



2022 U.S. Open FAQ

1. What are the 2022 U.S. Open dates and location?

The 2022 U.S. Open tentatively is scheduled for Jan. 30-Feb. 6 at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

2. What is the field size for the 2022 U.S. Open?

The 2022 U.S. Open will feature a 108-player field. Players have earned, or will earn, spots/invitations based on their on-lane performances during the previous year(s), direct qualifiers and the pre-tournament qualifier conducted on-site before the start of the tournament.

3. What is the criteria for an invitation/exemption into the 2022 U.S. Open?

Bowlers may qualify for direct entry into the 2022 U. S. Open based on the following criteria, in the following order:

U.S. OPEN WINNERS (last 10 years)

USBC MASTERS WINNERS (last three years)

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)

PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS (last three years)

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)

USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULAR ALL-EVENTS WINNERS (last three years)

2021 USBC SENIOR MASTERS WINNER

2021 PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN WINNER

2021 JUNIOR GOLD U20 BOYS WINNER

INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S WINNER (last two years)

2021 U.S. OPEN TOP FIVE FINISHERS

TOP 75 ON THE PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION (PBA) 2021 NATIONAL TOUR POINTS LIST AS OF OCT. 1, 2021.

2021 TEAM USA (MALE) AND JUNIOR TEAM USA (MALE) MEMBERS

2021 U.S. AMATEUR - TOP THREE MEN'S FINISHERS

TOP 1 FROM EACH OF THE 2021 U.S. OPEN REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

BPAA EXEMPTION

An on-site pre-tournament qualifier (PTQ) will fill any remaining spots.

Bowlers who do not pay their entry fees by Dec. 27, 2021, will lose their spots in the field, and the spot will be awarded to the PTQ.

4. What is the PTQ format, field size and cost?

- The pre-tournament qualifier will feature one eight-game block, with total pins determining finishing position and qualification into the U. S. Open.
 - Maximum field is 100 bowlers.
 - Entry fee is \$500.
 - Players not making the field for the U. S. Open will be returned half of their entry fee upon the completion of the qualifier. The remainder will be placed in the U.S. Open prize fund.

5. Why is there a SafeSport requirement for any participant over 18?

As the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of bowling, and to improve athlete safety across the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee's efforts (USOPC), requiring those over 18 to complete SafeSport training improves the mission of ensuring a culture of safety through awareness, education and training programs. It all is part of helping to protect everyone involved.

*Note: Any competitor who will be 18 years of age or older as of the completion of the 2022 U.S. Open will be required to be current with SafeSport training prior to registering for the event.

6. What does it mean to be current with SafeSport training? How long do I have to complete my training?

To be current with SafeSport training, one needs to have completed either the initial core SafeSport Training module or one of the refresher courses since Feb. 6, 2021. Those who have taken a training class since then can register for the U.S. Open. Training only needs to be completed once, and SafeSport Refresher Training, which takes approximately 30 minutes, must be completed annually thereafter.

Visit BOWL.com/RVP for information.

SafeSport must be completed by Dec. 27, 2021, or the competitor will lose his/her spot in the field.

7. Are there any restrictions in place related to COVID-19?

Yes, all participants will be subject to USBC's 2022 U.S. Open COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols, found **here**, including, but not limited to, the submission of a waiver/release prior to competition.

All athlete services, such as waiver submission, will be conducted electronically, whenever possible.

8. Will spectators be allowed at the 2022 U.S. Open?

Spectators will be permitted in accordance with state and local capacity restrictions, as well as in agreement with USBC management. Spectators must adhere to state and local mask requirements.

9. Will the 2022 U.S. Open be livestreamed?

Yes. Our plan is to offer livestreaming of the event on BowlTV.

10. Can I get a refund if I have registered and choose not to bowl?

Yes. The following guidelines will be used for issuing refunds:

- A refund will be given, less \$50 cancellation fee, to a bowler who withdraws prior to the start of the first official practice session.