BLIND AND VACANCY SCORES

Rule 314: Vacancy Scores

When a team is incomplete at any time and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of one hundred and twenty shall be used if there is no bowler in the vacant position. If a bowler was registered with the league and has ceased bowling but is still listed on the team roster, the bowler’s Blind Score must be used. A Vacancy score is only to be used if the bowler has been removed from the team roster. A handicap shall be allotted to suit the vacancy score. If possible with the Centres scoring system, the score used for the match result is taken as the Blind score of the Vacancy allowance plus handicap. A Vacancy Score does not count towards a Legal Line-up. A Vacancy Score can win no individual points and is only used to achieve a total game and/or total series score.

Rule 316: Blind Scores

A blind score shall be allowed when a team has a legal but less than full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less at least ten pins and no more than 30 pins (to be set in the league rules) of any absent bowler on the team roster. The absent bowlers handicap must be added to the Blind Score. There shall be no limits on the number of times a Blind Score can be used.

Rule 313: Roving Substitute

1) Must be registered with the League.
2) Any Captain, knowing he will not have a full line-up for any match, may ask a roving substitute to report for that match. Providing all teams have a legal line-up, the roving substitute shall be taken as a member of that team for that match.
3) The score of a roving substitute shall be used to calculate the results of a match.
4) League entering average rules shall apply.
5) Shall carry his own average in the League.
6) A Roving Substitute is not permitted to pre bowl unless the team and their opposition re schedule the entire match.
Q: “What is the difference between a ‘blind’ score and a ‘vacancy’ score?”

A: **Blind Score** - As defined by Rule 316, a Blind Score is used when a regular member is absent and a sub is not available. A Blind Score shall be allowed when a team has a legal but less than full line-up at the start of any game in a series. The blind score shall be the average less at least ten pins and no more than 30 pins (to be set in the league constitution/rules).

**Vacancy Score** - When a team is incomplete at any time and cannot present a full line-up, a vacancy score of one hundred and twenty shall be used if there is no bowler in the vacant position.

Q: “I would like some clarification on exactly where a vacancy should be placed in a 4-man team?”

A: The league needs to adopt a rule to define how they will deal with the placement of Vacancies. TBA recommends they treat a Vacancy as a person with a 120 average and put that person wherever that average puts them in the line-up.

Q: “Can teams use a sub until they can fill that vacancy with a real bowler?”

A four man team have three registered members but not a fourth, and have a vacancy in their team. The question is can they use a sub for the fourth or do they have to use the vacancy until they find another player.)

A: Yes. If a team is short on numbers and the league has a registered roving substitute, they can ask that person to bowl in their team for that match by approval of the league, unless some other team does not have a legal line up and wants the bowler.

Q: “My team had a substitute bowler show up on league night to replace one of our absentee bowlers. The substitute bowled the first game and then found it necessary to leave the bowling centre for the remainder of the evening. Is the absentee score for the remaining two games based on the regular team member’s average or the substitute’s average?”

A: A blind score is to be used when a member is absent and a substitute is not obtained. Since the substitute only completed the first game of the series, the absentee score for the remaining games must be based on the average of the absent regular team member.