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# WHERE WILL YOUR TEAM BOWL?



2021-2022 RULES AND ENTRY FORM

### **REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

Qualifying will consist of eight round-robin Baker match games. All teams will return on Day 2 and be seeded into tiered brackets based on match-play record. The top eight teams after match play will be seeded into the Tier 1 bracket, and all subsequent brackets will consist of a maximum of eight teams.

Match play will consist of double-elimination, match-play brackets. Each match will be decided in a best-of-three format. Teams will continue bowling until they have lost two matches, thus being eliminated from the tournament.

Each bracket will have a winning team. The team that wins the Tier 1 bracket in each division will be crowned tournament champion.

Format is subject to change based on state and local regulations.

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS RULES

### **TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

All participants are required to be active members of the United States Bowling Congress in good standing. Divisions are open and not limited to USA Bowling league competitors.

- U12 is defined as participants 11 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2021 in accordance with USBC Rule 400 regarding youth age and eligibility.
- U15 is defined as participants 14 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2021 in accordance with USBC Rule 400 regarding youth age and eligibility.
- A player 12 years of age or younger may elect to participate in the U15 division but is then ineligible to compete on an additional U12 team at the same event.
- Teams must consist of no less than four and no more than six players.
- To avoid disqualification, all teams participating must be accompanied on lane by an RVP-approved coach at all times. A coach can complete their RVP training online at BOWL.com/RVP.
- Bowlers who require special assistance must indicate it on their entry form so accommodations can be arranged.
- No team or individual shall be entitled to a refund after the entry form and fees have been received unless a replacement is requested in writing and the vacated space is filled.
- Bowlers are not allowed to use electronic equipment of any kind in the bowlers' area during competition. Coaches may use equipment only if it is being used to track the bowler's score with a scoring application. A maximum of five bowling balls per entrant is permitted in the bowling center at one time.
- Once an individual has qualified for the National Championship, they are no longer allowed to compete at another Regional Event.

### COMPETITION

- Scoring is based on a SCRATCH match-play record with no additional handicap.
- One-lane courtesy is recognized and will be enforced for this event.
- Check-in will begin one hour prior to each event. All coaches must check-in their teams within 30 minutes of tournament start time. Prior to the start of tournament play, each event will begin with a 15-minute coaches meeting.

- Tournament play will begin with 10 minutes of practice time on your starting pair of lanes prior to qualifying, Round 1 of the bracket and championship match.
- Any player not present when competition begins will forfeit participation in their frames and receive a score of (0) until they arrive. Once a player has been removed from a game, he/ she cannot return to bowl for the remainder of the game. A maximum two substitutes are permitted during each game, only one of which is allowed in the 10th frame of any game.
- Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners or polish is prohibited during competition, including the warm-up session. In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the bowling ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition.
- Pacers shall not be permitted in the tournament at any time.
- Teams must submit a team lineup and playing order prior to each Baker game. Any team making an illegal lineup change during a Baker game will forfeit all pins received during the frames bowled illegally.
- In the event of any tie during qualifying, teams will receive half (.5) points.
- In the event of a tie for bracket placement, total pinfall will be used for seeding. If still tied, high game will be used.
- In the event of a tie at the end of a bracket match, teams will bowl a seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th frame Baker-style roll-off until a winner is determined.
- Only competitors, coaches and tournament officials will be allowed in the settee area during practice and competition.
- Awards will be given to the top three teams in the champions bracket and winners of all other brackets.
- Any protest or appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing stating briefly the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the USBC tournament office no later than 72 hours after the game has been played.
- Each venue will serve as a non-smoking facility during the event. No alcoholic beverages, food or drinks will be allowed in the bowlers' area during competition.

### DRESS CODE

- Bowlers must compete in appropriate bowling attire. This may include jeans or slacks and a jersey, t-shirt or polo shirt. Shorts, skirts or skorts must be longer than fingertip length when arms are hanging loosely along the sides of the body. No jeans with holes or writing, sweatpants, athletic shorts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless shirts will be allowed.
- Teams can qualify for a PRIDE AWARD by wearing matching attire when they bowl in any event

### **EVENT TERMINATION/RELEASE CLAUSE**

To the Executive Director of the United States Bowling Congress: I and my guardian hereby make application to participate in this USA Bowling Championships event listed and tender the entry fees required. I warrant that I am a USBC Youth member. I and my guardian agree to abide by all tournament playing rules and regulations prescribed by USBC, including all provisions set forth on this form. I and my guardian specifically agree for myself and any replacement chosen by me or for me that if I am not eligible for participation and/or cannot bowl in the event, then my prize, bowling and expense fees shall be forfeited, and all sums tendered by me as prize, bowling and expense fee may be retained by USBC as liquidated damages. The entrant whose name appears hereon or my authorized replacement hereby agrees that the USBC, its officers and agents shall be liable only to the extent of returning entry fees, less expenses, if and when that entrant shall be prevented from bowling any event in the tournament through premature termination of the tournament, which may be brought about by war, national emergency or emergencies or causes relating thereto resulting therefrom, fires, labor difficulties, terrorism or threats of terrorism or other causes beyond the control of USBC. I further agree that USBC may use my name and likenesses (including video) for promotional purposes at no cost to me and with no fees being paid to me.



OCT. 24 • OHIO VALLEY

Poelking Lanes South • Dayton, OH

## BOWL?



JAN. 30 • SOUTHWEST

Mira Mesa Lanes • San Diego, CA

Concord Lanes • S. St. Paul, MN

FEB. 12 - 13 • UPPER GREAT LAKES

	Murfreesboro St	rike & Spare • Murf	reesboro, TN		Sooner Bowli	ing Center • Nor	man, OK		
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	DEC .11 - 12 • NORTHEAST				MARCH 27 • MOUNTAIN				
	Rab's Country Lanes • Staten Island, NY  JAN. 8 - 9 • COASTAL SOUTH				King Pin Lanes • Colorado Springs, CO  APRIL 2 – 3 • MIDWEST				
	Aloma Bowl • W			West Acres Bowling Center • Wichita, KS					
		HEARTLAND • Bloomington, IL		APRIL 9 - 10 • SOUTH  Vestavia Bowl • Birmingham, AL					
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