Rules for the Navy MWR Base Bowling Championship League

NOTE: All play is governed under the playing and equipment specifications of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) except as amended in these rules.

The Navy MWR Base Championship Bowling League will bowl once each week at each participating center. The league will have a scheduled starting date of January 30, 2017 and a scheduled ending date of April 30, 2017 and will participate for a total of 13 weeks.

Rule 1.

The number of regions within the league will be three: East Region, West Region, and OCONUS. Each Region will have two divisions (men and women) with one team per base/tenant/activity. Multiple teams may participate in each center but no base/tenant/activity shall have more than one team per division. The teams will compete against every team in their Division. Additional position rounds will be added to make each zone playoff twelve weeks. Team standings will be stated by Region and Division. The team with the most points at the end of regular play will be declared Region Champion. The winner of each Division will progress to the League Championship Rounds to determine the league champion.

1. The team with the most points at the end of regular play (ten weeks) will be declared Region Champion. The winner of each Region and the 2nd place team will progress to the league Championship Rounds.
2. The League Championships will consist of 3 rounds (Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3) with 6 games being bowled by each competing team in each round. Total pin fall after the round 3 will determine the winner.
   a. Round 1 - Short Pattern – 35' – 38'
   b. Round 2 – Medium Pattern – 38' – 42'
   c. Round 3 – Long Pattern – 38' and above
3. Patterns will be determined by week 6 for each round with the patterns for each round being verified by Kegel.

Rule 2

The league board of directors, which consists of the President and Zone Secretaries, shall manage this league. The board of directors adopts the league rules. (Refer to USBC Rule 122)

President:	CNIC Program Manager	Ron Hodgen
Zone Sec	West Region	John Woods
Zone Sec	East Region	John Duncan
		Joe Gomez
Zone Sec :	OCONUS Region	Ken Rogers

Rule 3.

The regions will consist of the following:

    a. East Region (30 total*)*
1) Guantanamo
2) JAX
3) Mayport
4) Kings Bay
5) Meridien
6) Key West
7) Pensacola
8) Biloxi
9) JB Fort Worth
10) Corpus Christi
11) Kingsville
12) New Orleans
13) Joint Base Anacostia Bolling
14) Bethesda
15) Walter Reed
16) Indian Head
17) Dahlgren
18) PAX River
19) Great Lakes
20) Pentagon
21) Washington Navy Yard
22) Dam Neck
23) Oceana
24) Northwest
25) Portsmouth
26) Norfolk Naval Station
27) Newport
28) New London
29) Yorktown
30) Little Creek

    b. West Region
1) China Lake
2) El Centro
3) Adm Robinson
4) North Island
5) San Clemente
6) Mugu
7) Point Hueneme
8) San Nicholas
9) Lemoore

10) Fallon
11) Balboa Med Ctr
12) NAS Whidbey
13) Bremerton Rec Center
14) Bangor
15) Hickam
16) Pearl Harbor
17) Orote
18) Anderson
19) NCTAMS

   c. OCONUS Region Japan, Diego Garcia, Korea (6 total) + Europe (4 total) = 9 total

1) Yokosuka
2) Atsugi
3) Sasebo
4) Diego Garcia
5) Chinhae
6) Naples
7) Rota
8) Sigonella
9) Bahrain

Rule 4.

The Open Division will consist of one team per base/tenant/activity with a playing strength of four active duty military (male or female). The Women's Division will consist of one team per base/tenant/activity with a playing strength of two active duty military females. Rosters will be unlimited. Players must be permanently assigned to the base they represent. Fleet personnel may represent the location of their home port bowling center.

1. Player who PCS from one location to another, may compete in the new location. Transfer of team membership is permanent.

2. Players cannot play for more than 1 team per season.

3. Players cannot compete in the Open and the Women's Divisions.

4. Teams can compete with vacancies and blind scores during the regular season.

5. Teams cannot use vacancy scores or blind scores during the play offs (zero count).

The names of players, as well as any changes in the roster during the season, are to be reported by the team captain to the Division secretary with a Player registration completed before a player competes.

Rule 5.

Participants must be active duty military. Participants may be from any branch of service provided they are permanently assigned to the base. Active full time reserve qualify.

Rule 6.

The team franchises (team spot) are managed by the Bowling Center Manager. (Refer to USBC Rule 104b)

1. The Bowling Center Manager is responsible for

   a. Ensuring the playing conditions match the requirement

   b. Players are authorized participants

   c. Scores and reports are sent to the Division Secretary by the scheduled submission date each week.

   d. Determining the team selection method

   e. Determining the time and day of bowling for their team(s) and notifying the Region Secretary of the day of bowling.

Rule 7.

There will be no prize fund in this league. Everyone is competing for prestige.

1. Averages will be used for consideration for participation in the All Navy Team Trials.

Rule 8.

All play will be scratch on the required lane condition using one pair of lanes. All USBC league playing conditions must be met.

1. If the correct lane condition is not applied immediately prior to play, scores will discarded and points forfeited.

   a. Patterns will be verified by Kegel by downloading CPU data from the lane machine by Kegel Technical Support online or in person

   b. In the event of a machine malfunction preventing the pattern from being applied, the center may request a delay from the league president through their division secretary.

    c. Championship round playing conditions will be verified by Kegel.

Rule 9.

The league will determine wins and losses on a scratch basis.

    1. Ties will split the points.

Rule 10.

USBC Membership:

    1. The league will not be certified through USBC. CNIC registration forms must be completed before the start of the bowler's first series (bases will use the USBC registration/certification forms). These must be sent to the Region manager/secretary with the weekly scores.

    2. There are no individual dues payable.

Rule 11.

The league will consist of Active Duty Military Personnel, Males and/or Females for the Open Division, Females only for Women's Division.

    1. A replacement must be an active duty male or female.
        a. (Refer to USBC Rule 107c, Item 6)

Rule 12.

The minimum legal lineup must be present before the start of the first frame of each game.

        a. Minimum for the Open Division is two players

        b. Minimum for the Women's Division is one player

Rule 13.

When bowling in a known forfeit situation or scheduled against a non-existent team in a bye situation, the team must bowl at least the team average less 15 pins per player to earn the points.

Rule 14.

Blind scores will be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup at the start of any game in a series.

        1. The average of the absent bowler with the most games minus 15 pins will be used.

2. If a tie exists for the most games, the lower average will be used.

Teams having an incomplete roster will use a score of 120 for the vacant position. Vacant positions will be listed as lead off.

Rule 15.

All postponement requests must be sent to the Zone Secretary.

1. All scores will be recorded, signed and transmitted to the Division secretary by the Wed following the scheduled match.

2. All requests for delay must be made through the Division Secretary in advance of the scheduled league session except for emergencies.

   a. (See USBC Rule 111c for information regarding emergency postponements.)

Rule 16.

A bowler who arrives late may enter the game provided 5 frames have not been completed. In this situation frames missed may be made up.

   a. (Refer to USBC Rule 106d)

Rule 17.

Team position standings shall be determined on a point basis, with the following points awarded for each win:

Men's Division

1. Individual game (head to head)   1 point   (4 points per game x 6 games)   24 points subtotal,

2. Individual series (head to head)   2 points   (2 per player x 4 players)   8 points subtotal,

3. Team game   2 points
   (2 per game x 6 games)   12 points subtotal,

4. Team series 4 points.   4 points subtotal,

5. Total points each match   48 points total

Women's Division

1. Individual game (head to head)   1 point
   (2 points per game x 6 games)   12 points subtotal,

2. Individual series (head to head)   2 points
   (2 per player x 2 players)   4 points subtotal,

3. Team game   2 points
   (2 per game x 6 games)   12 points subtotal,

4. Team series 4 points.   4 points subtotal,

5. Total points each match   <u>32 points total</u>

Rule 18.

Lane conditions:

The following 2017schedule will be used for lane conditions:

1. Week-1   TBD   Completed by w/e 2/5 Score submitted by 2/8
2. Week-2   TBD   Completed by w/e 2/12 Score submitted by 2/15
3. Week-3   TBD   Completed by w/e 2/19 Score submitted by 2/22
4. Week-4   TBD   Completed by w/e 2/26 Score submitted by 3/1
5. Week-5   TBD   Completed by w/e 3/5 Score submitted by 3/8
6. Week-6   TBD   Completed by w/e 3/12 Score submitted by 3/15
7. Week-7   TBD   Completed by w/e 3/19 Score submitted by 3/22
8. Week-8   TBD   Completed by w/e 3/26 Score submitted by 3/29
9. Week-9   TBD   Completed by w/e 4/2 Score submitted by 4/5
10. Weeks-10   TBD   Completed by w/e 4/9 Score submitted by 4/11
11. Roll offs   To be determined   Weeks 11 Complete by 4/16 submitted by 4/18
12. Roll offs   To be determined   Weeks 12 Complete by 4/23 submitted by 4/25
13. Roll offs   To be determined   Weeks 13 Complete by 4/30 submitted by 5/2
    a. These conditions must be applied immediately prior to the start of league play.
    b. All 6 games will be played on the same pair unless a malfunction forces movement to another pair with the proper lane condition.
        i. Teams are allowed a maximum of 15 minutes practice on the lanes prior to the start of play.
    c. Any score not submitted in time will result in the team forfeiting that week.
    d. If requested by the league president, centers will be required to allow Kegel to verify pattern compliance. The CPU in the Kegel lane machine has permanent memory of every pattern application with a time and date stamp.
    e. League Championship patterns will be verified by Kegel or by tapes
    f. Traditional USBC lane tapes must be made upon request from the league president, a lane reading completed, the lane verification form (attached to these rules) signed by the Bowling center Manager and submitted to the league president.
    g. The lane pattern programs are available to download from Kegel or USBC.

Rule 19.

Line ups

1. Each team will arrange the team lineup (order of bowling) on the basis of lowest average in the lead off position (first), next higher average in second, next higher average in third, highest average in fourth (anchor).
   a. Averages established in this league will take priority
      i. Previous season's averages in this league will be used for first week of bowling
   b. Roll off averages will be used if no average in this league has been established
      i. If no average exists from this league or from roll off, the highest Book Average will be used and if no book, highest current league average will used
2. If two persons have the same average the person with the most games shall follow.
3. If a person has no average, they will bowl in lead off unless more than one player does not have an average in which case they will bowl in alphabetical order until they have established an average (6 games).
   a. They will use their average to determine their position in the team lineup order for the start of the next series.
4. Substitutions are permitted at the start of any three game series.
   a. Tardy bowlers may join a game in progress before the fifth frame is completed and may make up missed frames.

Rule 20.

Administration

1. The center manager shall verify the qualification of the team players.
2. The center manager shall submit teams to the zone secretary by Feb 2.
3. The center manager shall verify the scores bowled each week and the correctness of the recap.
4. The scores and notable event report shall be sent by email to the Zone Secretary by the weekly cut off date established by the Zone secretary.
5. The Region secretary shall prepare a standing sheet for the zone listing
   a. Teams standings
   b. Teams rosters with player names, number of games and averages
   c. Weekly notable events include 250+ game, 7-10 and big four split conversion, triplicate, 700+ series, plus any other newsworthy occurrence.
6. The Region secretaries shall post the standings sheets on league secretary.com and on the Storm Navy Bowling Facebook page.

7. The secretary for the Region Round Robin will be selected by the League President.
8. The Region Manager is responsible for requesting the awards in their zone and ensuring they are presented. N923 must confirm the request and finding prior to purchase.

Rule 21

Points not covered in Navy policy or instruction, league rules, USBC Rules, will be determined by the league president whose decision will be final.

Conflicts of opinion on rules will be arbitrated by the league president.