

RULES FOR THE 2026 CALIFORNIA USBC CHAMPIONSHIPS (Web: CALUSBC.com)

The California USBC Championships Tournament is certified by the United States Bowling Congress. The tournament shall be governed by the following rules and all other USBC rules pertaining to certified competition.

1. **All current California USBC certified adult members aged 18+ are eligible to participate. NO CARDS SOLD ON-SITE.**
2. **Check-in at least ONE HOUR prior to scheduled squad time with VALID ID and USBC membership.**
3. **BOWL.COM AVERAGE PROFILES MUST BE PROVIDED WITH ENTRIES.** If profiles are NOT provided for walk-in entries, the bowler will enter at 220 for brackets/side pots. Verification can be in the form of printed sheets or shown on an electronic device.
4. Handicapped bowlers requiring aids such as canes, wheelchairs, etc., or who are blind must report this in writing when entry is submitted so that special lane scheduling considerations can be arranged.
5. The team captain/team leader is responsible for the lineup and conduct of the team in tournament play. They must also report any changes in their mailing address as prize checks will be mailed directly to them.
6. **OPEN DIVISION:** Entries may consist of any combination of adult bowlers. **WOMEN'S DIVISION:** Entries may consist of female adult members only.
7. **RE-ENTRIES:** Team may be bowled more than once as long as **at least two members** in the line-up are changed. Re-entries are based on availability. **Singles may cash only once in the top 10.**
8. Competition will consist of three games in each event.
9. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE: MAY 24, 2026** unless all squads are filled sooner. NO entry accepted without full payment. Make checks payable to: CUSBC. Write "Adult Championships" in check memo. Any returned checks must be paid in cash or money order prior to competition plus a \$40 penalty fee. Send Zelle and Paypal fees to info@calusbc.com. No refunds once an entry has been scheduled. Exceptions to be made with Tournament Director's approval. **The optional scratch division may be entered on-site prior to the start of competition.**
10. **ADVANCED RESERVATIONS MUST SUBMIT BALANCE PAYMENT AND OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS BY DECEMBER 31.** Failure to do so will result in loss of the reserved squads and a refund will be issued.
11. Tournament management has the right to reschedule lane assignments or times, including the number of bowlers per pair, up to the time of bowling for score. Reasons for rescheduling of lanes may include, but are not limited to, mechanical breakdowns, bowling unopposed, technical problems, and booking conflicts.
12. No practice allowed for lanes that have been moved due to breakdowns.
13. This tournament shall be conducted with one class on a handicap basis per division. Handicap shall be computed on the basis of 90% of the difference between the combined averages of the participants and 880 for team 220 for singles.

14. ENTERING AVERAGES:

- A) Highest 2024-25 USBC certified book average (minimum of 21 games). If none,
- B) Highest 2025-26 USBC certified average (minimum 21 games) as of tournament date (sheet required if not posted on BOWL.com). If none,
- C) Highest 2024-25 USBC certified Composite book average (minimum of 21 games). If none,
- D) Scratch 220

Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own average. If a Sport or Challenge average is the bowler's only verifiable average, it must be checked on the entry form and it will be adjusted per the USBC sport chart. Rules 319a2, 319d and 319e will be waived. Rule 319a2 will be applied for current averages that are 20+ pins higher than last year's book. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee shall be refunded. Re-rated averages must be reported or be subject to disqualification.

15. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game for brackets and side pots. Unverified averages must enter brackets and side pots at 220. Verified averages must be submitted to the office no later than 5 days following participation or else the average will remain at 220.
16. Line-up changes must be requested at least one week prior to the time the entrants are scheduled to bowl.
17. **Team captains are responsible for filing Replacement Forms at least one hour prior to the scheduled squad time. Rule 304 applies.** Replacements must provide their BOWL.com average profiles and must take the place in the line up of the original entrant. **Prizes will be paid to the replacement bowler unless prior arrangements are made.**
18. Bowlers arriving late or not present to bowl when it's their turn will be credited with a zero for that frame or frames missed.
19. One lane courtesy only and pacers are not allowed. **EACH SQUAD MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3 HOURS.**
20. **ONLY A DRY TOWEL FOR CLEANING MAY BE USED DURING COMPETITION. ELIMINATION OF BALANCE HOLES:** Bowlers may have up to five holes for gripping purposes and all holes must be used on every delivery. If only fingers are used, the thumb hole must be plugged and an "X" marked for the palm position. Any bowling ball that does not meet USBC specifications will subject the bowler to disqualification of all tournament scores. We reserve the option to do random spot checks and we may be reported to check equipment by another bowler. Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List. **Visit BOWL.com to download the Non-conforming Bowling Ball List.** See Acknowledgement box on the front entry. **VISIT CALUSBC.COM FOR RULE DETAILS.** Unsportsmanlike or disruptive actions will not be tolerated. **INTOXICATED OR BELLIGERENT BOWLERS CAUSING A DELAY MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.** Improper conduct as determined by tournament management.

21. **All bowlers must wear suitable attire. ALL SHIRTS MUST HAVE SLEEVES. No sexual or profane advertisements will be allowed on any attire or equipment. NO athletic wear (sweats, basketball shorts, yoga pants), holes in clothing, halter tops, "cut-off's" or short-shorts of any kind allowed. Tournament management shall determine the validity of any complaints.**
22. Food and drink in the bowlers' area is prohibited. Spectators are not allowed in the bowlers area.
23. Cash prizes + awards will be provided for the first place winners in handicapped Team and Singles for each division. An optional scratch division is offered with cash prizes in each event. **THE HANDICAP DIVISION MUST BE ENTERED BEFORE ENTERING OPTIONAL SCRATCH.**
24. Prize ratio is based on the number of paid entries with a ratio of at least one 1:8 for Team and Singles events.
25. Designated prize funds will be paid accordingly to each division within 30 days upon completion of the tournament, except when USBC has authorized delay in payment, pending settlement of any claim or protest.
26. The IRS requires USBC to furnish 1099 forms to individuals who accumulate winnings of \$600 or more annually in any USBC event in which they participate.
27. The Tournament Director shall be the authority to interpret USBC rules and state tournament rules, policies and procedures in deciding disputes. If deemed necessary, the Tournament Director shall consult with the Board of Directors of the California USBC.
28. Any protest or appeal concerning scoring must be made in writing stating the grounds of the protest or appeal and submitted to the CUSBC tournament office within 72 hours of when the infraction occurred. The decision of USBC is final and binding on all involved parties. Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of entry fee, forfeit of all prize monies and possible suspension from USBC membership.
29. **ANY AND ALL RULES NOT COVERED IN THE ABOVE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS RULES.**

TEAM CAPTAINS: Be sure to give a copy of the rules to each team member so that they are informed. Average verification is the bowler's responsibility.

Please read the all of the tournament rules carefully to avoid any possible disqualifications.

IMPORTANT!

- Rosters must be received by **FEBRUARY 15** in order to have 25+ year participation awards ready in time to present
- **Re-enter multiple times! Change two members for Team event (See Rule 7).** Based on lane availability.
- **BOWL.com profile PRINTOUTS** required for each bowler. Failure to provide average verification will result in entering at 220 for brackets/side pots.
- **Bowlers must report any sole sport/challenge averages and any re-rated average from prior tournaments before to the start of competition.**
- **Arrive at least one hour prior to your scheduled squad time for check-in or to process any replacements. Valid ID's required.**
- **DRESS CODE: SEE RULE #21**
- **OPTIONAL SCRATCH CAN BE ENTERED ON-SITE (CASH) PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION.**
- **Squads MUST be completed within THREE HOURS.** Any unnecessary delays (not including lane problems) may receive zeros for frames not finished within the allotted time frame of three hours.



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