



## 2022 U.S. Women's Open FAQ

### **1. What are the 2022 U.S. Women's Open dates and location?**

The 2022 U.S. Women's Open tentatively is scheduled for June 14-21 at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center in South Glens Falls, New York.

### **2. What is the field size for the 2022 U.S. Women's Open?**

The 2022 U.S. Women'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. Women's Open?**

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

U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN WINNERS (last 10 years)

USBC QUEENS WINNERS (last three years)

PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (last three years)

USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS DIAMOND DIVISION ALL-EVENTS WINNERS (last three years)

2021 USBC SENIOR QUEENS WINNER

2021 JUNIOR GOLD U20 GIRLS WINNER

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

2021 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TOP FIVE FINISHERS

TOP 75 ON THE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION (PWBA) 2021 NATIONAL TOUR POINTS LIST AS OF DEC. 31, 2021.

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

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

WINNER FROM EACH OF THE 2022 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

BPAA EXEMPTION

2022 PWBA EVENT WINNERS (if not already qualified)

- PWBA Rockford Open
- USBC Queens
- PWBA Twin Cities Open
- PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open
- PWBA Long Island Classic
- PWBA BowlTV Classic
- PWBA BVL Classic

The remainder of field will be filled through an on-site pre-tournament qualifier.

\*PWBA members could bypass the PTQ if:

- A direct entry declines or does not pay her entry by the registration deadline.
- PWBA member must enter PTQ by registration deadline
- Entry priority will be determined by 2021 PWBA points list

Bowlers who do not pay their entry fees by May 12, 2022, will lose their spots in the field, and the spot will be awarded to the PTQ or PWBA member on the PTQ list.

Any bowler wishing to compete in the U.S. Women's Open must enter the PTQ (see information under format). PTQ field size is determined by lane availability.

#### **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. Women's Open.
  - Maximum field is 80 bowlers.
  - Entry fee is \$500.
  - Players not making the field for the U. S. Women'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. Women'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 June 21, 2021. Those who have taken a training class since then can register for the U.S. Women'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](http://BOWL.com/RVP) for information.

SafeSport must be completed by May 12, 2022, or the competitor will lose 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. Women'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 the waiver submission, will be conducted electronically, whenever possible.

**8. Will spectators be allowed at the 2022 U.S. Women'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. Women'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.