

## **2025 Summer Bracket Madness League Rules**

### **1. League Name / Location / Time**

The league shall be known as Bracket Madness Trio League and shall be certified by USBC through the Greater Kansas City association. The league is a Singles league and will last 13 weeks, starting Thursday May 22, 2025 and ends August 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Practice is at 6:45pm and league will start at 6:55pm at Lunar Bowl. There will be no league on July 3rd )

### **2. League Officers**

The Bracket Madness Trio League will have the following officers.

**President** – John Kirwin (816) 654-4151

**Vice President** –Brandon Carlson (816) 824-4769

**Secretary / Treasurer** – Bob Foster (816) 916-5587

**Sergeant At Arms** – Cleavon Craddock

### **3. Fees / Dues**

League fees total \$350 for 13 weeks. \$50 is due week 1. \$150 is due week 4 and the entire league fee is due by week 8. All this money will go into the prize fund for weekly payouts and EOY tournaments.

Lineage for Lunar Bowl is \$15 per week per bowler. Each bowler contributes \$155 per season to the prize fund. \$50 will be used for nightly bracket payout, \$15 towards EOY points payouts. \$80 for the EOY tournament prize fund handled by the treasurer. \$5 per bowler goes to league secretary dues. All fees must be paid by week 8 July 17<sup>th</sup>. **Failure to pay all dues may lead to ineligibility for the bowler's availability to bowl in the bracket EOY tournament.**

### **4. Payments**

Bowlers are responsible to make their own payments by cash or by check made payable to Lunar Bowl. Place payment into the envelope and mark down on the paysheet how much you paid and return the envelope to the Treasurer by the end of the first game.

### **5. Singles Handicap / Team Handicap**

Handicap during bracket play is **70%** of **230** with the max of **35** pins per game (180 or lower average). Week 1 will be the highest 23/24 and 24/25 book average (10 pin rule applies).

### **Format / Weekly Payouts**

All teams will bowl 3 games each week. After the 3 games there will be a Bracket / Eliminator each week.

- The top 24 singles handicap series each week will make the weekly bracket.
  - With the top four getting a first-round bye.
  - All 24 bowlers will earn points towards week 13 points championship payout.
  - Top 20 not getting a bye will bowl a single game eliminator.

- Top 10 move forward to bowl with 4 “byes” match play. Lowest seed remaining from round of 24 will bowl top seed etc.
- Those 7 winners along with “lucky dog (highest losing score) continue match play
- Bonus points will be earned by the final 8 bowlers left in the bracket each week.
- Cash will be paid out each week to the final 8 bowlers left in the bracket play.
- All bowlers will qualify for the EOY tournament

#### **6a. Bracket Play Rules**

If there is a tie in the seeding after the first three games. The bowler with the highest scratch game from their series will determine the tie. If there are any ties during bracket play rounds, there will be a “best ball” to determine the tie. The final round will be a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> frame roll-off to determine the winner. The max handicap score is 300. It is the bowler’s responsibility to know their opponent’s handicap.

Practice in bracket play- In the first round each bowler may throw 2 practice shots on each lane. You’ll have only 2 minutes to get your shots in. After round 1 there will be no practice balls allowed. Bowlers on a bye may stay warm on designated lanes during round 1.

If a bowler leaves or does not show up within 5 minutes for the bracket play it will be considered a forfeit and their opponent gets a bye. In the event you’re unable to stay for bracket play and you notified an officer in advance we will move all bowlers up in the seeding.

#### **6. Prize Fund**

Based on 80 bowlers- Three games per week from weeks 1-12. Points will be earned weeks 1-12 by the top 24 bowlers and will be paid out in week 13.

- Based on 80 bowlers there will be appx \$4,000 for the season for weekly bracket payout. (\$300 per night) going into the prize fund. Top 8 will cash each week.
- Based on 80 bowlers there will be appx \$6400 for last week payout (TBD) 1 in 5 appx will cash
- Based on 80 bowlers there will be appx \$1,200 for season top points payout (top 16 will receive extra funds)

#### **Roster / Substitutes**

Legal lineup is 1 bowler. There is a max of 5 bowlers per roster. No subs are allowed must be on a roster. If a bowler chooses to drop the league, they must give a 2-week paid notice. All monies must be paid in full to avoid the league from turning information into the USBC office. Teams are responsible for their prize fund.

#### **7. Absent / Tardy Bowler**

An absent bowler will receive their league average less 10 pins per game. A tardy bowler arriving late may join and make up frames missed if the first bowler has not rolled their first ball of the 5<sup>th</sup> frame. They can still join if they miss the first game. The score for the missed game will be their average less 10 pins. League dues must still be paid if absent.

- MUST BOWL 24 GAMES (\* weeks to qualify for EOY tournament)

8. Lane Courtesy / Time Limit

There is one (1) lane mandatory courtesy, and 2 lanes is optional. **All teams must be done with their 3 games by 9:00 PM.** Failure to do so will result in a zero score for their 3<sup>rd</sup> game. That's appx 45 minutes per game. We cannot start the bracket until all bowlers are done. **DON'T BE THE ONE HOLDING UP EVERYBODY ELSE.** In the event of a lane breakdown this will be voided. Be respectful to the bowling staff and their equipment. You'll be responsible for damage caused and told to leave.

Thank you all for making this possible. Any questions please feel free to ask. If there is something that needs to be addressed speak to one of the officers to be discussed.