

MOTIV / JIBPS Tuesday Night Draft Scratch League

By Laws for 2025-26

1. The Tuesday Scratch Draft League will be bowled at Funspot in Laconia, NH. The league shall consist of 10 teams of 5 bowlers.
2. The League will be fully sanctioned by the USBC and part of The Southern New Hampshire USBC Association. Sanction fee is \$25.00 and will be paid on the first night of bowling, unless paid thru another league for the 2024-25 season.
3. Practice to start at 6:00pm and league play to start at 6:15pm.
4. The league shall bowl for 30 weeks (split into three 10-week sessions) starting September 2, 2025, and ending April 29, 2025. Providing we have no snow days and allowing for blackout nights of **December 23, 2025, December 30, 2025, February 17, 2026, and February 24, 2026.**
5. Position rounds will be week 10 of each session.
6. Bowling fees will be \$30 person of which \$14.50 shall cover expense of bowling (\$13.50) and secretary fee (\$1.00) and \$15.50 going to prize fund. \$150 per team each week.
7. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure that all the monies are there each week and turn the envelope into League Treasurer by the end of first game.
8. Bowlers are responsible for the \$30.00 each week. Regardless of if they bowl, are absent, or get a substitute.
9. Each bowler is responsible for paying a franchise fee of \$60.00. Franchise fees are normally collected at the completion of a season to save that bowlers spot for the next season. The franchise fee is applied to the last two weeks of the season (weeks 29 & 30).

10. If a franchise fee was not paid at start of the season, last two weeks of league must be paid by week 3 of league.
11. A team's line up must be in division order. Meaning the E division bowler is lead off, D Division is 2nd, C Division is 3rd, B Division is 4th, and the A Division will be the anchor.
12. The league will be scored on a 29-point match point system, with 1 point for each individual game won, 1 point for each individual series won, 2 points for each team game won, and 3 points for each team series won. In case of ties in the team standings, for position rounds teams will be listed according to total scratch pins.
13. No individual Pre-bowls will be allowed.
14. Absentee score will be the absent bowlers average less 15 pins.
15. When bowling against an absentee, the player must beat the absentee score. In case of a tie, the point will be split (divided equally).
16. An absent bowler whose blind score is higher than their opponent will not earn the individual point and will go as "unearned point". If the absentee team wins the team game, the point from the absentee win will be added to the team.
17. Team rosters will be set via a draft. All bowlers will be ranked by average.
18. Bowlers will be split into five divisions, with the top 10 being labeled as "A" bowlers, the 2nd 10 classified as "B" bowlers, the 3rd 10 ranked as "C" bowlers. The 4th 10 ranked as "D" bowlers. The 5th 10 classified as "E" bowlers. "A" bowlers will serve as team captains and will draft from the lowest average to the highest.
19. The Draft will follow the Scratch Draft League Drafting Procedure.
20. Bowlers will establish an average the first 3 games bowled.
21. Bowlers will stay in the division they started in regardless of their current average through the 10-week session.

22. Teams will reset on weeks 11 and 21. The draft order will be determined based on averages from the previous session(s) after the 9th week has been bowled. If a new bowler is needed to replace a bowler in a new session, the new bowlers' book or verifiable average will be used as entering average.
23. After the 10th week is bowled a new draft will be conducted. The top 10 averages will meet after bowling that 10th week to conduct draft for the start of next session the following week.
24. Substitutes may bowl in any average division, so long as their verifiable average does not exceed the highest average for said division. For example, if the highest book average in the "C" division for the current session is 201, a bowler averaging 203 cannot sub in that division. They can however sub in either the "A" or "B" divisions. The highest average used is that at the start of the current session.
25. A substitute is NOT required to meet the minimum average for a division. Points earned by substitutes are awarded to the original team member's divisional standings.
26. Substitutes are considered floating subs meaning they are not tied to the first team they bowl for.
27. Substitutes are allowed on the final week of a session, the position round. Provided the substitute has minimum of 9 games bowled in JIBPS MOTIV Draft Scratch League in current season.
28. At least 2 rostered bowlers must be present to start a game, or the game will be subject to forfeit.
29. No bowler may start a game after the last bowler has completed the 4th frame in any game.

30.The Board of Directors shall determine grounds for postponement. A request for postponement must be made 48 hours in advance by contacting a league officer and the opposing team captain.

Averages

31. All returning bowlers to the league will use their average from the previous session. Bowlers that may have subbed in previous session and bowled 21 games will use that average. Others will use the highest average for said bowler listed on Bowl.com, with a minimum of 21 games, for previous season or last season the bowler has bowled in last 3 years. Bowlers with no sanctioned average but bowled at Funspot in the last 3 years will use the most recent average they can verify from a final standing sheet from that league. Bowlers without a verifiable average may be rated at the discretion of league management and the league officers.

32.Prize funds will be passed out and voted on by week 3 of the first session. The prize funds will be paid out for each session. Prize Fund payouts for each session will be held and paid out at end of 30-week season. Prize fund voted on will be used for all three sessions.

33.League standings and averages will be kept within the league using BLS Software supplied by Jack Batchelder.

34.A Bank account will be opened for Tuesday Night Scratch Draft League and prize money will be deposited each week by the Secretary/Treasurer.

35.Funspot does not accept checks, cash is the preferred method of payment.

36.The board of directors shall consist of the following officers and all team captains:

37.President – Rick Belscher

38.Vice President – Chesley LaBrie

39.Secretary/Treasurer – Jack Batchelder

40.Additional rules not covered herein, will be governed by the United States

Bowling Congress.

Approved - August 26, 2025