



COVID-19

Protocols & Procedures

Championship Tournaments



**WASH
HANDS**



**WEAR
MASKS**



**SANITIZE
HANDS**



**AVOID CLOSE
CONTACT**



**COVER YOUR
COUGH**



**AVOID
CROWDS**



**SOCIAL
DISTANCE**



**WIPE
SURFACES**



**AVOID
TOUCHING**

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THE **Sport**

OVERVIEW

This document details operational procedures for the 2021 USBC Open (OC) and Women's (WC) Championships in light of COVID-19. These procedures rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities at the time of writing.

These procedures may change as regulations set forth by public health authorities change, as data related to the coronavirus change and as other factors affect local conditions.

The information provided in this document is not a substitute for legal or medical advice.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOTICE

Participants should be aware of any travel restrictions imposed by governmental authorities that may impact an event. The CDC has posted on its website international travel restrictions, which either place a ban on travelers from specified foreign countries or impose self-quarantine requirements on inbound travelers upon arrival. State and local governments or public health authorities also have varying restrictions as of this writing and generally require travelers from coronavirus hot spots to self-quarantine upon arrival to a local jurisdiction. Participants are strongly urged to check for current information regarding any restrictions related to travel to and from their state of origin.

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENT REVISIONS

This document is subject to revisions at any time. When those revisions occur, they will be summarized in this section.

REVISIONS POSTED May 21, 2021

1. Clarified times that competitors must wear masks.

REVISIONS POSTED May 18, 2021

2. Revised the brackets and participation look-up protocol.
3. Specified warning and disqualification protocols for bowlers who do not abide by mask policy.
4. Adjusted mask requirements for spectators to align with current venue protocols

REVISIONS POSTED May 1, 2021

5. Revised the party responsible for notifying the proper county department of public health
6. Modified the definition of private office or isolated space
7. Modified scale room procedures to match those in place
8. Modified bracket layout to meet installed system layout
9. Modified awards procedures to meet procedures allowed under new county regulations
10. Revised seating needs to meet current county standards
11. Modified fitting room protocol to allow use under new cleaning guidelines

REVISIONS POSTED April 22, 2021

12. Allows for the brief removal of masks in the official team photo area, or for the purposes of photos taken by official media staff
13. Permits competitors in administrative areas when escorted by a tournament official

REVISIONS POSTED April 20, 2021

14. Allowed spectators following regulatory approval
15. Revised surface cleaning frequency based on CDC guidance
16. Returned scoresheet kiosks
17. Revised awards process

REVISIONS POSTED March 11, 2021

18. Added the requirement that all competitors complete the waiver/release.
19. The face covering policy was revised to better define types of face coverings that are permitted and those that are prohibited.
20. The squad room protocol was revised to include a statement that ball checks are still required.
21. The squad room protocol was revised to remove the reference to a diagram.

COVID-19 SUMMARY INFORMATION

- COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in December 2019.
- COVID-19 is caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.
- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about six feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- You also may be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

TOURNAMENT OPERATION GUIDELINES

1. Employee testing
 - a. All employees will be screened using non-contact infrared thermometers.
 - i. Employees with a fever of 100.4° or higher will:
 - ✓ Not be permitted to work.
 - ✓ Will be subject to quarantine in accordance with the employee handbook, while appropriate staffing agency, Manpower (MP), is notified.
 - ii. Employees testing positive:
 - ✓ Laboratory to notify Washoe County (WC) or Clark County (OC) Department of Public Health.
 - ✓ Are subject to quarantine and return-to-work criteria as outlined in the employee handbook.
 - ✓ Employer to implement necessary/possible contact tracing measures.
 - ✓ Employer to follow Department of Public Health guidance/request for assistance with respect to contact tracing.
 - ✓ USBC will notify captains of teams that bowled during employee's shift that an employee tested positive. Additional information, such as name and/or department, will not be released.
 - ✓ Employer to guide and monitor testing and return-to-work authorization for any staff testing positive.

- ✓ Employees in close contact, as defined by the Department of Public Health, with the employee testing positive, shall quarantine as recommended by the CDC and local health guidelines.
 - b. Manpower employees who feel ill shall call Manpower and shall not report to work.
 - i. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, chills, loss of sense of smell, nausea, diarrhea & vomiting, muscle & joint pain.
 - ii. Employees shall follow the guidelines of the employee practices manual as it relates to self-isolation and/or quarantine until cleared to return to work.
 - c. USBC employees who feel ill shall notify their direct supervisor or the director of human resources by phone.
 - d. If any employee becomes ill at work or is showing any signs of COVID-19, employees should:
 - i. Put on a face covering.
 - ii. Notify direct supervisor.
 - iii. Go home immediately.
 - iv. Contact health provider/employment agency (MP) to get evaluated by a medical professional, and request to be tested for COVID-19.
 - v. Follow CDC guidelines.
 - vi. Follow self-isolation guidelines and meet the requirements for discontinuing self-isolation.
2. Employee general protocols
- a. Employees shall wear masks at all times, except when alone in the confines of a private office or isolated work space.
 - i. Employees are encouraged to bring a face covering.
 - ii. Employees will be issued a face covering if they do not bring their own.
 - b. Employees shall maintain proper social distance, at least six (6) feet apart.
 - i. Workstations, desks, tables and chairs are to be spaced six (6) feet apart for social distancing or separated by a physical barrier.
 - c. No competitors are permitted in administrative areas at any time unless escorted by a tournament official.
 - d. Conferences and/or meetings must be held in rooms large enough for employees to maintain proper social spacing. Alternatives to office visits, such as use of instant messaging or Zoom meetings, shall be used where possible.
 - e. Training will be conducted in a manner that permits proper social spacing.
 - i. All training equipment must be sanitized prior to, and immediately following, each training session.
 - f. Communication equipment used by multiple employees, such as keyboards, radios, earpieces, etc., shall be disinfected before and after each use.
3. Bowler Services, including check-in, average verification and results.
- a. All customers awaiting service will be required to maintain a six-foot safe distance from other customers.
 - i. Floor stickers will be provided to assist customers in maintaining proper spacing.
 - ii. Line ambassadors will facilitate compliance with social distancing and proper traffic flow.
 - b. Barriers between customers and employees will be provided at locations such as check-in and bracket counters.

4. Check-In, including membership and average verification.
 - a. Green/pink sheets will be sought through electronic means prior to the captain checking in. A HubSpot link will be sent to captains with schedule notices to encourage completion and return of the rosters/sheets prior to arriving at the venue. In addition, the sheets will be made available on BOWL.com in a form that can be completed and emailed to staff prior to arrival.
 - b. Verifications team will confirm membership on BOWL.com whenever possible.
 - c. Verifications team will confirm Championships Average using BOWL.com.
 - d. Verifications team will reach out by email and telephone to obtain missing information required to complete maximum number of check-in processes without customer contact or need to report to a counter.
 - e. All competitors will be required to submit a waiver/release prior to being permitted to compete. Waivers must be submitted electronically.
 - f. Verifications team will notify team captains by email if “pre-check” is complete.
5. Future City Registration
 - a. Future City Registration shall operate under the same best practices as Bowler Services.
6. Brackets and Participation look-up stations may not be available.
 - a. If look-up stations are not available, requests for brackets information and participation history can be submitted to USBCOpenChampionships@bowl.com or USBCWomensChampionships@bowl.com
 - i. Exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
7. Side-event administration (Open Championships only)
 - a. Side-event staff shall follow the same protocols and procedures as Bowler Services.
8. Squad Room Activities – Except for scale room operations, squad room activities will be optional and tailored to meet the current local and state occupancy requirements. This will be accomplished by making several notable changes, and spacing bowlers for march out.
 - a. Access – access will be controlled at the entry doors.
 - i. Occupancy will be limited to only those bowlers on the upcoming squad.
 - b. Bowlers will have prescribed locations for staging equipment and march out.
 - c. Occupancy at scale room/brackets counters limited to 24 people at any one time.
 - i. Floor stickers will be provided to assist customers in maintaining proper spacing.
 - d. Squad room ambassadors will guide patrons to designated staging areas and maintain compliance with proper social distancing.
9. Scale Room (Open Championships only).
 - a. Floor stickers will be provided to assist customers in maintaining proper spacing.
 - b. Barriers will be provided between competitors and inspectors.
 - i. Inspectors will use gloves (provided) – changed/disinfected regularly.
 - c. Bowlers will present their equipment to an inspector, who will examine drilling layout, palm mark, CG and model/serial number.
 - d. Competitors will take equipment to their designated location.
10. Sales Transactions
 - a. All USBC transactions will be cashless including brackets, side events, membership sales, event sales and BBE. Outside vendors such as ball booth operators, embroidery, photography, food and beverage, and merchandise will be responsible for their own procedures.

11. Brackets Sales

- a. Additional bracket windows will be established as needed to meet separation protocols.
- b. Bracket sales shall follow the best practices of Bowler Services, including plexiglass barriers between customers and sales staff.
 - i. Floor markings will be provided as needed to maintain proper separation.
 - ✓ Brackets ambassadors will guide patrons and maintain compliance with proper social distancing and capacity counts.
- c. All bracket transactions will be by credit or debit card only. No cash will be accepted.
- d. An additional brackets counter will be located in the Bowling Center at South Point.
 - i. Floor markings will be provided as needed to maintain proper separation.

12. Bracket payout – Bracket payouts will be cash and will be handled by the casinos.

Competitors will be subject to the casino's operating policies.

- a. Signature sheets to be exchanged digitally.
- b. Unclaimed bracket winnings, under 21 bracket winnings and Bowlers Journal payouts will be included on prize checks with the exception of unclaimed bracket winnings of \$10 or less. Unclaimed winnings \$10 or less will be donated to charity in accordance with bracket rules.

13. March Out

- a. Floor markings will indicate where bowlers need to place themselves to maintain proper spacing.
- b. Squad room ambassadors will guide patrons to designated staging areas and maintain compliance with proper social distancing throughout the march.

14. Photos

- a. Masks may be briefly removed for the purposes of photography only under the following circumstances:
 - i. When taking an official team or individual photo in the officially designated location in the squad room.
 - ii. When requested by a member of the official tournament media staff
- b. Masks may not be removed for the purposes of taking photos at any other location in the venue.

15. Awards presentations

- a. Awards will be presented in socially distanced manner to meet required protocols.

16. Bowling Ball Express (BBE)

- a. At NBS, one station will be located on the inside. An overflow station for outbound freight will be located on the third floor of the parking garage as needed.
- b. BBE sales shall follow the best practices of Bowler Services, including plexiglass barriers between customers and sales staff.
 - i. Floor markings will be provided as needed to maintain proper separation.
 - ✓ BBE ambassadors will guide patrons and maintain compliance with proper social distancing and capacity counts.
- c. BBE transactions will be credit or debit card only. Cash will not be accepted.

17. Lane Maintenance

- a. All lane maintenance equipment and storage containers shall be sanitized prior to the first oil of the day and following each subsequent oiling.

- b. Approach or other calls will follow all social distancing protocols.

Competition/Field of Play

1. General

- a. All participants must always wear an approved face covering during competition, which includes warm-up. The face covering must completely cover the nose and mouth, with the exception of brief removal of the mask to eat or drink.
 - i. Individuals must wear a face covering recommended by the CDC.
 - ✓ Coverings must be a well-secured cloth or mask that fits snugly against the face and covers an individual's nose and mouth.
 - ✓ It must be made of a material that prevents the discharge and release of respiratory droplets from a person's nose or mouth.
 - ii. Examples of face coverings not recommended by the CDC:
 - ✓ Face masks with exhaust valves.
 - ✓ Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted.
 - ✓ Masks that do not fit properly, e.g., do not cover the nose and mouth.
 - ✓ Plastic face shields.
 - iii. Persons who wish to seek a medical exemption must email usbcopenchampionships@bowl.com a minimum of 14 days prior to competition for details on the information required to request an accommodation.
 - iv. Persons who refuse to wear a mask will not be allowed entry into the building. Violations to the policy will result in disqualification from the tournament and/or suspension of membership.
 - v. Venue staff will monitor competition area and notify USBC tournament staff of mask violations.
 - Participants will receive two formal warning for mask violations
 - A third violation will result in disqualification
- b. All score corrections shall be made from Center Desk.

2. Number of teams/persons per pair

- a. Only one team shall compete per pair. Doubles and singles shall be limited to four bowlers per pair.
- b. No competitors shall be on adjacent approaches at the same time under any circumstances.

3. Settee area

- a. Additional seats shall be provided as needed, so bowlers can maintain proper spacing in the settee.

4. Side Events (Open Championships only)

- a. The Bowlers Journal Championships and practice sessions shall operate under the same protocols as general competition.
- b. A practice session is for 90 minutes, for up to 10 bowlers, with no more than five individuals participating at the same time.
- c. Bowlers Journal and/or practice may be subject to additional restrictions as prescribed by the venue operator.

Venue Operations

1. General Operations
 - a. Venue sanitizing operations are the purview of the venue operator ASM Global or South Point. Currently, the operator is using sanitizing squads, identified by their yellow vests, to continually clean and sanitize the venue. These operations have been approved by the NV Department of Business and Industry.
 - b. Alcohol-based hand-sanitizer dispensers have been placed in multiple prominent and readily accessible areas throughout the building.
2. Notification after competition
 - a. If USBC receives notification that a participant has tested positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours or less of leaving the venue, USBC will notify participants that bowled during the days the potentially infected person was in venue.
3. Building Access and Spectators
 - a. Spectators will be permitted in accordance with limits approved by local regulations. Limits may be adjusted as directed by local authorities.
4. Merchandise/vendor operations – Merchandise and vendor operations will be conducted in accordance with state and local regulations in place at the time of competition.
 - a. At NBS, Entry and exit shall be one-way traffic only. Shoppers may enter the area through the double doors near the escalator. They MUST exit through the doorway near the entrance to the Stadium Club.
 - b. Fitting rooms will be cleaned following each individual use.
5. Food & Beverage – Food & beverage will be available; however, consumption during competition is limited to small snacks.
6. Medical response during competition.
 - a. A paramedic or EMT will be available during all competition. Should a competitor become ill during competition, he/she will be evaluated by the on-site paramedic or EMT.
 - i. If the competitor has a temperature above 100.4°, he/she immediately will be isolated from all competitors and staff. After a short period of time, as determined by the on-site medical professional, the bowler will be re-evaluated. If the temperature remains above 100.4°, the bowler will be transported to a local medical center for further evaluation. Competitors who refuse treatment will be required to leave the facility.
 - ii. Should a competitor exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, a temperature above 100.4°, the County Department of Public Health will be notified for potential follow-up and contact tracing.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

World Health Organization Website [Coronavirus Information](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Coronavirus Information](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Travel Restrictions](#)

National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) [Directory of Local Health Officials](#)

Worldometers website [Coronavirus Information](#)