allowed to bowl if he/she is one (1) week in arrears. If a bowler, who is more than one week in arrears, is allowed by the team captain to bowl, all games will be forfeited by his/her team that night.

5. Substitutes

Substitutes will be allowed to participate in the league if a regular bowler is absent. The substitute fee is $10 per session. Substitute fees collected will be added to the prize fund/point money. No new substitutes may bowl starting 03/31/22. No substitutes may bowl during Position Rounds or Sweepstakes. The Secretary will maintain a list of roving substitutes. No substitute may bowl with more than one team for the regularly scheduled games each week, including pre-bowls and make-ups. Roving substitutes will not be eligible for prize money or league awards. Substitutes must have a minimum of 27 games

bowled in this league to be eligible to bowl the last three (3) weeks prior to the final position round and Sweepstakes.

6. Bank Account

A bank account has been or will be opened in the name of the league and deposits must be made within seven days of receipt. Withdrawals from the account may only be made with the joint signatures of at least two officers. The league president shall verify the account monthly. The league will carry a reserve of no more than $100.00 into the next season.

6A: Arrearages

If any team is not fully paid at the end of the season, the arrearages (and NSF checks and bank fees) will be deducted from that team's prize money. If the arrearages are more than the team's prize money, the amount due will be deducted from the league prize fund before distribution and all team members with arrearages will be reported to the USBC and Citrus Belt Bowling Association for nonpayment of funds in accordance with USBC Rule 115b (Dismissal – Nonpayment of Fees and/or Improper Withdrawal, usually resulting in ineligibility for USBC and Citrus Belt membership until such funds are paid to the league to which the funds are owed.

6B: Check writing privileges and Returned Checks

Only preapproved checks will be accepted during the season. Arrangements must be made with the secretary/treasurer beforehand. If any team member writes an NSF check, the Treasurer will notify the team captain and bowler within one day after notification is received from the bank. The NSF check must be redeemed by the next scheduled night of bowling after notification by the Treasurer. Failure to redeem the NSF check on that night will be considered non-payment/arrearages of funds and forfeiture of any points won will begin from the night the check was given for payment of league fees. Any member who writes the Desert Pride Strikers League an NSF check will be placed on a cash only basis for the remainder of the season. In order to prepare for league prize fund payouts, no personal checks will be accepted the last two (2) weeks of the published league schedule.

7. USBC Sanctioning and Membership Dues

The Desert Pride Strikers League is sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through the Citrus Belt USBC Association as a mixed league.
Bowlers (including substitutes) must join USBC and pay the USBC and Citrus Belt annual membership fee of $25 the first night they bowl unless they are already a current member through another league. The standard membership fee of $25 per year includes USBC National Dues of $13, State Dues of $2, and Citrus Belt Dues of $10. Bowlers with current-year membership cards in another state or outside the Citrus Belt USBC Bowling Association will be required to pay the State and/or The Citrus Belt dues. DO NOT WRITE A CHECK OUT TO USBC TO PAY FOR YOUR CERTIFICATION!

8. Prizes

A list of prizes for league awards and sweepstakes payouts, drawn up by a committee appointed by the league president, will be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors within seven weeks after the start of the league schedule. League members must bowl at least one-half (1/2) of the league's scheduled games and be a member at the end of the season to be eligible for individual league awards. Special individual/team high series and game prizes will be awarded on a scratch/handicap basis.

9. Entering Averages

The first night of bowling is handicapped. Those bowlers (including substitutes) with an entering average will be required to use that average in this league for the first nine (9) games bowled for handicapping purposes. Following is the prioritized list of prior averages that will be used by this league for determining entering averages:

1. Everyone will be re-establishing their averages in this league this year.

If a bowler bowls fewer than three (3) games their first night, his/her average (and handicap) for the first night (and the next night bowled) will be based on total games bowled the first night.

10. Handicap

Individual handicaps will be 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and 230. Team handicaps will be the sum of the team's roster for each session, including substitutes and absent bowlers.

11. Team Standing

Team Position standings will be determined on a point basis, with one (1) point awarded for each game won and one (1) point awarded for the series winner of each match. For ties one-half (1⁄2) point will be awarded to each team. Winners are determined by the total team score including handicap.

12. Legal Line-up

A legal line-up of at least two (2) team members (not counting substitutes) must be present and ready to bowl by the end of the first frame of each game.

13. Tardy Bowlers

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided three (3) frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up.

14. Absentee and Vacancy Scores

Absentee and vacancy scores will be allowed when a team has a legal line-up, but less than a full line-up at the start of any game in a series. Handicap will be figured on the average of absent bowler. The absentee score will be the absent member's average minus 10 pins. Teams having an incomplete roster (vacancy on the team) will use a score of 150 and a handicap of 70 for the vacant position.

15. Pre-bowl & Postponements

Teams may request to bowl before or after a regularly scheduled match. Teams may pre-bowl within the week prior to the scheduled session. Postponements must be bowled before the next scheduled weekly session. All requests must be made to the league secretary prior to the session's start time except in emergencies. Approval of requested make up times is subject to availability of lanes. Individual bowlers may not pre-bowl or make up games. Position Round may be pre-bowled with permission, but no make-up bowling for Position Round will be allowed. *All requests for pre-bowls and postponements must be scheduled by the League Secretary, who in turn will notify the affected teams. Please notify secretary within 24 hours of intended makeup time.*

16. Forfeit/Bowling Unopposed

When bowling in a known forfeit situation or scheduled against a non-existent team, the team must bowl at least the team average less 10 pins per player per game to win the team point. To win a forfeited or unopposed series, the team must bowl within 40 pins per team per game. Unearned points will count as losses in the team standings.

17. Withdrawal

If a team or individual must withdraw from the league during the season, two (2) weeks' written notice and sufficient reason must be given.

18. Practice After Fresh Oiling

League members may come early to practice; however, no practice on the lanes on which the member is scheduled to bowl on that evening will be allowed once fresh oil has been applied to the lanes prior to league play. No bowlers from other leagues will be allowed to bowl on Desert Pride Strikers lanes once fresh oil has been applied to the lanes prior to league play. Music can be played over the loudspeaker system by the bowling house during league play. House makes final determination if practice is allowed.

19. Franchise

The team captain will hold the franchise/team spot if he/she is acceptable to a three-quarters (¾) majority of the Board of Directors. A franchise cannot be recalled during the season without sufficient cause. The team captain must notify the league Secretary of the team's intent to retain the franchise/team for next season by the end of the current season. Failure to do so will result in the franchise returning to the control of the league's Board of Directors. If a team captain resigns from the league during the season or between seasons, his/her team members have the first right to retain the team franchise. The league Secretary will maintain waiting lists of replacement teams and bowlers when the league cannot accommodate all interested teams and bowlers.

20. IGBO Membership/PSDIC Fundraising

The Desert Pride Strikers League is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO). The Palm Springs Desert Invitational Classic Tournament (PSDIC), (if solvent), in exchange for fundraising privileges throughout the league bowling season, will pay the league's fees for membership in IGBO.

Strike Ball Drawing-50/50 Drawing. Two of the fundraisers that may be conducted by the PSDIC committee or DPS on a regular basis are a voluntary Strike Ball Drawing, or a 50/50 Drawing (PSDIC choice).

When the PSDIC Committee sells 50/50 tickets 50% of the amount collected will be awarded to the person/persons holding the winning raffle ticket. The remaining 50% will be split with 50% going to the league prize fund, and the remaining 50% going to the PSDIC committee or DPS point money.

The PSDIC Committee at their discretion may hold other fund-raising events, such as Random Frame Game, 9 Pin No-tap, or sell raffle tickets for a bowling ball or such items as provided by PSDIC. All proceeds of those optional events will go to PSDIC.

21. League Ending Ties and Roll-Offs

All ties will be decided by total pins, except for first place and league awards. If two or more teams have the same number of points after the first half or second half position round (tied for first place), or if the two teams bowling for the league championship both win two points during the playoff on the final night of bowling, the winner will be decided by a one (1) game roll-off (or more if required). This roll-off, if necessary, will take place immediately following the 3rd game of regular bowling. Roll-off games will not count towards individual averages or special league prizes. Roll offs will not be bowled on the same pair of lanes used by either team during league play that night unless the team captains involved in the roll-off agree to bowl on the same lanes. League awards

other than first place will be split evenly when more than one team or individual bowler ties for the award.

22. Team Rosters/Personal Contact Information

22A. Team Rosters

Team captains must turn in rosters of team members to the Secretary the first night of bowling. Rosters are limited to a maximum of five (5) regular members, with four (4) members paying the bowling fees and bowling each week. After the start of the season, any permanent change in a team roster must be reported to the Secretary in writing before becoming effective. New bowlers cannot be added to a roster in the final three (3) weeks of the season without the approval of 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors. Bowlers on a team roster are not allowed to substitute for another team.

22B. Personal Contact Information

The Secretary is responsible for maintaining and safeguarding the personal contact information, including address, telephone number, and email address, provided by the team bowlers and substitutes.

22C. Team Names

The use of profanity, abbreviated profanity or derogatory terms in team names is prohibited.

23. League Sheets & Scoring Corrections

Palm Springs Lanes will accomplish the scoring under the direct supervision of the Desert Pride Strikers league officers.

Team Captains are responsible for turning in the recap sheets. The top two copies (white and pink), shall be turned into the league secretary. They should be filled out and the totals filled in (unless handicaps are not known). All the numbers are available on the monitor after bowling is completed. The official league standing sheet will be prepared and maintained by the Secretary and will be made available for viewing online at funhandicap.org, leaguesecretary.com, and bowl.com.

24. Protests

All protests must be filed in writing with a league officer and shall be filed within 15 days of occurrence. A protest resulting from competition in the final two weeks of each half of the league schedule shall be filed within 48 hours of the final date of that segment (position round). A protest resulting from competition during Sweepstakes must be filed before Sweepstakes prizes are paid out immediately after bowling on Sweepstakes night.

25. USBC Rulebook

The current USBC (United States Bowling Congress) rulebook governs all situations not addressed by these rules. The USBC Rulebook can be viewed at or downloaded from bowl.com.