

COUNTRY BOWL MATCH CLUB

Rules & New Member General Information

Welcome to the Country Bowl Match Club (CBMC). We are a USBC sanctioned, non-profit bowling association that exists for the sole purpose of uniting men and women bowlers in tournament matches with other match clubs in Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Western Nevada.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the following match club rules. **Do not hesitate to contact any club officer if you have questions regarding the rules, your membership or participation.**

1. CBMC members pay a one-time initiation fee of \$10.00 and monthly dues.
2. Shirts: New members receive a club shirt from our shirt supplier. You must have your name on your shirt, embroidered or name tag.
3. CBMC Pins: CBMC will provide a 200 pin to be worn on the shirt once you have bowled a 200+ game.
4. CBMC bowls a schedule of about 18 matches each year. Half of these matches are hosted by our club at Country Bowl. A corresponding number of matches are hosted by other match clubs in various cities. Our club bowls many out-of-town matches that are 2-day events (overnight). Members are required to bowl at least **two** of these overnight matches. **Each bowler who signs up for a two-day, out-of-town match is responsible for arranging for their own travel and overnight lodging.**
5. We carry a full-time roster of 50 members and it is not possible for the entire membership to bowl every tournament. Members, with the exception of officers, are asked to alternate their participation so that all bowlers have an opportunity to join in.
6. The Match Club bowling year coincides with the USBC year that starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th when averages are reported to USBC. Match Club member's averages from the prior year will be used for the first 12 games of the new year and averages will be calculated after that. Current averages will be posted on the bulletin board and the Website. **New members will use incoming book average for their first 12 games.** In the absence of a book average, an average will be established after 3 games.
7. The CBMC Bulletin Board at Country Bowl is continuously updated by the Matchmaker. It will display the current schedule of matches that includes the dates the sign-up sheet for each match will be posted. The current sign-up sheet will also be posted, as well as any messages or notices that affect the general membership. **Please use an ink pen to sign up for a match.**
8. **Members who wish to participate in a given match must be CURRENT in their dues to and including the month the match is to be bowled.**
9. At times, the sign-up sheet will fill up quickly. If the list is full and you are unable to sign up as a bowler, **please sign up as an alternate.** If more bowlers are needed or any bowler cannot bowl, an alternate will be called. The order in which a name appears on the alternate list **will not** always determine the order in which bowlers will be called. For 2-day home matches, **if you can bowl both days, sign up as a bowler for the day of your choice and as an alternate for the second day.**
10. Members who sign up and are scheduled to bowl, must be at Country Bowl or the host lanes **at least 1/2 hour** before the match. **If a member signs up for a match and discovers that they will be unable to bowl, they must notify the matchmaker five (5) days prior to the match except in cases of emergencies or sickness. Failure to do this will result in a fine.**
11. CBMC has a website at _____ and you may be viewing this page there. Every effort will be made to keep the website up to date with current bulletin board information. However, in every case, the postings on the physical bulletin board at Country Bowl shall be considered the final authority.
12. **DUES:** Monthly dues for 2018 are \$11/member. The treasurer will post and update the **DUES STATUS REPORT** on the bulletin board. Members are asked to check their status and keep their dues up to date. You may deliver dues payments for any number of months to the treasurer or other officer in person at any match or by mail.

13. ASSESSMENTS: If the general fund account falls below a balance of \$1,000.00, bowlers will pay \$3.00 per game for each game bowled in match play

14. FINES:

Members will be fined \$1.00 for the following infractions:

1. Failure to wear a match club shirt when bowling in a club event and/or for not having their name identified on their shirt.
2. Wearing a club shirt at non-club functions other than a match. Shirts may be worn to & from the bowling alley and any activity during that time.
3. Failure to notify matchmaker five days prior to the match of inability to bowl the match you signed up for.

Members will be fined 50¢ for the following infraction:

1. Failure to bowl average in any game

Members will be fined 25¢ for the following infractions:

1. Failure to mark in the 5th frame of each game during match play
2. Use of profanity by any club member while bowling, when at a match club meeting, or when wearing a match club shirt.
3. Failure to wear Match Club pin when bowling (after re receipt of pin)

Members will be fined lineage for the following infraction:

1. Failure to show up for a match in a non-emergency case, member is required to pay lineage missed. (Sat. or Sun. or both).

All CBMC fines are payable immediately at the time of the infraction and should be deposited in the 'fine' box on each console. The top is labeled "CB".

Other clubs will probably have their fines container there also.

15. MEETINGS:

1. Members will be fined \$5.00 for not attending at least two (2) meetings per year.

Section D General Information

Who pays the cost of bowling?

Match Clubs pay for bowling based on the matches lost. When a match is bowled, **the losing club pays for the bowling for all the bowlers that bowled the match that is lost.**

Example 1: We host a 2-day match with 20 bowlers making up 5 teams each day. **We win all 10 matches.**

Our opponent then pays lineage for all 40 bowlers x 2 days.

Example 2: We bowl a 2-day away match with 23 bowlers. **We win 1 match and lose 11 matches. The host club pays for 8 bowlers and we pay for 84 bowlers.**

Where does the club get the money? Member dues, fines and 50/50 ticket sales.

200 pins - Strike Tickets - 50/50 Tickets - Split Pins - SLMC Side Pots – Poker

200 Game pins: [Unique design for each Match Club]

When a bowler bowls **their first 200 (or more) game** at the host location, they will be awarded a 200 pin from that host club.

Strike Tickets: Strike tickets are sold by host club.

They vary in price. (Typically, \$1 each or 6 for \$5) (All money collected is paid out).

You can buy as many strike tickets as you want.

Tickets are drawn during match play and number or name is called.

Any bowler with an average of 160 or less needs only 9 pins to win the strike pot.

Bowler whose ticket is drawn rolls one ball for strike to win.

[Match play may or may not be stopped during strike ticket attempts]

Bowling for strikes pots are done on the selected bowler's lane

If bowler does not get a strike then another ticket is drawn. The process repeats until there is a winner.

50/50 Tickets may be sold by the host club.

50% of ticket sales money goes to 50/50 prize(s); other **50% goes to host club**

Drawing(s) are held to determine winner(s)

You can buy as many 50/50 Tickets as you want.

If 100 tickets are sold at \$1 then \$50 is awarded as prize(s) in one or more drawings

Split pins

There are two split pin prizes funded by the host club each day.
The Male and Female split pins are decorated so they can be identified.
When a bowler picks up a split, they go find and take possession of the split pin.
The last person possessing the split pin at the end of match play gets the prize.
The prize may be a bottle of wine or \$\$ [\$5.00 when CBMC hosts].

CBMC Side Pots (All entry money is paid out to winners)

Only open to CBMC members (not opponents)
CBMC Side Pots are run for all matches [home and away]
Side pot entries are \$4 per bowler. [\$1 for each game and \$1 for series]
Game Side Pots are awarded after each game to highest two bowlers over their average
Series pot is awarded to highest two bowlers with most pins over their average for series
i.e.: if 20 bowlers get in pot for \$4 each = \$80 total
\$20 would be awarded for each game = \$60 plus \$20 for series = \$80 total
It is possible for one bowler to win four of the eight side pots

Poker Games

CBMC Poker Games for home matches at Country Bowl
.50¢ per game buy in
Take one (1) card for each spare or strike
Two (2) cards for a split conversion
Joker to be used on Aces, Straights, or Flush's
Five (5) cards minimum for each game
Best five (5) cards win
Away Poker games are run by each club. Buy-in and rules vary from club to club.