

South King County High School Travel League League Rules

1. The South King County High School Travel League shall consist of a minimum of four teams with a minimum playing strength of five bowlers per team. The league will bowl a minimum of twelve sessions of three games per session. The league will start no sooner than October 25th. Team turnouts may begin no sooner than October 15th.
2. Membership shall be open to bowlers in grades nine through twelve. Teams shall consist of five members of the same sex from the same high school. The following exceptions shall apply: 9th graders attending a Junior High may bowl for the High School they will attend. Private school students may, if their school cannot field a team, may bowl for the public high school they would regularly attend. Students who attend a high school that cannot field a team, may bowl for the next nearest high school to them with the permission of the Washington State High School Tournament Director. Girl's teams may participate in this league if they are not sanctioned by the WIAA. Girls only, may, if their school cannot field a girl's team, either bowl on the boy's team, or on a team for the school closest to them. If there are four teams or less, the girl's teams will bowl in the boys division, but will only be compared against the other girl's teams when determining awards and team places.
The above exceptions must be in compliance with the State High School Tournament Qualification. To avoid any problems with qualifying, it is the team coach's responsibility to submit a letter to WSBPA for approval.
3. The league will be called the South King County High School Travel League and shall be certified through the Greater Seattle YABA. The League season shall begin on the second Monday in November. League sessions shall be bowled either on Monday or Tuesday depending on bowling center availability. Practice will begin at 3:15 with league play beginning promptly at 3:30.
4. Teams will bowl three (3) games per session as provided by the schedule. Teams will draw for team numbers. Teams will receive one (1) point for each team win. There will be a possible three (3) points per session. All league competition will be scratch.
5. If a team misses two consecutive sessions without notifying the league officials, the team will be dropped from the league and their team will become a vacancy.
6. When bowling a vacant team, a team must bowl within 50 pins of its team average to win the game point.
7. League fees shall be \$8.00 per person per week, \$6,00 for linage, \$1.75 for awards and \$.25 for administrative costs.. Shoes rental shall be included in the cost of bowling, but must be returned to the desk. Absent bowlers will pay \$2.00 per session for any sessions missed. **All fees must be paid in full at each session bowled or they will not be allowed to bowl.** All bowlers, including substitutes, must have current YABA cards in order to bowl. The USBC card will cost \$12.00.
8. Substitutes must meet the eligibility requirements as the regular league members. No substitutes will be allowed during the last two sessions of bowling unless they have a minimum of 18 games in the league.
9. A lineup shall consist of five (5) members in good standing of USBC and regularly attending school. Three rostered team members shall constitute a legal lineup. Vacancies and or Substitutes may be used in making up a full team. ***If a vacancy or an absentee score is used, the score will be the lowest score bowled by the opposing team minus 10 pins. If two vacancies are used, then the lowest two scores of the opposing team will be used minus 10 pins each.*** No team will be allowed to win points without a legal lineup.
10. Teams may shift bowlers between teams for the first two sessions. By the third session, the team roster must be set. After the third session, changes from one team to another must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the league coaches or the approved designee.

11. Team captains will be selected by the team or appointed by the coach. Team captains will be responsible for:
 - Collecting team fees and turning them in to the league official by the fifth frame of the first game.
 - Represent the team at all meetings.
 - Report all Roster changes.
 - Make sure the recap sheet is filled out legibly and includes the first and last name of every bowler. If the bowler is absent, the team captain will indicate so on the recap sheet by the bowler's name. Recap sheets will be turned into the league official at the end of bowling session. Failure to turn in a recap sheet will result in both teams getting ZERO points on Individuals scores not being used.
 12. **PRE/POST bowling** will not be allowed unless deemed an emergency by league officials.
 13. **Tardy bowlers** will not be allowed to bowl a game if they arrive after the completion of the fifth frame of that game. Their team will use the absentee score for that game. In the event that a bowler is unable to finish a game, he/she will receive 1/10 of the bowlers average for each frame left to be bowled. The absentee score will be used for any complete games left to bowl.
 14. Only league bowlers, coaches and league officials will be allowed in the settee area. Bowlers must be ready when it is their turn to bowl. If they are not in the immediate area, they will receive one warning and any subsequent occurrences will receive a **zero** for that frame. One lane courtesy rule shall apply for league play.
 15. **Season end ties** will be settled by a one game playoff, only if it is necessary to determine a spot in the State tournament or place awards.
 16. **Position rounds** will be held at the midpoint and the last session of the season.
 17. **Conduct rules will be enforced.** Violation of the following conduct rules will result in one warning. Any further violations by that bowler will result in receiving zero (0) for the remaining frames and possible suspension from the league and/or YABA.
 - Bowlers will not play video games or gamble during practice or league play.**
 - Bowlers will not smoke or use tobacco products .**
 - Bowlers will not use alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind.**
 - Bowlers will not use foul language or gestures.**
 - Bowlers will not deliberately distract or disturb other bowlers.**
 - Bowers who deliberately foul will receive a zero (0) for that frame.**
 - Bowlers will respect all bowling equipment and will be liable for any damage they cause.**
 - Bowlers will return all borrowed bowling equipment (balls, shoes).**
 - Bowlers will wear collared shirts. Bowlers will not wear clothing with holes in them, clothes that display foul language or advertise alcohol, tobacco, or drugs. Jeans must fit properly around the waist. Hemmed shorts may be worn. Once bowlers are provided with team shirts, they will be expected to wear them at every session.**
 - Bowlers will receive a Zero for their score if the game is not completed for reasons other that disability, injury or emergency and must receive league official's approval to stop bowling.**
 - Bowlers cannot compete in any adult league or for cash. They cannot compete for any merchandise valued at over \$50 unless it is personalized bowling equipment. Violating this rule will result in lengthy suspensions and could jeopardize a bowler's amateur status in bowling as well as other varsity and college sports**
- Spectators will be expected to the same conduct rules as the bowlers as far as disrupting or distracting the bowlers, use of foul language or gestures or use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products. Any violation will result in a warning. Any further violations will result in a progressive penalty of a zero score for the team and a zero for the team for any subsequent violation.*

- 18 If a district or school has a stricter amateur rule than the SKCHSTL, the bowlers must adhere to the stricter rule.
- 19 Bowlers must return completed consent/release forms within the first two weeks or they will not be allowed to bowl until it is turned in.
- 20 Attached is a WSBPA Uniform playing rules for High school Varsity leagues. This league must adhere to all of these rules to qualify for the WSBPA State Tournament.
- 21 All rules not covered will be subject to the USBC rulebook.
- 22 The league officials have final say in all matters.
- 23 League officials consist of the directors, coaches and advisors.