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USBC Collegiate Membership FAQ

Q: When does collegiate team registration open?

A: Registration will typically be activated in the middle of August.

Q: Where can I register my college team?

A: A coach or team contact can register at bowl.com/collegiate through the registration tab then click on Register Now.

Q: What is the cost to become a USBC Collegiate program?

A: Payment of \$350 (U.S. dollars) per intercollegiate team when using the online membership program. This provides individual certification of an eight-person team roster. An additional \$75 processing fee will be assessed to those teams submitting paper applications to USBC.

*Payment of \$35 (U.S. dollars) per student-athlete for any student-athletes beyond a roster of eight when using the online membership program. An additional \$5 processing fee per student-athlete will be assessed to those teams submitting paper applications to USBC.

Q: What benefits come as part of the USBC Collegiate membership?

A: As a USBC Collegiate Member you receive the collegiate pricing program for the team and membership benefits based on individual membership:

YOUTH

- USBC Youth Standard Membership Card
- USBC Sport Bowling Membership
- USBC High Score Awards Program (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series)
- The ability to participate in USBC certified National tournaments
- The ability to participate in USBC certified collegiate tournaments
- Access to the manufacturers discount program

ADULT

- USBC Membership Card
- USBC Sport Bowling Membership
- USBC Awards Program
- USBC High Score Awards Program (11 in a row, 300 game, 800 and 900 series)
- The ability to participate in USBC certified National tournaments
- The ability to participate in USBC certified collegiate tournaments
- Access to the manufacturers discount program



Q: When bowling in a competition outside of USBC Collegiate certified events, what fees are the student-athletes responsible for?

A: Adult Members – local and state fees only Youth members - processing and state fees only

Q: Can a USBC Collegiate Member participate in a local league or tournament?

YOUTH MEMBERS

A: Yes. Since the student-athlete receives a USBC Youth Standard membership he/she can participate in USBC Youth Basic or USBC Standard Leagues as long as the state dues and local processing fees are paid.

ADULT MEMBERS

A: Yes. Since the student-athlete receives a USBC membership he/she can participate in USBC Leagues as long as the applicable local and state dues are paid for.

Q: How is the collegiate membership processed?

A: The coach or administrator for the school will log on to the collegiate section of bowl.com. He/she will request the student-athletes USBC Certification number, address, type of membership and birthdate. Once the information is processed the membership will be mailed directly to the address the administrator put in the system.

Eligibility

Q: How many years of eligibility does a student-athlete have?

A: Student-athletes receive 4 years of eligibility in intercollegiate competition.

Q: How long do I have to use the four years of eligibility?

A: There is no time limit placed on when your eligibility must be used.

Q: Are there different rules for NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA?

A: Each of these organizations will have their own rules for its members. However, if a school chooses to be a USBC Collegiate member it must still comply with USBC Collegiate rules.

Q: Can adult members bowl in leagues or tournaments and earn cash or prizes?

A: This would not be a violation of USBC Collegiate Rules. However, if someone is also affiliated with another organization which recognizes bowling they will want to check with the school to verify compliance.



Q: What are the basic eligibility requirements?

A: GPA

Student-athletes must maintain a minimum cumulative overall grade point average as determined by the college they are representing in intercollegiate competition which cannot be less than:

1. A 2.0 GPA is required at institutions on a 4.0 scale.
2. A 3.0 GPA is required at institutions on a 5.0 scale.
3. Any organization with GPA requirements less than USBC Collegiate requirements may use those requirements in a certified USBC Collegiate event as long as the participating teams or members are only from that organization.
4. Any USBC Collegiate certified event that includes members outside that organization must use the USBC Collegiate GPA requirements.

CREDITS

Student-athletes who have participated in any certified intercollegiate competition prior to the current season must complete the following minimum academic progress requirements for continuing education:

1. Semester system requirements: Prior to second season of participation – 24 hours minimum. Prior to third season of participation – 48 hours minimum. Prior to fourth season of participation – 72 hours minimum.
2. Quarter system requirements: Prior to second season of participation – 36 hours minimum. Prior to third season of participation – 72 hours minimum. Prior to fourth season of participation – 108 hours minimum.

In order for graduate student-athletes to remain eligible, the student-athletes are required to successfully complete a minimum of 12 graduate credit hours (semester system) or 18 graduate credit hours (quarter system) since the previous season of participation.

Q: How many student-athletes can bowl on a team?

A: A school is limited to a maximum of:

25 eligible student-athletes on a men's or mixed team per season

25 eligible female student-athletes on a women's team per season

A school can add an additional 3 members per team after January 1.

Q: Can a school have four guys and one girl on a team and compete?

A: Yes. This would be considered a mixed team and would compete in the men's division at all USBC Collegiate certified events.



Tournaments

Q: Who can run a USBC Collegiate tournament?

A: Tournaments must be approved by USBC Collegiate. A new tournament must contact USBC Collegiate to notify us of their intentions.

Q: How does a team make postseason?

A: A team makes USBC Collegiate Postseason by:

SECTIONALS

- Paying USBC Collegiate Membership
- Meeting USBC Collegiate Eligibility Rules
- Earn enough Team Ranking System Points to be in the top 80 men's teams or top 64 women's teams in the country
- Pay the \$325.00 entry fee

NATIONALS

- Paying USBC Collegiate Membership
- Meeting USBC Collegiate Eligibility Rules
- Qualify through the sectional by being in the top 4 at one of the sectional locations