



KEY POINTS

- USBC will begin registration for the 2022 USBC Open Championships (OC) and USBC Women's Championships (WC), starting with coordinators.
 - Registration for OC coordinators starts 3/1.
 - Registration for WC coordinators starts 3/22.
- Public registration for the 2022 events will open on 3/29 for the Open Championships and 4/16 for the Women's Championships.
- USBC is adjusting the price structure for both events in 2022.
 - 70% of the increase in each event will go to the respective prize funds (team, doubles/singles).
 - 100% of the all-events increase at the Women's Championships will go to the prize fund. The cost to enter all-events at the OC will not be changing.
 - Championship Tournaments prize funds grow by approximately 2.2M across both events.
 - OC prize fund grows by \$1.65 million, based on 10,000 teams.
 - WC prize fund grows by \$558,000, based on 4,500 teams.
 - USBC has not raised the entry fees at its Championship Tournaments since:
 - 2013 Open Championships (nine years)
 - 2014 Women's Championships (eight years)
 - Event free structure
 - OC will go to \$70/per event and \$15/all-events (\$225/per person).
 - WC will go to \$55/per event and \$15/all-events (\$180/per person).
- Those who chose to roll over their tournament entry fees from 2020 or 2021 will receive a credit toward 2022.
 - You will have until Dec. 1, 2021, and Jan. 1, 2021, for the OC and WC, respectively, before remaining balances are due.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Where are the 2022 events happening, and what are the squad times for the Championship Tournaments?**
 - a. OC - Team and Doubles/Singles will take place at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.
 - i. Team squads will be held at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
 - ii. Doubles/singles squads will be at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
 - iii. The 9:30 squad will be a combination squad with 30 lanes for team and 30 lanes for doubles/singles.
 - b. WC – Team and Doubles/Singles will take place at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois (Chicago area)
 - i. Team squads will be held at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
 - ii. Doubles/singles squads at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
 - iii. Initially, the 5:30 p.m. squad only will be available on weekends.
2. **How will the tournament credit work if we chose to roll our entry from 2020 or 2021 to 2022?**

Those captains with tournament credit will receive emails to schedule dates and times in advance. Those entries will be processed in the order they are received. The tournament office will apply the funds, and the captain would be responsible for paying the difference.



3. **When will we have to pay the difference between the new entry fee and our tournament credit?**

- a. OC – Balances will be due Dec. 1, 2021.
- b. WC – Balances will be due Jan. 1, 2022.

4. **What are the requirements to be included in the 2022 Captain's Club?**

To qualify for the Captain's Club, one must maintain five or more teams. Those who qualify are referred to as coordinators.

Coordinators receive advanced access to pre-register teams for future tournament dates, discounts, merchandise, complimentary hotel rooms and more. To learn about the program in more detail, please visit BOWL.com.

5. **During which tournament did I have to be a coordinator for those levels to qualify me for early registration for 2022?**

Due to COVID-19, we are expanding the qualification for the 2022 events to captains who would qualify based on the number of teams they had registered for 2019, 2020 or 2021.

Normally, to qualify for the deferred payment benefits of the programs, you qualify based on the prior year's team counts. For new coordinators who meet the various levels, they would register their teams, and based on the number of teams registered by Dec. 31, 2021, they would begin receiving all the other program benefits leading up to their 2022 tournament competition.

6. **Is it too late to join the Captain's Club, or rejoin if I have fallen below the team requirement?**

No. If you want to add or bring additional teams that would push you over the lowest threshold to participate, you are welcome to do so. To be added or reinstated, please notify us by email for consideration at:

USBCOpenChampionships@bowl.com; or
USBCWomensChampionships@bowl.com

7. **As a team coordinator and a member of the Captain's Club, how does pre-registration work?**

- a. **OC** - Coordinators who oversee five (5) or more teams will go through a pre-registration process like past years. USBC will email all Captain's Club members who qualify. You will fill out the pre-reservation form, selecting your preferred dates and times, and a USBC staff member will process your registration.
 - i. Coordinators will receive forms no later than Monday, March 1, and pre-registration will be completed on Sunday, March 21.
- b. **WC** - Coordinators who oversee five (5) or more teams will go through a pre-registration process like what is being done for the Open Championships.
 - i. Coordinators will receive forms no later than Monday, March 22, and pre-registration will be completed on Sunday, April 11.

After that date, any coordinators who have not registered will select their team squads along with all other captains during the public registration period. For any changes after the pre-registration period, coordinators simply can move their teams and make other changes on their own by visiting REG.BOWL.com.



Please understand, if you no longer qualify for the minimum levels required to maintain your status, we ask you to wait until public registration opens.

8. What is the breakdown of the new entry fees compared to before?

- a. Open Championships
 - i. 2021 & prior = \$180 entry | \$100 prize fund (56%) | \$80 expenses (44%)
 - ii. 2022 forward = \$225 entry | \$133 prize fund (59%) | \$92 expenses (41%)
 - iii. USBC also collects a \$25 per team processing fee.
- b. Women's Championships
 - i. 2021 & prior = \$140 entry | \$69 prize fund (49%) | \$71 expenses (51%)
 - ii. 2022 forward = \$180 entry | \$100 prize fund (56%) | \$80 expenses (44%)
 - iii. Starting in 2022, USBC will begin collecting a \$20 per team processing fee.

9. Why is USBC charging a processing fee for the Women's Championships but did not before?

When USBC launched online registration years ago, there was a 2% fee to cover credit card and processing expenses. Later, a change was made removing the 2% fee, replacing it with a \$25 per team fee for the Open Championships, while Women's Championships processing fee was absorbed in the entry.

As part of the 2022 changes, we are making the Women's Championships consistent with the Open Championships and having a \$5/bowler processing fee for both tournaments.

10. Is there a reason why you did not raise the entry fee for all-events for the Open Championships?

All-events is an optional event, and \$13 of the \$15 already goes into the prize fund. There will, however, be adjustments made to the all-events prize structure to return to a payout ratio that will deliver larger prizes, like those prior to 2017, when the third division was added.

11. If I did not bowl in 2021, does this affect my consecutive streak?

Individuals who were registered to bowl but were not able to attend the 2020 and/or 2021 tournaments will not get credit for the year of participation. However, their consecutive streaks will remain intact.

12. Who is responsible for making decisions related to the tournament operations?

All decisions are made by the USBC staff with the support of the USBC Board of Directors. In times of larger strategic decisions, such as increasing the entry fees, recommendations are prepared by the staff, and all final decision are made by the board.

13. Can new teams still enter?

This information all pertains to the start of the registration process for the 2022 USBC Open and Women's Championships.

There will be a period for Captain's Club members to enter their teams, then the portals will open to the public. Those timelines are listed at the top of this document.

14. Can I email my requests for 2022 dates and times?

No, not at this time. The best way to proceed is to read all emails pertaining to 2022 registration and fill out the forms that are included. If you do not receive an email at the expected time, please contact our offices.



You can change your dates and times, enter roster information, etc., immediately once the tournament registration portal opens for public registration.

15. What if I have a tournament entry credit but do not want to bowl in 2022?

USBC understands bowlers may prefer to skip the upcoming events and our staff will work to accommodate your decision. You have the option to receive a full refund at this time, and there will be no additional transfer or cancellation fees.

If you have not decided by July 1, 2021, USBC automatically will refund your current tournament entry credit. After that, you can register again whenever you wish.

16. Is USBC planning for any social distancing or COVID-19 protocols for the 2022 events?

Not at this time, but USBC will continue to follow local and state guidelines for Nevada and Illinois. As more information becomes available in 2021 and early 2022, we will inform tournament coordinators and publish information on BOWL.com.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

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