

USPFC BOWLING (10 PIN)-2026

GUIDING BODIES

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USBC rules will be used unless there is a conflicting USPFC rule.

Entry Deadline: June 2, 2026

EVENTS

TEAM (4 Person) (Unisex):

OPEN DIVISION:	Combined team average of 760 & over
"A" DIVISION:	Combined team average of 680 - 759
"B" DIVISION:	Combined team average of 679 & under

DOUBLES (2 Bowlers) will be held in the following categories:

Unisex Open:	Combined team average of 380 & over
Men's "A" Division:	Combined team average of 340 - 379
Men's "B" Division:	Combined team average of 339 & under
Women's "A" Division:	Combined team average of 340 -379
Women's "B" Division:	Combined team average of 339 & under

SINGLES and **"ALL EVENTS"** will be held in the following Skill categories:

For Bowlers 18+, 50+, and 65+

Men Open Division:	Average 190 & over
Men's "A" Division:	Average 170 - 189
Men's "B" Division:	Average 169 & under
Women's Open Division	Average 190 & over
Women's "A" Division:	Average 170 - 189
Women's "B" Division:	Average 169 & under

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There are no 50 years and over age categories in the Team and Doubles events. 50 years and over competitors must enter Doubles and Team events in the specific Men's/Women's Division their average dictates, or Doubles/Team combining rules specify. 50 years and over competitors may bowl in 50 years and over, or 18 years and over, age category in Singles and "All Events", but not both. Individuals may enter each event (Teams, Doubles, and Singles) only once.

ROLL-OFF is a separate event. It is held after all flights are completed and is comprised of the top 5 bowlers in All Events regardless of division or gender. Medals will be awarded in order of finish. (See General Sports Rules.)

SCHEDULING

Bowlers will be scheduled to bowl only one event each day. (Exception - a bowler may request to bowl Doubles and Singles in one day to avoid scheduling conflicts with other events. The bowling Coordinator may grant that request if it does not pose any scheduling problems in bowling.)

Teams are comprised of 4 bowlers. Four bowlers "must" enter Team event.

Doubles are comprised of 2 bowlers. Two bowlers "must" enter Doubles event.

EXCEPTION: Team or Doubles bowlers may request "pool" players to fill out their roster.

If a Team bowler or Doubles bowler is late or unable to show, the bowlers present may bowl. A score of zero (0) will be taken for each frame the absent bowler misses. No other blind scores will be used. (This will allow bowlers to have a chance in "All Events" when their team member doesn't show.)

As much as possible, scheduling should result in Team, Doubles and Singles bowlers on the same pair of lanes, being from different departments and from different areas. Do not schedule more than eight (8) bowlers on each pair of lanes.

If the event is scheduled, it must be conducted regardless of the number of entrants that show.

After scheduling is completed, each competitor must be notified of their starting time using a confirmation letter, or e-mail provided by the Host.

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BOWLING IS A THREE-DAY EVENT.

Singles will not be scheduled in the morning and afternoon. This applies to doubles also. (Everyone will bowl doubles and singles under similar lane conditions.)

The schedule is:

DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3	
AM SESSION	Singles (Open, A & B)	AM SESSION	Singles (Open, A & B)	AM SESSION	Team (Open, A & B)
PM SESSION	Doubles (Open, A & B)	PM SESSION	Doubles (Open, A & B)	PM SESSION	Team (Open, A & B)

EXCEPTION: If entries numbers are very low, the schedule may be adjusted to schedule one event each day. USPFC Director must approve this change and competitors must be notified.

Recommended Squad Times:

Morning Session Check-in: 7:00 AM
Competition starts at 8:00 AM

Afternoon Session Check-in: 12:00 PM (Noon)
Competition starts at 1:00 PM

No practice is allowed after lanes are conditioned for tournament play or between squads. **Exception:** 5 minutes of practice should be allowed immediately prior to the start of each squad.

As much as possible "B" Division should not be scheduled to bowl on the same pair of lanes with "A" Division or "Open" Division. "A" Division should not be scheduled to bowl on the same pair of lanes with "Open" Division.

Remember to schedule time for the Roll-Off after the last flight. This can usually be done while results are being computed.

Team events usually last 4 hours. (2 teams/pair of lanes)

Doubles events usually last 4 hours. (8 bowlers/pair of lanes)

Singles events usually last 3 hours. (6-8 bowlers/pair of lanes)

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A roster listing each Team, Doubles and Singles bowlers, check-in and starting times and dates shall be posted at Games Headquarters during all registration hours. A similar roster should be posted at the bowling center. **EXCEPTION:** This may be waived if all competitors have been notified and have access to the coordinators e-mail address and/or phone number.

SCORING

Scoring will be done only by a scorekeeper. Only scorekeepers will turn in scoresheets to bowling coordinator. If the lanes have automatic scoring, scoring will be monitored by tournament personnel.

All Events is the cumulative score of a bowler's Team, Doubles and Singles scores.

RESULTS

Each day results will be posted both at the bowling center after the days' competition. The Bowling Coordinator is responsible for turning in to the USPFC office in the headquarters area the Complete results listing all competitors and their scores in each event, immediately after the conclusion of the bowling competition. A results form should be provided for you by the Host Coordinating Committee, or one may be obtained at the USPFC office.

GENERAL SPORTS RULES for Bowling

DIVISIONS - There will be three divisions.

NOTE: IT IS THE BOWLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THEY ARE SEEDED IN THE CORRECT DIVISION PRIOR TO THE START OF BOWLING IN EACH EVENT. THE COORDINATOR MUST BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF AN ERROR IS FOUND.

OPEN DIVISION: All bowlers having a league average of 190 or over as of May 31st of the year of competition will bowl Open division. Open Division bowlers need not verify their averages if they are competing only in Open Division events.

NOTE: Men competitors with no verifiable average will compete in Open Division for Singles and All Events. A 200 average will be used for placement in Team and Doubles events.

"A" DIVISION: All bowlers with verifiable league averages of 170 to (and including) 189 as of May 31st of the year of competition will bowl "A" Division.

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NOTE: Women competitors with no verifiable average will compete in "A" Division for Singles and All Events. A 189 average will be used for placement in Team and Doubles events.

"B" DIVISION: All bowlers with verifiable league averages of 169 and below as of May 31st of the year of competition will bowl "B" Division.

Bowling Average Verification

"A" and "B" Division competitors must obtain verification from his/her local bowling association or national affiliate listing the competitors highest 21 game League average as of May 31st of the year of competition. **Each competitor must complete the Bowling Average information on the Entry information page. This will include the Book Average, US Bowling Congress number, House Secretary their e-mail and phone number.**

A computer printout from a “sanctioned” USBC web site may be substituted for the verification card. The bowling coordinator must be able to verify the average at the official web site. **LEAGUE STANDING SHEETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Please include the above paragraph in both the Registration Book under Bowling and the Bowling Confirmation Letter.

The coordinator must be able to verify the bowlers’ average at the phone or website information provided. If, after timely and reasonable efforts verification cannot be made at the number or website provided the bowler will be moved to the highest division (Open) Division for men and (A) Division for women.

It shall be each bowler’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than bowler’s correct average. The score shall be allowed based on the submitted average if it is higher than the bowler’s correct average.

Re-rated Onsite

At the conclusion of the first Five (5) Games of competition, should a Tournament bowler exceed their submitted league (book) Average by more than 15 pins the following formula will be implemented:

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The first Five (5) Game Average will be multiplied times Ninety Percent (90%) and will be added to the submitted Book Average; divide this by two (2) and this "new" Re-rated Average will be used for the Tournament.

Gaining a purposeful advantage over USPFC attendees by using a league average much lower than ability will not be tolerated.

The USPFC reserves the right to place a competitor in any category deemed appropriate. This includes individual, doubles and team events. This decision may be recommended by the Coordinator and affirmed by the USPFC Federation Director in Charge of Bowling. This adjustment may be made before, during or after the competition. These decisions do not require justification and are final.

Any combination of men and/or women may be on the Teams. There are not exclusively Men's or Women's Team events.

Regardless of the division in which a competitor bowls Team and/or Doubles, each will continue to bowl Singles in his/her appropriate division. (It is conceivable that a bowler could bowl in "B" Singles, "A" Doubles and "Open" Team.)

The bowler's "All Events" division will be the same as that of their singles division.

[If Joe bowls "A" Division Team and "B" Division Doubles and Singles, his "All Events" total will be under "B" Division "All Events" to correspond to his "B" Division Singles.]

SANCTIONING:

A "moral" sanction should be obtained through USBC. The local bowling association can assist with this process; however, the sanction is obtained through USBC. (See page 1 of Bowling Rules for address and phone number.) A moral sanction allows those affiliated with the sanctioning body to bowl in a sanctioned tournament but does not require non-members to obtain membership.

Five games will be bowled for each event. Only the first three games qualify for USBC awards.

Three games will be bowled on the first pair of lanes. Bowlers will then rotate lanes and bowl the final two games on a second pair of lanes.

"The house should be divided into sections of six to ten lanes per section. Bowlers will rotate lanes within the section where they are assigned. Bowlers must be

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assigned to different lanes for each event. The end pair of lanes should be left open if possible."

Bowlers will be disqualified if they consume alcoholic beverages while competing.

When completing Confirmation Letters referred to in the Bracketing Scheduling section, you have an excellent opportunity to provide necessary information to all competitors. It is a good idea to include general information about the bowling center, its available facilities (e.g., restaurant, babysitting, pro-shop, etc.) and a map or instructions on how to get there.

E-mails to competitors MUST be done without the list of recipient's names being visible.

A current USBC rule book must be at the event site.

ROLL OFF RULES:

At the conclusion of all regular bowling events the five bowlers with the highest "All Events" scores, regardless of division or gender will be chosen to bowl in a (TV-style) Roll-Off. The Roll-Off should start immediately following the final Team event and prior to medal presentations.

If there is a tie for any of the five high scores, a one game Roll-Off will determine the order of any place in question.

One game will be bowled by two bowlers in an elimination Roll-Off.

The sequence is as follows:

LINE	MATCH UP	FINAL AWARD
1st Line	5th Place vs. 4th Place	5th
2nd Line	Winner 1st Line vs. 3rd Place	4th
3rd Line	Winner 2nd Line vs. 2nd Place	Bronze
4th Line	Winner of 3rd Line vs. 1st Place	Silver
	Winner of 4th Line	Gold

Bowlers must be appraised in writing (in confirmation letter or handout in registration packet) of how they can qualify for this event in order that they may be present if they are in contention.

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Should any of the 1st through 5th place bowlers be unavailable for the Roll-Off then replacements will be chosen in order of final standings (i.e., 6th, 7th, etc.).

In each game the bowler with the highest position in the standings will choose the lane on which he/she wishes to start. The opponent will have the choice of bowling first or second. The lead-off bowler will start by bowling one frame on the predetermined lane. His/her opponent will start on the opposing lane and bowl one frame on each lane. The competitors will then alternate bowling two frames (one on each lane) until the game is completed. The lead-off bowler will again bowl a single frame in the 10th frame. In case of a tie each bowler will bowl a 9th and 10th frame. This will be repeated until the tie is broken.

AWARDS

A maximum of 38 sets of medals (1st through 3rd place) will be required. USPFC will advise you of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

ATTENTION COORDINATORS

**THE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED
TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The USPFC Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the USPFC shall be submitted in a timely

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manner to this USPFC Director.

The USPFC Directors want to work with you
to make your sport a success.

PLEASE USE THE USPFC DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.