



USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS KEY POINTS AND FAQ

Key Points

- The 2021 USBC Women's Championships will take place in Reno, Nevada.
- Shifting the Women's Championships from the Chicagoland area to Reno gives the USBC the best chance to run the event in 2021.
- USBC is working closely with our host venue and its partners to provide a quality and safe experience for our bowlers.
- USBC will modify its format for the 2021 tournament, having only one team compete on a pair. This allows for increased social distancing for bowlers.
- Opening day at the 2021 Women's Championships will change from April 18 to April 23. Teams impacted by those changes can re-schedule after Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. EST.
- The National Bowling Stadium affords flexibility in scheduling. Additional team squads can be added or tournament dates can be extended if more teams want to compete.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Why did the USBC move the 2021 Women's Championships from Chicago to Reno?**

The swapping of host centers for the 2021 and 2022 events gives USBC the opportunity to have additional schedule flexibility in conducting the 2021 event with the current uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a tournament-only venue, the National Bowling Stadium has the capacity to handle an extension of tournament dates if public health concerns with COVID-19 continue into 2021.

2. **What are the squad times for the 2021 Women's Championships in Reno?**

Each day there will be a team squad at 3:30 p.m. and a doubles/singles squad at 8:30 a.m. There also will be a combo squad, a mix of a team and doubles/singles squad, each day at 11:30 a.m. Starting May 1, there also will be a 6:30 p.m. team squad every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. doubles/singles squad every Sunday.

3. **Will the change affect my current reservation?**

No. The dates you have will remain the same, however, there will be adjusted squad times with your reservation. This primarily is a venue change.

Captains of teams currently scheduled to bowl during the April 18-22 time frame can reschedule their dates by managing their reservation online after Nov. 6, 2020 at 9 a.m. Eastern or by sending their request to usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com.

4. **Can new teams still enter?**

Yes, public registration remains open.



- 5. What if I need to change my date(s)?**
You can manage your entries, including changing your date(s), by logging in to your account. If you do not have an account or need assistance, please send an email to usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com. USBC staff will handle emails as quickly as possible in the order they are received.
- 6. What if I do not want to bowl in Reno in 2021?**
USBC understands bowlers may prefer to skip the 2021 event, and our staff will work to accommodate your decision. You have the option to transfer your team(s) to the 2022 tournament at no charge or receive a full refund. There are no additional transfer or cancellation fees. Please email requests to cancel or transfer to usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com.
- 7. Is it too late to join the Captain's Club or rejoin if I have fallen below the five-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 usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com.
- 8. I have a streak of consecutive participation years at the Women's Championships, but I can't make it to the 2021 tournament in Reno. Does that mean my streak ends?**
Individuals who were registered to bowl, but were not able to attend the 2021 tournament, will not get credit for the year of participation. However, their consecutive streaks will remain intact.
- 9. What if I have already canceled for 2021 but now want to bowl in Reno?**
If you received a refund, you simply log in to your account and purchase a spot. If you have transfer funds, email your request to usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com.
- 10. My team is going, but I don't want to bowl. How do I cancel?**
You need to tell your team captain. They are responsible for roster changes and the entry fee of the team.
- 11. I have multiple teams. Does everyone have to make the same decision?**
No. Each team can make a decision that best suits them.
- 12. Is the tournament limited to a set number of teams?**
Social distancing does restrict the number of bowlers per squad; however, hosting the event at the National Bowling Stadium gives us the ability to add additional squads or weeks, if more teams want to compete in the 2021 tournament.
- 13. When does USBC intend to open registration for the 2022 Women's Championships in Chicago?**
Right now, our focus is providing customer service for 2021 event. After our 2021 bowlers are successfully rescheduled, USBC will prepare our 2022 registration for the Women's Championships. We will update our team captains through regular newsletter communications.



14. Is USBC refunding any travel expenses?

No, but please note:

- Lodging: Any hotels booked through MyBowlingVacation.com are reservations, with some only having a one-day hold fee. Most hotels at the event have a 24-hour to 48-hour cancellation policy, with some at 72 hours. Simply cancel your reservation before that timeframe and you will be fully refunded. Reservations for Chicago through MyBowlingVacation.com will automatically be canceled on your behalf.
- Airlines: USBC encourages you to contact the airline, as a majority have offered consumers the ability to cancel/change flights.
- Third-party bookings: USBC encourages those wishing to cancel their upcoming participation in a USBC event to contact those individual companies to see what they will do for you. Unfortunately, USBC has no control over pre-paid reservations.

15. Will USBC refund any other related expenses that were pre-paid?

No. If you booked additional trips, excursions or activities alongside an upcoming USBC event, we recommend you coordinate with those individual businesses, as they are outside of USBC's control.

16. When will I be able to book my hotel through MyBowlingVacation.com?

USBC tentatively is projecting that the website will be setup to take reservations by Friday, Nov. 20, 2020. Team captains will be notified through an email newsletter communication when reservations are open.

17. How is USBC planning for social distancing within the event?

USBC has reduced the number of teams competing each day in the current squad schedule and will have only one team on a pair. We will be in communication with our host venue and follow public health directives. Additional sanitation stations will be in place. Participant flow, space markings and occupancy limits will be in place, and photo and squad room processes will be adjusted, based on public health guidelines.