

New England Bowlers' Association Tournament Rules

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Welcome

We endeavor to create a quality bowling experience and hope you enjoy many years of competition as a NEBA Member.

Please familiarize yourself with the tournament rules as they contain important information you need to know.

USBC Rules Conformance and Certification

All tournaments and special events conducted, sponsored, or cosponsored by NEBA shall be conducted in conformity with the Bylaws and Tournament Rules adopted by NEBA and the current [USBC Playing Rules](#). The current USBC rules shall prevail where not superseded by the Bylaws and Tournament Rules of NEBA. All tournaments conducted by NEBA shall be submitted for USBC certification.

USBC Membership

Non-USBC members must purchase a USBC membership at the current fee before bowling in any tournament conducted by NEBA

Participation of Non-Members

Non-NEBA members are allowed to participate in NEBA tournaments provided they meet the membership requirements ~~on page 5~~. Non-NEBA members must pay an additional non-member fee of \$15 per ~~tournament entry~~. These fees are to be used toward NEBA operating expenses. The non-member fee is waived for "guests." A guest is someone who has not competed in NEBA the prior two calendar years.

Behavior

All participants in NEBA tournaments are expected to behave in the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play.

Fines

Fines will be used as a method to enforce NEBA rules. Fines are typically \$10 for the first offense. Higher fines can be imposed at the discretion of the Tournament Director for serious offenses or habitual offenders.

Suspensions

As described in the [Membership](#) section of the Bylaws, the Tournament Director has the power to immediately suspend any member who violates the bylaws and tournament rules, or engages in objectionable behavior. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, profane language, obscene gestures, excessive celebration, unsportsmanlike conduct, disruption to other participants, and withdrawal from competition without permission

Withdrawal from Competition

Withdrawal during a tournament shall not be permitted without the permission of the Tournament Director. Penalty for this infraction shall be immediate suspension from NEBA and/or a fine, with the length of suspension and the amount of the fine to be determined by the Board.

Late Bowlers

Any late/tardy bowler may be permitted to bowl the squad for which they arrived late at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director and for good cause shown. Under no circumstances will a late/tardy bowler be allowed to bowl the squad unless the bowler is fully prepared to bowl by the time practice for the squad concludes.

Equipment

Bowling balls must be on the [USBC approved list](#). The penalty for using a ball which is not on the USBC approved list is immediate disqualification for that squad or round of match play and loss of all prize money.

Balls may not be used before the World Wide Release Date. The penalty for using a ball before the World Wide Release Date is immediate disqualification with no refund of entry fee.

Dress Code

NEBA strives to project a professional image. All participants in a NEBA Tournament are required to observe the following dress code:

- a. A shirt with a polo type collar, mock neck collar, or crew neck collar with bowling logo is required. The participant's name on the back of the shirt in 2" - 4" high letters is required, in a color that contrasts with the shirt's color. Removal name tags and abbreviated names are subject to Tournament Director approval. Name tags must be horizontally oriented and securely affixed to the back of the shirt. Embroidered names are preferred.
- b. The following shirt restrictions apply:
 1. Advertising and logos are permissible with the Tournament Director's ultimate discretion

2. Only previous NEBA champions are permitted to wear a white shirt
- c. Pants or shorts of a “business casual” quality are encouraged. Denim pants and shorts are allowed but must present a neat appearance. No gym/athletic shorts or pants, balloon pants, or sweat pants are allowed.
- d. Women may wear capris and skirts. Leggings and yoga pants are not allowed. Skirts and shorts must be at least fingertip length when standing with arms down at sides and the garment’s outer material must be at least half the distance of the upper leg.
- e. Headbands may be worn if in good taste.
- f. No excessive or intentionally tattered or frayed clothing, clothing with excessive or intentional holes, ~~or hats, or headbands~~ are allowed.
- g. Headphones and earbuds are not allowed

All decisions regarding attire are at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

The following violations of the dress code will result in denial of tournament participation:

- a. Wearing t-shirts or other non-confirming shirt.
- b. Wearing gym/athletic pants or shorts, excessively or intentionally tattered clothing, clothing with excessive or intentional holes, or wearing of hats.

The following violations of the dress code will result in a \$10 fine for the first infraction with second and subsequent infractions possibly resulting in denial of tournament participation:

- a. A shirt without the bower’s name on the back
- b. A name tag that is not horizontal and/or securely affixed to the back of the shirt.

New members and members who have ordered a shirt prior to the start of a tournament shall be exempt. New members can compete three times without a name on the back of their shirt without being fined.

Publication and Broadcast Consent

Each contestant agrees that if the tournament is broadcast, permission for such coverage shall be given without compensation. If requested, each contestant agrees to allow photographs and coverage of their accomplishments to be used in television or published media.

Reporting to IRS

Official tournament prize fund awards, as reported in the NEBA newsletter, shall be reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for all bowlers with awards over \$600 in a calendar year. From NEBA, bowlers shall receive a 1099-MISC form.

Information

Tournament Sites

Tournament sites shall be selected at a Board meeting. Selection shall be based on the following criteria:

- a. Area membership
- b. Location
- c. Previous knowledge of tournament history at the bowling center
- d. Time of year

Requirements

Bowling establishments considered as tournament sites must meet the following requirements:

- a. USBC certified
- b. Minimum of 32 ten pin lanes for open singles and doubles tournaments and 24 lanes for special tournaments.
- c. Snack bar or suitable facilities for hot meals
- d. Lanes conditioned as uniformly as possible prior to the Saturday and Sunday squads and match play.
- e. Bowling fees and lane availability stated in writing by the proprietor/manager in advance of the tournament.
- f. The Proprietor/Manager must agree to pay a fee, to be determined by the Board, to be used towards the purchase of the championship trophy.
- g. Meeting room for tournament operations and/or a meeting desirable

Recommendation

To solicit tournament sites, every year the Board shall mail bid sheets to a number of bowling centers in New England. Timely return of the bid sheet, containing appropriate information, shall be one of the determining factors for scheduling a tournament at that bowling center. The Board shall have the final determination for tournament site selection.

Replacement

The Board shall determine the need for and selection of a replacement site.

Entry Fee

Members

- \$11095

- ~~\$77.65~~^{72.15} Prize Fund
- ~~\$3122.85~~ Expenses & Lineage
 - \$1.00 Invitational Prize Fund
 - ~~\$9.00~~^{8.50} Salaries
 - \$0.35 Software
 - \$0.15 General Fund
 - ~~\$2142.85~~ Lineage
 - Based on 201 entries at ~~\$4.00~~^{2.50}/game

Non-Members

- ~~\$12540~~
- ~~\$77.65~~^{72.15} Prize Fund
- ~~\$4637.85~~ Expenses & Lineage
 - \$1.00 Invitational Prize Fund
 - ~~\$9.00~~^{8.50} Salaries
 - \$0.35 Software
 - \$15.15 General Fund
 - ~~\$21.85~~^{12.85} Lineage
 - Based on 201 entries at ~~\$4.00~~^{2.50}/game

Singles Squad Times

- Saturday 6:00 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 12:30 pm

Other Squad Times

Announced on Website & Facebook

Special Tournament Squad Times

Announced on Website & Facebook

Center Fee

The center fee to be put towards the trophy is \$50. The fee is waived for the point leader invitational, Tournament of Champions, and Saturday only tournaments. The NEBA Manager has the right to waive the fee for centers which host other special tournaments.

Salaries

On a per tournament basis, the NEBA Tournament Director receives \$5.00 per entry. The NEBA Manager receives \$3.50 per entry. Incidental expenses, for example hotel, meals, assistants, and so forth are to be covered out of the salary. Both will receive \$100 towards incidental expenses each year.

Rules

Squad Times

The Tournament Director shall schedule qualifying squads with the approval of the Board.

Entries

All entries shall be assigned in the order of their receipt. Entries close fifteen (15) minutes prior to the last qualifying squad.

Re-Entries

Tournament re-entries shall be allowed for all participants, **except when explicitly specified in special tournament rules**. Those that have qualified via a squad cut may re-enter but their score doesn't affect the squad cut. A guaranteed re-entry is last on the re-entry list and may not bowl if another entry is turned away.

The Tournament Director shall maintain a re-entry list to ensure re-entries are handled fairly. Re-entries are taken on a first come, first served basis, until the squad is full, with first time re-entries having precedence over second time re-entries. Re-entering bowlers are allowed to sign-in when the Tournament Director announces that re-entries are being accepted.

Squad Reservations

Reservations can be made for a particular squad using a signup sheet at the previous tournament, by phone, or on the NEBA online reservation system at www.bowlneba.com. The Board requests that no reservations be made after 10PM on the Friday preceding a tournament. The "[35 Mile Rule](#)" must be observed when making a reservation.

Bowlers who fail to claim their reservations without giving notice to the Tournament Director or the NEBA Manager before the squad starts shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$10.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign reservations for any bowler who does not report and pay the entry fee at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to their scheduled qualifying squad time.

Squad Sign-In

All participants are required to report to the Tournament Director at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their scheduled qualifying squad time with their NEBA shirt. Failure to do so shall subject the member to a fine of not more than \$10. It is the responsibility of each participant to verify their entry and to find their lane assignment. Fines may be enforced for incorrect or incomplete score sheets.

“35 Mile” Rule

Entries into the last qualifying squad shall be handled in the following order:

1. Any Board member attending a Board meeting prior to the squad
2. First time bowlers residing outside a 35 mile radius from the tournament site
3. New members that joined at the tournament site
4. First time re-entries
5. Second time re-entries
6. Members residing within the 35 mile radius
7. Non-members
8. Guests
9. Bowlers with a guaranteed spot into match play on a previous squad

Practice Prior to and After Tournament Play

Once lanes are oiled for the tournament, the only bowling allowed in the center is on lanes which have not been oiled with the tournament pattern. Bowlers shall not be allowed to practice on any lanes that have been conditioned with the tournament ~~pattern~~ before or after a squad.

Oil Patterns

Oil patterns will be announced at least seven (7) days in advance. The type of pattern, ratio, and distance will be provided. If the pattern has an official name, the name will be provided. When the center has the capability to provide a printout of the lane graph, it will be posted on bowlneba.com and Facebook. NEBA isn't responsible if there is an error in putting down the pattern.

There will be an effort to provide a variety of shots including “standard”, “challenge”, and “sport” shots.

The Tournament of Champions will be held on a sport compliant shot and the event will be certified as a sport shot tournament. It can be any sport pattern with collaboration between the center and Tournament Director.



~~The Invitational will be a challenge pattern designed by Kegel. Kegel will design three patterns of different lengths. Each year, the pattern will be randomly drawn by the Tournament Director.~~

Oiling

Lanes will be oiled before the first squad each day. Lanes will be re-oiled before match play in tournaments with more than one squad providing the center is able to do it. All match play and practice pairs for byes will be re-oiled **when re-oiling for the finals.**

Number of Bowlers per Pair of Lanes

The Tournament Director shall determine the number of bowlers assigned to a pair of lanes based upon squad size and lane availability. There shall be no more than five (5) bowlers assigned to a pair of lanes except for a special circumstance agreed upon by the board.

Practice Balls

For all qualifying squads, allow three (3) minutes per bowler of open practice prior to the first game of each qualifying squad. This is nine (9) minutes when three (3) on a pair, 12 when four (4) on a pair, and 15 when five (5) on a pair. For subsequent games, no practice balls shall be allowed.

Prior to a match during the finals, the bowlers on a lane pair shall be allowed either:

- a. Ten (10) minutes of practice for singles and fifteen (15) in doubles the first round
- b. Five (5) minutes of practice in match play if either bowler or team is entering competition from a bye
- c. Two (2) practice balls per lane otherwise

Lane Courtesy

One (1) lane courtesy shall be observed. Bowlers shall make a delivery without an intervening delivery from one of the lanes adjacent to the specific lane. The bowler on the right should bowl if both reach the approach at the same time.

During Match-Play, two (2) lane courtesy shall be observed.

Number of Re-Racks Allowed

During tournament qualifying, bowlers shall be allowed two re-racks per game. No exceptions shall be granted. During the match play finals, bowlers shall be allowed two re-racks per game unless given permission for additional re-racks by the Tournament Directory. Failure to adhere to these rules shall subject the bowler to a penalty of zero for the frame.

Notification of Dispute Or Protest

In the event of a dispute or protest during tournament play, the game shall cease and the Tournament Director shall be notified immediately. Claims for disputes or protests shall not be allowed if the participants involved continue bowling without such notification. No unreasonable delay shall be permitted while the tournament is in progress.

Mechanical Breakdowns

In the event of a mechanical breakdown, a game shall start or continue on an alternate pair of lanes designated by the Tournament Director. In the event a special ruling is required, the Tournament Director shall make all decisions regarding such matters.

Score Sheets and Verification

All qualifying score sheets must be completed as follows:

- a. Each qualifying game and the associated plus/minus filled in and initialed by the bowler to verify the game score.
- b. Qualifying totals and the associated plus/minus filled in and signed by the bowler to verify the total score.
- c. Qualifying totals cosigned by another bowler assigned to the same pair of lanes to verify the total score

Incomplete score sheets shall subject the bowler to a fine of \$10 per offense. Errors in scoring that have a direct bearing on the results of that tournament (qualifiers) shall carry a fine of not more than \$10 plus disqualification, forfeiture, and return of all awards won for that tournament. In the event of a disqualification, each bowler below the disqualified bowler shall move up one place in the standings.

Scoring Errors

Errors in scoring must be reported to the Tournament Director within thirty (30) minutes after completion of the squad in which such errors occurred, or before the start of the match play finals. The Tournament Director disclaims all responsibility for errors unless this rule is strictly adhered to.

Alternates

Bowlers who fail to qualify for the finals shall be designated as alternates, in the order in which they finished in the qualifying rounds. Should a finalist fail to appear at the finals roll call, the alternate present with the next highest qualifying score shall participate in the match play finals. When a ~~side cut advancers~~ ~~senior, super senior, or woman~~ misses roll call, the spot goes to the 1st alternate in that special cut. If the first alternate isn't there, then the spot goes to the at large.

Match Play Finals Roll Call

Bowlers who have qualified for the finals must report to the Tournament Director when the call for the finals has been announced. Failure to report shall result in the replacement of the absent bowler with the alternate who has the next highest qualifying score.

Sponsors

All members who find a sponsor for NEBA are entitled to receive compensation of 10% of the sponsorship in NEBA entry free credits.

Minimum Criteria for Awarding an Official NEBA Title

Absent some extraordinary circumstance in conformity with any bylaw and/or rule, once NEBA has scheduled an event, said event shall be run regardless of the number of entrants. However, in order for the winner of any NEBA event to be awarded an official title and/or earn Hall of Fame points, the following minimum number entries must be reached. In the event the minimum number of entries is not reached, NEBA shall run the event and award prize money to each entrant that places in the money consistent with NEBA rules, but the winner shall not be awarded an official title and/or Hall of Fame points. These rules shall become effective as of date of ratification and shall not be applied retroactively to strip any prior champion of an event that did not reach the minimum number of entries of their title.

Singles (including Masters and Invitational): 50 entries

Regular Doubles: 25 team entries

Over/Under Doubles: 15 team entries

Non-Champions: 30 entries

Tournament of Champions: 20 entries

Senior or Women Event: 25 entries

Combined Side Cut Event: 40 entries

Singles Tournament Format

Qualifying Format

All participants shall bowl five (5) games of qualifying across a prescribed number of lanes as determined by the Tournament Director. Pairs will move to the right after each game except at special tournaments. ~~For all special tournaments, bowlers on the left lane will move left and right will move right.~~ Random cross can be used during qualifying.

Entry Fee

The fee to enter a tournament shall be determined by the Board. Included in this fee shall be the funds to cover the Prize Fund, bowling fees, and expense money. All entry fees must be in cash, [Venmo](#), or [CashApp](#), with receipts available upon request. Checks are acceptable for all other fees.

Number of Qualifiers, Byes, and Seeding

The table below shall determine the total number of qualifiers, byes if applicable, and seeding for regular format tournaments:

Number of Entries	Number of Qualifiers	Byes	Seeding
20 or less	4	None	Seeding by Qualifying Score
21 - 30	6	1st Round: Qualifiers 1-2	Seeding by Qualifying Score in Round 2
31 - 40	8	None	Seeding by Qualifying Score
41 - 60	12	1st Round: Qualifiers 1-4	Seeding by Qualifying Score in Round 2
61 - 80	16	None	Seeding by Qualifying Score
81 - 120	24	1st Round: Qualifiers 1-8	Seeding by Qualifying Score in Round 2
121 - 160	32	None	Seeding by Qualifying Score
161 - 200	40	1st Round: Qualifiers 1-24	Seeding by Qualifying Score in Round 2
201 - 240	48	1st Round: Qualifiers 1-16	Seeding by Qualifying Score in Round 2
241 - 280	56	1st Round: Qualifiers 1-8	Seeding by Qualifying Score in Round 2
281+	64	None	Seeding by Qualifying Score

In the event that there are more guaranteed spots to match play than allotted by the current qualifier's table above, then all guaranteed spots, plus one spot of f of the at-large, will make match play. The first round will be an eliminator round, with the top scores advancing to the next round. The number of top scores will follow the standard NEBA match play round to determine

how many bowlers advance. Entering the second round, bowlers will be reseeded based on NEBA's current seeding rules. Any ties for spots will be broken by standard NEBA tie breaker rules for the current round.

For every senior, super senior, and/or woman who advances to match play via the senior, super senior, or women's cut, a cash spot will be added. The cash spot will be \$150+20 for a standard tournament and \$80 for a low entry fee tournament.

Squad Cut

One of six (6) participants in each squad will qualify for the match play finals with a guaranteed minimum of one (1) advancer off of each squad.

Side Cuts

One in six (6) senior (age 50 and over) participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals with a minimum of one (1) in singles tournaments.

One in six (6) super senior (age 60 and over) participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals. If there are not six super senior entries, the bowlers will be moved into the senior cut.

One in six (6) women participants across all squads will qualify for the match play finals. If there are not six women entries, the bowlers will be moved into the regular division. If a woman is also a super/senior, said bowler will be considered a woman first. If there are 6+ total women entries, said bowler will be grouped with the other women. If there are 5 or less total women entries, said bowler will be grouped with the super/seniors.

One \$50 cash spot will be paid to the side cut woman or senior participant with the highest qualifying score that did not qualify for the match play finals.

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~~If a senior, super senior, or woman advances to match play via the senior, super senior, or women's cut instead of the squad or at large cut, they will receive 5 points instead of position points in the standings towards Bowler of the Year. Position points will be given for the appropriate side cut division in which they made match play (e.g. a woman makes it via the women's cut and wins, she gets 72 points for Woman of the Year and only 5 points for Bowler of the Year).~~

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~~For every senior, super senior, and/or woman who advances to match play via the senior, super senior, or women's cut, a cash spot will be added. The cash spot will be \$120 for a standard tournament and \$80 for a low entry fee tournament.~~

Ties During Qualifying

All ties for squad cuts will advance to match play. Ties for overall cuts (At-large cuts) will be a one game roll-off. If the roll-off results in a tie, a one ball sudden death roll-off settles the tie. Bowlers will start on the lanes they finished for all sudden death rounds. Bowlers swap lanes until the tie is broken using the best ball format.

For roll-offs for overall cuts, each participant receives three (3) balls practice on each lane. The bowler with the highest game in qualifying has the choice of starting lanes. Any bowler who is eliminated from the last qualifying position by a roll-off shall receive a sponsor's prize, if applicable, or a paid entry into a subsequent regular entry fee tournament, which must be used within two months.

In the event of a tie for a seeded position, including a bye, the participant with the highest single game rolled in qualifying will be the winner.

Match Play Finals

Upon completion of qualifying squads, qualifying spots up to the number [specified above](#) will be filled by qualifying score by participants that did not qualify via a squad cut. Qualifiers shall enter into one (1) game elimination matches with the highest total pinfall determining the winner. The tournament director will assign the pairs. The bowler with the highest qualifying block has a choice of lanes on each pair.

The bowler on the left lane shall bowl one (1) frame first. The bowler on the right shall bowl two (2) consecutive frames. Both bowlers shall then continue bowling two (2) frames at a time, alternating turns, until the game is completed. This procedure shall prevail for all matches bowled in the finals.

In the event of a tie in match play, a two (2) frame (9th and 10th frame) roll-off shall be held with the highest total pinfall for the two frames determining the winner. The higher seed has the choice of starting lane. If the tie-breaker results in a tie, a best ball format will be used with each bowler throwing one ball. Each bowler starts on the lane they completed their last tenth frame. Bowlers swap lanes until the tie is broken using the best ball format.

Final Standings

The final standings shall be determined, from highest to lowest, in the order of the losers' total pinfall for the match just completed. In the event of a tie for any position other than 1st, the prize money shall be divided equally.

Distribution of Tournament Prize Fund

The prize fund shall be returned 100% and shall be based on tournament participation, the total number of entries and re-entries, with a minimum of a 1 in 5 cashing ratio. The amount of the last paying position shall be no less than 1.25 times the entry fee.

In the event of more than 321 entries, cash only positions shall be paid starting with qualifying position 65. Multiple cashing positions are allowed, but only the highest position shall be used for **Bowler of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Senior of the Year, Super Senior of the Year, Woman of the Year, or Youth of the Year** ~~Bowler of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Senior Bowler of the Year~~ points.

An appropriate cash award, trophy, and champions shirt shall be presented to the champion in conformance with USBC requirements. A paid entry into the next NEBA Tournament of Champions shall be presented to the champion. For multiple **championship wins for a single individual champion** within a year, cash shall be paid instead of the entry into the Tournament of Champions starting with the 2nd championship.

Doubles Tournament Format

The format for a NEBA doubles tournament shall be the same as the singles format, except for the following:

- a. Entries are two person teams. Each person pays the current entry fee.
- b. For regular doubles tournaments, only one previous NEBA champion is permitted per team unless the person has not won a NEBA, PBA, or PWBA title within the last ten (10) years. For over/under 50 doubles tournaments, only one previous NEBA champion is permitted per team unless the person has not won a NEBA, PBA, or PWBA title within the last five (5) years. PBA and PWBA titles apply to regional or national champions whether won as a member or no-member
- c. For all doubles, Champions over the age of 60 who have not won **a NEBA, PBA, or PWBA national event** in 5 years can bowl with another champion.
- d. When there are two tournaments on the same weekend, the rule in section b does not apply to Saturday champions. A non-champion who wins on Saturday may still bowl with a champion for the rest of the weekend.
- e. Re-entries with the same partner are permitted. Bowlers are allowed to switch partners provided both bowlers agree to void previous scores. Both bowlers must state this to the Tournament Director. A doubles team that splits up forfeits their spot on the re-entry list.
- f. ~~All participants shall bowl five (5) games of qualifying across a prescribed number of lanes as determined by the Tournament Director. Total pinfall for each team is used for qualifying and match play.~~
- g. During the season, one doubles tournament will use baker type scoring for match play.
- h. Doubles teams may defend their title one time. The team that won the baker tournament defends their title at the next baker tournaments and the team that won the regular

format tournament defends their title at the next regular format doubles tournament. A team can defend an over/under 50 title if one person turns 50 before the next year since both bowlers will be over 50.

- i. In baker doubles, a team not following the rule of order of bowling will be subject to the following penalties. If the error was found within the first two frames, the team gets a zero for each frame out of order and play continues in the correct order. If it was found after the second frame, the match is forfeited. **The bowler who bowls the 10th frame during the first baker game bowls the 1st frame of the second baker game.**

Tournament of Champions

The format for a NEBA Tournament of Champions singles tournament shall be the same as the singles format except that the minimum number of qualifiers shall be sixteen (16) and two (2) game matches shall be used during match play.

Special Tournaments

A quorum of tThe board will vote on the format of special tournaments. When using an eliminator format, first round byes will be given based upon entries and the two-semi-final matches will be held on the same pair. **Special tournament rules will be created separately and distributed no less than seven (7) days from the start of the event.**

End of Year Awards

To recognize accomplishments of NEBA's members, the following yearly awards using NEBA funds shall be presented with the award amounts to be determined by the Board:

- a. Bowler of the Year
- b. Rookie of the Year
- c. Senior Bowler of the Year
- d. Super Senior Bowler of the Year
- e. Woman Bowler of the Year
- f. Youth Bowler of the Year
- g. High Average
 - i. Must have bowled a minimum of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the tournaments and the minimum number of games required. The minimum number of games is two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of one 5-game qualifying block per tournament.
- h. High five (5) game qualifying block

~~Results for tournaments with restricted entries (i.e. Point Leader Invitational, Non-Champions' weekend) will not be counted towards end of year awards. The Non-Champions and Tournament of Champions held the same weekend are eligible for awards but the winner of the~~

~~Non-Champions' Tournament will not get points for the Tournament of Champions that weekend. Points for one day senior, women, and youth tournaments will not count towards overall bowler of the year but will count towards that award. If a senior, super senior, or woman advances to match play via the senior, super senior, or women's cut instead of the squad or at-large cut, they will receive 5 points instead of position points in the standings toward bowler of the year. Position points will be given for the appropriate bowler of the year standings in their division (e.g. a woman makes it via the women's cut and wins, she gets 72 points for Women of the Year and only 5 points for BoY).~~

Eligibility

Rookie of the Year

Limited to first time members

Senior of the Year

Limited to those who are 50 years old. Points are awarded once a bowler attains their 50th birthday.

Super Senior of the Year

Limited to those who are 60 years old. Points are awarded once a bowler attains their 60th birthday.

Youth of the Year

Limited to those who are youth members of USBC. Youth points will not be awarded once a bowler attains their 18th birthday.

Point System

Points are awarded in all tournaments unless noted. No points will be awarded for tournaments with restricted fields except for the Non-Champions and Tournament of Champions, which falls on the same weekend.

When the Non-Champions Tournament and Tournament of Champions fall on the same weekend, the Non-Champions Tournament winner will only receive points for the Non-Champions Tournament.

Senior tournament points will be awarded only for senior and super bowler of the year awards.

If a senior, super senior, or woman advances to match play via the senior, super senior, or women's cut instead of the squad or at-large cut, they will receive **5entry only** points instead of

position points in the standings towards bowler of the year. Position points will be given for the appropriate side cut division in which they made match play.

Standard Singles Tournament

- High qualifier: 5 points
- Tournament entry: 5 points
- **Cashing (not advancing to match play): 10 points**
- Qualifying for match play finals: 10 additional points (15 total)
- Advancing to next round of match play
 - 7 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (22 total)
 - 8 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (30 total)
 - 9 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (39 total)
 - 10 additional points for advancing to the 5th round (49 total)
 - 11 additional points for advancing to the 6th round (60 total)
 - 12 additional points for winning the 6th round (72 total)

Team ~~Doubles~~ Tournament (Doubles/Trios)

- High qualifier: 5 points each
- Tournament entry: 5 points
- Qualifying for match play finals: 7 additional points (12 total)
- Advancing to the next round of match play
 - 5 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (17 total)
 - 6 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (23 total)
 - 7 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (30 total)
 - 8 additional points for advancing to the 5th round (38 total)
 - 9 additional points for winning the 5th round (47 total)

Masters

- Participation: Standard singles participation points (5)
- Cashing: 15 total points
- 1st: 108 points
- 2nd: 90 points
- 3rd: 77 points
- 4th: 68 points
- 5th - 6th: 59 points
- 7th - 8th: 45 points
- 9th - 12th: 33 points
- 13th - 16th: 23 points

Invitational

- **Tournament entry: 5 points**
- **Cashing: 15 total points**

- 1st: 108 points
- 2nd: 90 points
- 3rd: 77 points
- 4th: 68 points
- 5th - 8th: 59 points
- 9th - 16th: 45 points
- 17th - 24th: 33 points
- 25th - 32nd: 23 points*

*If more than 24 participants in Super Match Play

Tournament of Champions

- High qualifier: 5 points
- Tournament entry: 5 points
- Qualifying for match play finals: 15 additional points (20 total)

16 Qualifiers

- 10 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (30 total)
- 12 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (42 total)
- 14 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (56 total)
- 16 additional points for winning the 4th round (72 total)

24 or 32 Qualifiers

- 9 additional points for advancing to the 2nd round (29 total)
- 10 additional points for advancing to the 3rd round (39 total)
- 10 additional points for advancing to the 4th round (49 total)
- 11 additional points for advancing to the 5th round (60 total)
- 12 additional points for advancing to the 6th round (72 total)

Results for tournaments with restricted entries (i.e. Non-Champions' weekend) will not be counted towards end of year awards. The Non-Champions and Tournament of Champions held the same weekend are eligible for awards but the winner of the Non-Champions' Tournament will not get points for the Tournament of Champions that weekend. Points for senior, women, and youth tournaments will not count towards overall bowler of the year but will count towards that award. If a side cut bowler advances to match play via a side cut instead of the squad or at-large cut, they will receive entry points instead of position points in the standings toward bowler of the year. Position points will be given for the appropriate bowler of the year standings in their division (e.g. a woman makes it via the women's cut and wins, she gets 1st place points for Women of the Year and only entry points for BoY).