



## **Tournament Policies, Codes, and Information**

### **TEAM TRAVEL**

All teams who are flying or driving to the tournament site must make their own transportation arrangements to the site. All teams attending the championships are traveling at their own expense.

Each team will receive a stipend of \$775 to help offset travel expenses. It will be the team's responsibility to reserve the appropriate ground transportation required for the duration of their stay.

The Intercollegiate Team Championships covers the expenses of three rooms per team, not including any incidentals, at the host hotel. This year's host hotel is the Oneida Hotel and Casino. All teams will receive three total rooms. All student-athlete rooms will have double beds. The ITC covers the expense for rooms checking in on April 15 and checking out on April 19. All incidental charges are at the team's expense. ITC event staff will make your reservations, however, additional nights and rooms at the hotel are at the team's expense. ITC event staff will make your hotel reservations based on the information you complete on the hotel reservation excel spreadsheet. **This spreadsheet is due to the USBC Collegiate Office by March 23, 2026.** The Coach or Player/Coach will need to present their credit card for incidentals.

Please let USBC Collegiate know as soon as possible how you will be traveling. We need a count for the number of vans and buses being used by the teams. Please note that there is a shuttle for the hotel and can be booked directly on the Hotel site. In addition, please note that hotel rooms may not be available if you arrive prior to check-in at the hotel.

**Teams must be checked in at the center by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **TEAM MEALS**

All players and coaches listed on the team roster will receive tickets to each scheduled function on the event activity schedule. These functions include the "Night of Champions" Banquet, Champions Reception, and the inaugural USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The "Night of Champions" Banquet is a dress and/or business attire affair. All teams' presence is mandatory. Teams will have reserved seating in the banquet hall. Teams' tables will have seats available for up to eight applicable players and two coaches.

The event staff has assigned all seats. Therefore, do not ask others to join you at your table without prior consent from the event staff. Any extra seats at the table may already be reserved for sponsors or guests.

**Teams are required to have a team photo taken during the lunch break on Thursday.**

### **TEAM REGISTRATION**

To be eligible to attend the ITC each team must complete and return the required forms to USBC Collegiate.

**You are not required to use the same roster as you used at sectionals. If you maintain the same roster from sectionals, no additional eligibility forms will be required for the Intercollegiate Team Championships. If you choose to use someone not from your sectional roster you must submit eligibility for the new player and provide it to USBC staff at team registration. Failure to have a completed eligibility form by this deadline will result in the player being deemed ineligible for the**

**tournament. The eligibility form must have the school seal on it.**

All coaches and student-athletes need to read and review all the information in this policy and information piece plus the ITC rules in the USBC Collegiate Rulebook. Each athlete and coach then need to complete the enclosed form indicating they have read and understand all event rules, codes, and policies and will opt to follow all rules, codes, and policies or be at minimum disqualified from the event.

In addition, each athlete needs to take a few minutes and complete the enclosed Equipment Registration Form. This form must be submitted to the tournament staff on or before April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am local time. At the bowling center, staff/volunteers will show you where the paddock area is for equipment registration. Remember that you can only check -in five bowling balls.

**DEPARTURE**

Teams are allowed to depart from the ITC once they are eliminated from the competition. If a team or team member(s) chooses to leave the event, they must notify event staff of when the team or any member of the team plans to depart. Teams choosing to stay the duration of the event after they have been eliminated from the competition are subject to abide by all ITC rules, codes, and policies.

Upon leaving the hotel, each coach needs to check out from the hotel's front desk. Do not use any form of express checkout. The coach needs to review the hotel bill and make sure all applicable charges are correct and that USBC Collegiate is only being charged for the standard four-night stay. Again, it is the team's responsibility to cover any additional nights at the hotel and all incidental charges. Teams are also liable for any expense associated with missing hotel-supplied amenities, excess cleaning charges if rooms are not left in an orderly condition and any damage done to the room during their stay. Damage means anything that is not in the same state and/or condition as when the team arrived.

**USBC COLLEGIATE CODE OF CONDUCT INTERPRETATIONS**

- **ALCOHOL:** Student-athletes and coaches participating in the ITC are prohibited from consuming and/or possessing alcohol at the ITC host bowling center, and the ITC host hotel whether the team is still in the competition or not. Any individual found in a room where alcohol is possessed is subject to suspension regardless of whether they are consuming or not.
- **TOBACCO:** Coaches and student-athletes are prohibited from using tobacco products during all ITC practice and competition, whether they are competing or not, and related events and/or while in team uniform at any time. Electronic cigarettes are also prohibited.

Violations of the Code of Conduct by a student-athlete, team, and/or coach may result in immediate disqualification of the individual and/or team from the ITC. Any disqualifications from the ITC will be reviewed by USBC. Violations by the student-athlete may result in a loss of membership with USBC Collegiate for one year and possible loss of USBC Collegiate Eligibility.

The institution may also be subject to loss of membership in USBC Collegiate and denied participation in all events conducted by USBC Collegiate beginning the following season for one full year. If a student-athlete opts to transfer from the suspended institution to an eligible institution, this will result in an additional year added to the standard USBC Collegiate Transfer Rule. USBC administrative decisions may be appealed to the USBC Legal and Legislative Chairman. This appeal must be filed in writing within 10 days of the date of the letter notifying them of the administrative decision. A statement of the reasons for the appeal must be included.

- All Event Staff has the right to request and obtain identification immediately of any coach or player with alcohol.
- All Event Staff has the right to confiscate all alcohol found open or unopened on and/or with a minor.

- If staff is informed of a violation of the code and does not witness the act in question, staff has the right to question any player, coach, official, spectator or team about the alleged behavior. If determined the act was committed, institutions may be penalized.

After the team's bowling equipment is registered with the event and placed in the paddock room at the bowling center, report to the hotel to check in and complete registration. When the team arrives at the hotel, staff will welcome the team and show you to registration. At registration the coach will need to hand in the additional eligibility form and rule, code and policy declaration forms. The coach will receive an information packet and the team's keys to their hotel rooms. After the team is fully registered, they should get settled in their rooms. Once settled, the coach should review the final tournament information packet for schedule changes and additional important event information and share this information with the team.

### **TV Finals – Team Information**

Those teams that bowl for the title are required to bring with them to the bowling center, two sets of team uniforms in different colors. Staff may request teams to change uniforms prior to the televised semifinals and finals matches to better color coordinate the television or web stream. All student-athletes should present a neat and clean appearance on television.

### **GUEST LODGING, REGISTRATION AND TICKETS**

Guests attending the Intercollegiate Team Championships may book hotel rooms by visiting [mybowlingvacation.com](http://mybowlingvacation.com). **Reservations will only be made based on the team form. Fans wishing to book rooms may book them on mybowlingvacationm.com.**

Enclosed in this packet is information about guest tickets. Tickets can be purchased for the "Night of Champions" Banquet and admission into the bowling center for daily competition. Function tickets must be purchased online by April 4<sup>th</sup>. All functions have limited seating, and tickets will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Admission to the bowling center can be purchased on site. All spectators will need to have a ticket to view competition. All function tickets and admission tickets are non-refundable. Guests will find a guest ITC registration table at the host center. At the registration table, guests can pick up their previously ordered tickets and packages or purchase admission tickets.

### **COMPETITION LANE CONDITIONS**

The Intercollegiate Team Championships will be played on a Sport Bowling condition. The lane condition has been developed by Nick Hoagland and will be challenging and equitable to all types of athletes. The ITC lane condition will require participants to use their mental skills as well as physical game. The exact conditioning pattern will not be provided until after the event has concluded.

Please contact Gary Brown (817-385-8427) with any questions you have regarding the information in this document.