



Baker System

The Baker System format places emphasis on the team effort rather than individual accomplishments of team members. All team members follow each other in regular order to bowl a single game. For a 5-player team, Player #1 bowls frames 1 and 6; #2 bowls 2 and 7; #3 bowls 3 and 8; #4 bowls 4 and 9; and #5 bowls the 5th and 10th frames. The order of bowling is set by the team captain and may be adjusted at the conclusion of any game.

Most of the rules are the same as in regular league/tournament bowling. However, instead of each player having their own score, the combined effort of the team constitutes a game/series.

Other USBC Rules which are affected by the Baker Format are below. Each league should adopt their own rules governing these situations. Under each rule is USBC's suggestion.

Handicaps

The team method should be used. The league should adopt a rule stating averages would be figured on the first night and current thereafter.

Example: A team averaged 160 on the first night and the league rule states 100% of 200, the team would receive 40 pins handicap per game.

Absentee Scores

Ten percent of the team's Baker league average for each of the frames should be used. The first ball is half of the value of the frame rounding off to the lower figure.

Example: Team has a 175 Baker average. Absent bowler would get 17 pins per frame — 8 on first ball, 9 on second.

Vacancy Scores

The same could hold true for a vacancy score as it does for an absentee score. The league should establish a set figure and use half of the value for the first ball rounding off to the lower figure.

Averages

Individual averages can be figured frame by frame and should be submitted to the local association as Baker System averages.

Certifying

To apply for certification, submit an application in the same manner as you would for a regular league or tournament. Just indicate on the application you are a Baker System modified format.



Many of the USBC services apply!

- ★ Your prize fund will be bonded.
- ★ USBC can be contacted locally or nationally for advice on rules questions and league organization.
- ★ The lanes are certified by USBC.
- ★ USBC supplies; such as league standing sheets and schedules can be used.
- ★ Baker 300 Award, see USBC Rule 51d.