



# 2022 USA BOWLING REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

*Procedures and Protocols*

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS



**WASH  
HANDS**



**WEAR  
MASKS**



**SANITIZE  
HANDS**



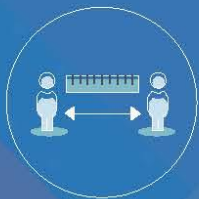
**AVOID CLOSE  
CONTACT**



**COVER YOUR  
COUGH**



**AVOID  
CROWDS**



**SOCIAL  
DISTANCE**



**WIPE  
SURFACES**



**AVOID  
TOUCHING**



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## OVERVIEW

This document details operational procedures and protocols for the remaining 2021-22 USA Bowling Tournaments (listed below) in light of COVID-19. Many of these rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Southeast</b>	Oct. 16-17, 2021	Buffaloe Lanes North	Raleigh	NC
<b>Ohio Valley</b>	Oct. 24, 2021	Poelking Lanes South	Dayton	OH
<b>Atlantic East</b>	Oct. 30-31, 2021	Murfreesboro Strike & Spare	Murfreesboro	TN
<b>Upper Midwest</b>	Nov. 6-7, 2021	Bowlerama Lanes	Des Moines	IA
<b>Lower Great Lakes</b>	Nov. 20-21, 2021	Arrowhead Bowl	Lafayette	IN
<b>Northeast</b>	Dec. 11-12, 2021	Rab's Country Lanes	Staten Island	NY
<b>Coastal South</b>	Jan. 8-9, 2022	Aloma Bowl	Winter Park	FL
<b>Heartland</b>	Jan. 22-23, 2022	Pheasant Lanes	Bloomington	IL
<b>Southwest</b>	Jan. 30, 2022	Mira Mesa Lanes	San Diego	CA
<b>Upper Great Lakes</b>	Feb. 12-13, 2022	Concord Lanes	S. St. Paul	MN
<b>South Central</b>	Feb. 27, 2022	Sooner Bowling Center	Norman	OK
<b>Pacific</b>	March 6, 2022	Paradise Lanes	Tacoma	WA
<b>New England</b>	March 20, 2022	Walnut Hill Bowl	Woonsocket	RI
<b>Mountain</b>	March 27, 2022	King Ping Lanes	Colorado Springs	CO
<b>Midwest</b>	April 2-3, 2022	West Acres Bowling Center	Wichita	KS
<b>South</b>	April 9-10, 2022	Vestavia Bowl	Birmingham	AL
<b>National Championships</b>	July, 2022	TBD	Grand Rapids	MI

These have been developed specifically for these 2022 USA Bowling Tournaments. These may change as regulations change and will be updated, as necessary.

## TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOTICE

Participants should be aware of any travel restrictions imposed by governmental authorities that may impact this event. The CDC has posted on its website international travel restrictions that either place a ban on travelers from specified foreign countries or impose self-quarantine requirements on inbound travelers upon arrival.

State and local governments or public health authorities also have varying restrictions as of this writing and may require travelers from coronavirus hot spots to self-quarantine upon arrival to a local jurisdiction.

## TOURNAMENT OPERATION PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

### General

1. Health Requirements
  - i. Pre-travel self-screening
    1. Each individual is responsible for self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms. Any individual with COVID-19 symptoms should not travel to the host city.
  - ii. COVID-19 contact tracing
    1. Each individual is responsible for working in conjunction with state and local health officials and event staff to perform contact tracing of anyone who has a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.

- a. Close contacts are defined by the CDC as someone who was within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, starting from two days before illness onset until the time the individual is isolated.
    - b. Close contacts will be notified by state/local health officials and/or the USBC.
    - c. Close contacts will be asked to monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and may be subject to self-quarantine based on CDC guidelines.
  - iii. While in host city/area
    1. If any individuals are ill upon arrival, they will be required to isolate in their respective lodging accommodation and notify event staff immediately.
    2. All individuals are expected to monitor their own health while attending the Youth Championship events. This includes a daily self-administered COVID-19 symptom screening and questionnaire.
    3. If an individual becomes symptomatic, including, but not limited to, a temperature of 100.4° or higher, that individual may be asked to isolate and quarantine in their hotel.
      - a. Seek the appropriate healthcare resources available (state, local and/or CDC guidelines, Medi-docs, etc.) for additional evaluation.
      - b. Following healthcare evaluation, an additional COVID-19 screening and/or a negative result PCR COVID-19 test may be required to return to competition.
2. Face masks
  - a. All participants are to follow state and local guidelines on wearing of a face mask fully covering their nose and mouth.
    1. If masks are required, brief removal of mask is allowed to eat or drink or execute a pre-shot routine.
  - ii. Individuals must wear masks recommended by the CDC.
    1. Face masks must be a well-secured cloth or mask that fits snugly against the face and covers an individual's nose and mouth. It must be made of a material that prevents the discharge and release of respiratory droplets from a person's nose or mouth.
  - iii. Examples of prohibited face masks that are not recommended by the CDC:
    1. Face masks with exhaust valves
    2. Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted.
    3. Masks that do not fit properly (do not cover the nose and mouth)
    4. Plastic face shields as a substitute for a face mask.
3. Athletes not competing on the current squad and/or have been eliminated from the event are considered a spectator and required to follow all spectator policies.
4. Entry Services – All tournament services shall be conducted electronically whenever possible.
  - a. Registration, Membership, SafeSport Training and Waivers
    - i. All event registration must be completed prior to the first ball of competition
    - ii. Athlete USBC membership will be confirmed electronically prior to the event.

- iii. Athletes who are not current USBC members will be required to purchase membership electronically prior to competing in the event.
  - iv. For Coaches Only – Registered Volunteer Required:
    - 1. SafeSport Training Must be completed prior to the event date
    - 2. Must have passed a NCSI Background screen prior to the event date
  - v. Waivers
    - 1. Minor Athlete Waivers – Must be filled out by the athlete and a parent/guardian prior to participation
    - 2. Coaches Waiver – Must be filled out by the athlete and a coach prior to participation
5. Administrative functions
- a. Media interviews will occur in a designated location with adequate ventilation and conducted in a socially distanced manner.
  - b. Local media must request access through the USBC and are subject to COVID-19 testing and screening prior to approved attendance.
  - c. Competitors will receive communications with event-specific regulations in advance of the event.

## Competition

- 1. Number of persons per pair/pairs in use:
  - a. Bowlers entered will compete with a maximum of two teams on a pair
  - b. Pairings will be randomly assigned for each day of competition.
- 2. Pair rotations
  - a. Will be defined by the tournament director prior to the start of competition.
- 3. Ball cleaning/disinfectant
  - a. The use of isopropyl alcohol for bowlers to clean their equipment during competition is permitted. Bowlers must provide their own alcohol and towel. This equipment may not be shared.

## Venue Operations

- 1. Spectators/seating –
  - a. It is recommended that each athlete have no more than two spectators per athlete.
  - b. Will be permitted in accordance with state and local capacity restrictions as well as in agreement with tournament management.
  - c. Spectators must adhere to state and local mask requirements.
- 2. Public areas – Tournament staff has collaborated with the venue operator on cleaning and sanitizing protocols including:
  - a. All common areas, such as restrooms and concourse.
  - b. All athlete areas, such as the locker room and settee.
  - c. Facility will be thoroughly cleaned each evening using cleaning products and protocols which meet EPA guidelines for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 and are effective against viruses, bacteria, and other airborne and bloodborne pathogens.
- 3. Food and Beverage – Food and beverage services are operated by the host venue in accordance with state and local government guidelines.

4. Medical – All individuals will follow the procedures and protocols as defined in section General-4 (Health Requirements detailed above) regarding COVID-19 and/or its symptoms. In emergency situations, the appropriate emergency medical personnel will be contacted.

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

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World Health Organization Website [Coronavirus Information](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Coronavirus Information](#)

National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) [Directory of Local Health Officials](#)

Worldometers website [Coronavirus Information](#)