

**THE DETROIT TRAVELING ALL STAR CLASSIC  
2017-2018 SEASON BY LAWS**

1. The Detroit Traveling All Star Classic will bowl on Thursday Evenings at various Centers and times.
2. Officers shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and/or Treasurer, and Sergeant of Arms. Each officer shall be elected at the annual June meeting, and take office after the election.
3. The President and Vice Presidents shall serve without remuneration. The Secretary and/or Treasurer salary shall be \$2,000.00 (\$1,200 Secretary / \$800 Treasurer) and shall be negotiated at the annual meeting of the Franchise holders.
4. If any team or teams average less than 975, the Franchise holder shall be subjected to loss of Franchise. Such Franchise reverts to the Classic. No Franchise holder whose team does not average the minimum requirement must submit a line up in writing with contracts to reapply for the Franchise at the meeting. If an individual bowler does not average 195 or better for 2 consecutive years and is felt to be a detriment to the classic must notify the Franchise holder of the fact and the Franchise holders must vote on the continued acceptance of this bowler for the 3<sup>rd</sup> season. Franchise holders are exempt from this rule.
5. Franchise holders and/or their designated proxy if absent plus league officers have the power to vote. All teams must have representation at all meetings or the Franchise holder will be fined \$10.00 if late or \$25.00 if absent. Fines will be deducted from team funds. With the exception of the President who is a franchise holder, officers shall not be allowed a proxy. No team shall have more than one voting member at any time. At all meetings, a simple majority (50% + 1) of qualified voters shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote is necessary to change, add to, detract from or eliminate any rule, regulation or by-law of the Classic at all meetings prior to opening night subject to USBC approval.
6. Franchises revert back to the league in the event a franchise holder vacates or forfeits his franchise for any reason. Each franchise is responsible for the season total fee of \$3,300.00 (checks payable to 'Thursday All Star Classic').

**Payment Schedule:**

Week #1 - \$300 due	Balance \$3,000
Week #6 - \$600 due	Balance \$2,400 <b>*If total of \$900 is not paid by Week #6, no points can be won*</b>
Week #11 - \$600 due	Balance \$1,800 <b>*If total of \$1,500 is not paid by Week #11, no points can be won*</b>
Week #16 - \$600 due	Balance \$1,200 <b>*If total of \$2,100 is not paid by Week #16, no points can be won*</b>
Week #21 - \$600 due	Balance \$ 600 <b>*If total of \$2,700 is not paid by Week #21, no points can be won*</b>
Week #26 - \$600 due	Balance \$ 0 <b>*If total of \$3,300 is not paid by Week #26, no points can be won*</b>

- 6a The Board of Directors has the sole authority to award franchises. Individuals wishing to be awarded a franchise must take their application to the Board of Directors via a league officer. All new franchises must have a \$200.00 deposit to the league and a roster form turned in to the Secretary in order to be considered for a franchise.
7. At no time, can any franchise holder be permitted to loan or assign his/her franchise.
8. A franchise holder may appoint a member of his team as captain without voting power.
9. All Teams must have 3 or more bowlers on the lanes not more than 15 minutes after the regular starting time or 15 minutes after the President or designated official has started the Classic, whichever is later. No blind scores may be used. The team not responsible for the delay will be entitled to one practice ball per player on the opponents starting lane after a 15-minute delay. Games shall be bowled as covered by the USBC rulebook.
- 9a Bowlers will receive 15 minutes' practice time before the league starts. At the conclusion of practice the officer who starts the league will announce twice to hold up practice, if a bowler rolls a ball after the second announcement, they will be fined \$10.00.

10. The team captain whose team begins on the odd numbered lane shall have the duty of selecting the official scorer of the contest. The official scorer has the responsibility of ascertaining that the complete official score is received by the Secretary before leaving the bowling center. Each team is responsible for recording their lineup (FIRST AND LAST NAMES) on the scorecard. Each team will enter at least the LAST NAME of each bowler in the lineup in the overhead scorer. NO NICKNAMES will be allowed. Failure to comply with this rule will result in fines starting at \$5 and continue to a cap of \$25.00. Secretary will make this announcement before league play starts.
11. Each franchise holder or their acting captain must have on file with the league Secretary, by opening night, a signed contract for each member bowling, including themselves, if they are to bowl in the league on the team, prior to the time that person first bowls in the league. All bowler contracts are for 1 year.
12. All team contracts are to have up to 8 bowlers under contract at any 1 time.
- 12a. A bowler that is released from a team cannot return to that team for the entire year (Winter & Spring Season) unless approved by the board of directors. Another team with 2/3 vote of the franchise holders can pick up said bowler.
13. No franchise holder or team member may solicit a member of another team to bowl the following season until March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. The penalty is a \$200.00 fine
14. A Classic team may use a bowler without a contract, but under no circumstance can that substitute bowler bowl more than 15 games with the same team during the season without a contract on file. If that bowler bowls more than 15 games, the penalty is forfeiture of all games bowled after the 15<sup>th</sup> game. No substitutes may participate in the classic during the last two nights (6 games) of each season without the Presidents approval. Any team using an approved sub the last 2 nights shall receive a fine of \$25.00 per sub with no appeal. No new bowler may be added to any team roster the last 2 nights of each season. Exception to the rule is in case of an emergency and is subject to rules committee approval. Any team forfeiting a match shall be fined \$100.00 automatically. No sub will be allowed if a team has five (5) physically abled contracted bowlers in the building. A tardy bowler must enter the lineup immediately upon arrival in the substitute's position.
- 14a. No substitutes shall be allowed to bowl in the Cup Championship match unless they come from the league and are a contracted bowler with at least 21 games bowled in the league for that complete season. No subs will be allowed if a team has 5 contracted bowlers in the bowling center. The substitute rule will be in effect, if a team uses an ineligible substitute in the Cup Championship. The team will receive zero for that bowler unless the President grants an exception.
- 14b. All Contracted bowlers must wear their own sponsor's uniforms consisting of collared or mock shirts and matching color pants starting with the practice session. Your sponsors name must be listed on your shirt. Each team will furnish to the Secretary a detailed description of the teams' uniforms. All teams must have complete uniforms by the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of bowling, subject to team fine. No jeans, jean look alike or cargo pants allowed. Enforcement of the rule falls under the conduct rule #16a. Any new member will have a 2-week grace period to obtain a uniform without receiving a fine (after the 2-week period a fine of \$5 will be issued for each offense). The President has the power to extend the grace period.
- 14c. No head phones or audio devices are to be worn on your person during practice or league play.
15. Any team that uses a substitute bowler in an evening will be fined \$10.00 for each offense. The said fines are to be deposited into the league funds. All disputes and settlements that are related to this rule are at the sole discretion of the Rules Committee. Subs are not permitted to wear jeans.
16. **League members who are not franchise holders or captains are not permitted to complain to league officers or employees of the bowling center.** If there is a complaint made, it must be by the franchise holder or the team captain. Penalty is an automatic 2-week suspension.
- 16a. All bowlers will be subject to fines for conduct detrimental to the league, an image therein. Conduct fines can be a minimum of a one-week suspension and a \$25.00 fine as determined by the rules

committee. In the event of team conduct detrimental to the league the team in question shall be fined a minimum of \$25.00 under the heading of team conduct fines. All personal conduct fines must be paid and served before the bowler bowls.

A fined bowler who does not show for an appeal at the appointed time, that bowler is automatically assessed the fine. Exception: Rules committee can grant postponement or appeal.

- 16b. Anyone who kicks, hits or in any way causes a blackout on the automatic scorer shall be fined \$25.00, assessed a one week suspension and subject to any additional rules committee rulings. Any monetary damages incurred by the bowling center will also be the responsibility of the offender.
17. Winter Season and Spring Seasons are of 15-week duration. The team winning most points each season will be the season champions. If two teams tie, they will bowl a best 2 out of 3 game match to determine the championship. The match will be bowled after the last scheduled night of bowling on a neutral pair of lanes. In the event of 3 or more-way tie for any portion of the league refer to rule 113b; 1c-playoff in the USBC rule book.
- 17a. The John Gavie All Star Cup Championship will be conducted at the end of the Spring Season. The total wins for the combined 2 seasons will determine the roll off teams. If there are 11 or more teams in the league, the top 6 teams will bowl in the Cup Championship. If 10 or less teams in the league, the top 4 teams will advance. In the event of a tie for the last spot, a best 2 out of 3 match shall be held on the last night of bowling in the Spring Season. Cup roll off team numbers shall be determined by the order of finish. The championship matches will follow the USBC 6 team schedule. Each team will bowl 2 games changing lanes after each game, with a total of 4 games bowled each night over 3 separate evenings that will total 12 games bowled. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> games shall be a position round game. Each team will be awarded 50 bonus pins for each game that they win (25 pins for a tie). The team with the greatest combined bonus pins and actual pin fall shall be awarded the Cup Championship. Roll off sites will try to be determined by the 9<sup>th</sup> week of the Spring Season. Practice time for each separate evening in the roll offs will be of 20-minute duration before the scheduled starting time. All sponsoring Centers of teams in the Classic shall be in a yearly rotation to make the schedule for the Cup Championships. If no more than 3 teams have bowling centers as sponsors in the league, there will be no draw, those 3 centers will be used. If there are 4 or 5 teams with bowling centers as their sponsors, all will be eligible for roll off drawings. The following year the 3 centers picked will be eliminated and drawings will be from the remaining centers. Exception: If a bowling center should sponsor the league it is possible they will get first rights to a roll off if it is stated in the contract.
18. The Secretary shall be notified and the rules committee to approve all postponement requests and the reason for the same at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the match. All postponed matches should be made up within 3 weeks of the regularly scheduled match or position round, whichever is the earliest. Make up matches must be made up in the Center that it was originally scheduled to be bowled in. They must also bowl on the same pair of lanes that they were originally scheduled to bowl on. If said lanes are not available, then the competing captains may substitute lanes within the establishment. If for any approved reason, the match cannot be made up by the position round, the standings will be computed on a percentage basis. If a team is not present 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the team present shall begin bowling and win any games that the opponent doesn't present a legal lineup to start a game. A postponement will be granted if a team is bowling in the USBC, USBC Masters, PBA Tournament (within a 100 mile radius) or a megabuck tournament. However, if three bowlers are still available to bowl, the team will not be granted a postponement and will have to pay for the use of substitutes that are used for the contracted bowlers bowling in the above mentioned tournaments. Bowlers must wear complete uniforms in making up postponed matches. Teams not requesting the postponement are exempt from the sub fines but not the uniform fines. Postponements should be scheduled within 2 weeks of the date of the scheduled match. If the match has not been scheduled, the Secretary will try and schedule the match within the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. If the match is not made up within the prescribed 3 weeks, the team requesting the postponement will be fined \$25.00 per night. The match must be made up within 5 weeks. \$50 fine if not made up.

19. Secretary has the right to assign lanes for that evening.
20. Bowlers must have 2/3rds of the scheduled games to be eligible for individual awards. To be eligible for Rookie of the Year honors, the bowler must not have been a contracted bowler in the past. Plaques will be awarded to the Joe Norris King of Bowlers, Rookie of the Year, and the voted on Joe Paulus Sportsman of the year.
21. All bowling balls used by Classic bowlers must be within USBC specifications. USBC rules will apply. At no time, shall balls be placed on top of tables between pairs of lanes. Offenders will be subject to a \$10.00 conduct fine. Wearing apparel (jackets, etc) of uniformed bowlers must be left in the paddock area if a paddock is available. The offender is subject to a team conduct fine. If there are no coat racks on the concourse the settee area may be used. If there is no paddock area available, wearing apparel (jackets etc) can be left in the settee area. Prior to scoring after the practice session, the Sergeant of Arms or league officer will police the area to relocate bowling equipment to a safe location.
22. Teams will be credited with 1 point for each game won and ½ point for each game that is tied. No points will be awarded for total pins.
23. All lanes must be conditioned identically and no league member may practice in the center the day of bowling prior to the practice session. This rule does not pertain to substitutes. Exception: if it is announced that the lanes are available for practice before the league session, then practice shall be allowed. Only bowlers not in the lineup will be allowed 6 practice balls per game on the practice lanes if they are available. If violated the bowler is subject to an individual conduct fine. If open play is available while the league is bowling, practice will be allowed as long as bowlers pay the center.
24. The Detroit Traveling All Star Classic shall follow the regular schedule as published. All pairs of lanes being used on position round nights will placed into a draw by the 1<sup>st</sup> place team. If the 1<sup>st</sup> place team is not present within 30 minutes of scheduled starting time, the Secretary will draw for the starting pair. The teams will follow as in the team standings. **NEW FOR 2017-18: All regularly scheduled weeks will have a blind draw for starting pair of lanes. Week #1, team #1 will draw, week #2, team #2 will draw, and so on.**
25. All fine slips must be written on the night of the infraction. The fine slips will be handed to the captain or the franchise holder no later than the next week's session. All disputes will be subject to rules committee approval, which is appointed by the President. Appeals of any decision must be made within 7 days in writing to the Secretary.
26. All teams must have started the 10<sup>th</sup> frame of the last game within 3 hours and 15 minutes of the starting time. Failure to do this will result in a warning for the two offenses. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> offense occurs each team will be assessed a \$10.00 fine. Any subsequent offenses will be \$20, \$30, etc. Allowances for breakdowns will be allowed and must be reported as they happen to a league officer on a different pair.
27. Each season (Winter & Spring) will consist of round robin scheduling. Once each team has bowled every other team, the final weeks of each half will be position rounds. The number of position rounds will depend on the number of teams in the league. (Example: 12 teams in the league – Weeks 1-11 will be round robin scheduling with the final 4 weeks being position rounds).
28. No rosin bags, puffballs, or towels allowed on the ball returns.
29. Franchise holders will draw at the July meeting for team numbers to comprise the year's schedule.