

ELITE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
Rules 2023 Season

The Elite Bowling Association (EBA) tentatively scheduled start will be in June 2023 with the ending date completing our season in June 2024.

DATES & TIMES of EBA Stops subject to change prior to start of league and during.

The league board of directors, which consists of the officers and team captains, shall manage this league. The board of directors adopts the league rules.

President – Jamie Frankel

Vice President – Jerry Walters

Secretary – Lonnie Fass

Treasurer – David Rappaport

Sgt. at Arms – Tim Miller, Justin Spurlin Sr & Freddie Morgan

1. Franchise fee is \$150 per team to cover banking fees & accounting fees. Any excess money shall be placed in the league prize fund. If payment is not made by May 7th, the franchise will not be part of the league.
2. The league will consist of 21 teams (paid as May 7th, 2023) with a playing strength of 12 bowlers. Rosters will have a maximum of 36 bowlers. Any additions to the team roster must be submitted to the League Secretary before the last day of the month preceding the next match.
3. The league will bowl 21 Stops + 1 Position Round. Bye Week will be against Team #15 as decided during team assignments. Every team will have the opportunity to bowl each other once.
 - a. If uneven number of teams, these will apply:
 - i. In-season standings will be based on Win %
 - ii. If every team competes an even number of games which include bowling every team head-to-head, the final standings for the regular season will be determined by Total Points Won.
 - iii. If (ii) does not take place, in accordance with USBC, the final standings will be determined by Total Win %.
4. For each match, teams will have 3 teams of 4 bowlers. One team of 4 bowlers will bowl as a scratch team. The other two teams of 4 bowlers each will bowl as handicap teams.
5. The minimum legal lineup of 6 total bowlers must be present before the completion of the first frame of each game. Captains may use the min. 6 bowlers on any of the 3 designated lineups.

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6. If there is an uneven number of teams competing, a Position Round will be scheduled as the last stop. During the position round, last place in the standings will bowl the Vacant Team.
7. If EBA cannot complete 6 Stops each team will be entitled to a refund minus total lineage, President/Secretary/Treasurer fees, banking fees & corporate fees paid for the bowled stops. If the EBA season is canceled after 6 Stops the league will payout based on standings at the time the league is canceled.
8. Entering averages of all players shall be **determined in the following order:**
 - a. EBA returning members that have a minimum of 9 EBA games during the previous EBA season will enter with their EBA average unless that bowlers' real avg is at a 5-pin drop. In which case, the 5-pin drop avg will be used.
 - b. If 9a does not apply, bowler will enter with the highest of the either of the 2 averages: (a) highest '22-'23 USBC book avg or (b) current '23-'24 average of 18+ games
 - c. If 9a or 9b do not apply, we will use the highest '21-'22 USBC avg of 18+ games
 - d. If none of the above apply the bowler will enter with a 230 avg until they establish an average after 9 games are bowled in EBA
9. League Average will establish after 6 games. 5-Pin Drop Rule will be in effect during the season based on bowlers entering Avg.
10. The league handicap will be **85%** of the difference between a bowler's average and a scratch figure of **240**.
11. Team points are determined on a Peterson Point system.
 - +1 point - individual **head-to-head Game**
 - +1 point - individual **head-to-head Series**
 - +6 points - highest **Team Total** pins per **Game**
 - +10 points - highest **Team Total Series**
 - +20 points - highest **3 Team Total** Combined Pins**152 Total Points to be awarded**
12. League fees to be all paid stops, which must be paid by each member at each session, shall be \$40.00 of which:
 - a. Approx. \$10.50 (depending on lineage) to cover the cost of bowling
 - b. .50 per bowler per board position for both the Secretary & Treasurer to be paid at the end of the year.
 - c. \$100 flat rate per stop for the President to be paid at the end of the year
 - d. With the balance going into the league account.
 - e. Teams who do not pay the full \$480.00 at the time of the match will forfeit.
 - f. Team pay envelope must be turned into the League Treasurer by the completion of their 1st game. Failure to comply will result in a \$20 fine.
 - g. All fines collected will be placed into the league prize.

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13. An account will be opened in the name of the league and deposits must be made within 7 days of receipt. Withdrawals from the account may only be made with the joint signatures of at least two officers as designated by the league board of directors. The league president shall verify the account monthly.
14. A prize list, drawn up by a committee appointed by the league president, must be submitted for approval by the league board of directors prior to Stop #1 and voted on no later than Stop #2. Three members per team will be counted towards prize fund.
15. The league will consist of males and females.
16. You must be 18+ to compete on an EBA Roster.
17. A bowler must have a minimum of 6 games to be eligible to compete in the league roll-off at the end of the season if voted in the prize fund.
18. If a team has an incomplete roster (*vacancy on the team*) a score of 200 for the Handicap Team & 190 for the Scratch Team will be used. No handicap will be added to a vacant score. Bowlers opposing the vacant score need to beat the vacant score to win the point (Scratch). Only the score for bowlers opposing the handicap vacant spot shall be the score bowled plus the bowler's handicap.
 - a. Team that is competing against the Vacant Team must have each bowler score **within 10 pins of their current Real EBA avg** to receive their match point.
 - b. Team total must score within 40 pins of combined Real EBA Avg to win available Game Points (6)
 - c. Team must score within 120 pins of Real EBA avg to win available Team Points (10) for the match.
 - d. If the entire teams' total pins at the end of 9 games is within 360 pins of their total Real EBA average the team will receive the 20 Point Bonus.
19. League competition will begin with the first ball thrown for score. Putting the USBC "Dry-Towel" rule into effect. If the bowlers' current or new ball being used during competition is wiped with something other than a dry-towel, the ball must be removed from play.
20. There are no postponements, pre-bowling or post-bowling.
21. A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided that 3 frames has not been completed by either team's anchor bowler (4th bowler in lineup). In this situation frames missed may be made up.

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22. If a bowler cannot complete a game, the bowler's blind score shall be used to complete the game.
23. If an individual withdraws from any team, the bowler may not bowl for another team during the season in which the bowler withdraws.
24. Bowlers must sign letter of intent (bowler online registration form) to join roster and if at a later date choose to withdraw they will need approval of captain if bowler has 0 games.
25. Switch handed bowlers shall bowl with whichever hand is used during their first match.
26. Team scheduled on Right Lane shall enter its line-up first. Line-ups shall be placed on recap sheets 15 minutes before start of practice.
27. All bowlers must wear EBA Apparel with league logo visible on the outside of the jersey competing during league play or will be **required to pay a \$10 fine**. All fines collected will be placed into the prize fund. Teams are given until the 3rd stop without being fined.
28. Team numbers will be drawn and assigned by random pull.
29. If applicable, Team Roll-Off format will be as follows:
 - a. All teams bowl 3 games / Cut to Top 8 (*Scores do not carry over*)
 - b. Bowl 2 games / Cut to Top 4 (*Scores do not carry over*)
 - c. Top 4 bowl 2 games / Cut to top 2 (*Scores do not carry over*)
 - d. Remaining 2 bowl 1 game for Championship
 - e. After each cut, lane assignments will be placed in order of total pin fall
30. In the event of a Tie during the Roll-Off, teams will advance unless a tie occurs when a team is to advance to the Championship match. In which case, each team consisting of Scratch, Handicap 1 & Handicap 2 will bowl 2 frames, the 9th & 10th Frames, with the Bowlers' Handicap for the handicap teams pro-rated to 20% of the individuals' total handicap. You will not be allowed to substitute any bowlers for the tie breakers frames. Highest total will advance.
31. USBC rules shall control any rules not addressed herein or above.

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2023-2024 EBA BOOKED STOPS / LINEAGE:

STOP 1:	July 16 th , 2023	Sparez - \$3.75/game
STOP 2:	Aug. 13 th , 2023	Jupiter - \$4/game
STOP 3:	Aug. 27 th , 2023	Greenacres - \$3.50/game
STOP 4:	Sept. 10 th , 2023	Margate - \$4/game
STOP 5:	Sept. 24 th , 2023	Sawgrass - \$4/game
STOP 6:	Oct. 8 th , 2023	Boynton - \$4/game
STOP 7:	Oct. 22, 2023	Strikers - \$3.50/game
STOP 8:	Nov. 5 th , 2023	Boca - \$4/game
STOP 9:	Nov. 12 th , 2023	Pines - \$4/game
STOP 10:	Dec. 3 rd , 2023	Lucie Lanes - \$3/game
STOP 11:	Dec. 10 th , 2023	Sawgrass - \$4/game
STOP 12:	Jan. 7 th , 2023	Bird Bowl - \$3.35/game
STOP 13:	Jan. 28 th , 2024	Superplay (Port St Lucie) - \$4/game
STOP 14:	Feb. 4 th , 2024	Sparez - \$3.75/game
STOP 15:	Feb 25 th , 2024	Greenacres - \$3.50/game
STOP 16:	March 10 th , 2024	Margate - \$4/game
STOP 17:	March 24 th , 2024	Boca - \$4/game
STOP 18:	April 7 th , 2024	Strikers - \$3.50/game
STOP 19:	April 28 th , 2024	Boynton - \$4/game
STOP 20:	May 19 th , 2024	Sawgrass - \$4/game
STOP 21:	June 2 nd , 2024	TBD
STOP 22:	June 30 th , 2024	Greenacres - \$3.50/game

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2023-2024 Estimated Prize Fund Breakdown:

1. 20 Teams per Stop x 21 Stops & 21 Teams for 1 Stop (Position Round):
 - a. 240 bowlers per stop @ \$40/bowler = \$9,600 x 21 stops = **\$201,600**
 - b. 252 bowlers @ \$40/bowler (position round) = **\$10,080**
 - i. **Total Paid Amount: \$211,680**
2. Estimated Lineage \$4/game (\$12/bowler):
 - a. \$12/bowler x 240 bowlers = \$2,880 x 21 stops = **\$60,480**
 - b. \$12/bowler x 252 bowlers (position round) = **\$3,024**
 - i. **Total Estimated Lineage: \$63,664**
3. League Fees per stop (\$0.50/bowler each both Sec. & Tres. + \$100-President)
 - a. 240 bowlers per stop x \$340 x 21 Stops = \$7,140
 - b. 252 bowlers x 1 stop (position round) = \$352
 - i. **Total Executive Board Fees: \$7,492**

21 Stops: **\$201,600** + Position Round: **\$10,080** = **\$211,680**

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Lineage: **\$63,504**... League Fees: **\$7,492**... Bank/Accounting: **\$500** = **\$71,496**

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Team Sponsor Fees: \$150/team x 21 teams = **\$3,150**

Estimate League Prize Fund
\$143,334