

**Bowlology Academy Presents Bowling Tournaments -
A detailed description of how a bowling tournament operates from
the perspective of the bowlers to the tournament director.**

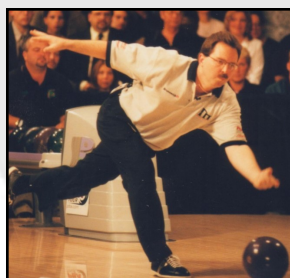
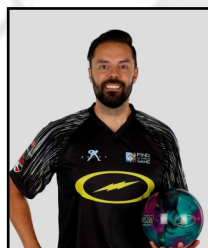
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Sweeper Tournament Entrants complete a specific of games During a single day and the highest score wins the tournament. Bowlers will generally move to a different pair of lanes after each game. There can be additional cashing rules and multiple entries are allowed over different squads.

City Tournament These are Single, Doubles, and Team events usually with a handicap higher average bowlers are bowling actual. Each set is three games with an option to score in the All-Events tournament. Bowlers are usually able to bowl multiple team squads, however their first team event would count towards the All-Events total, or they must specify which score to include in the All-Events. This is operated by the local USBC association.

City Scratch Tournament This tournament is for the individual who is in a specific geographic association with an average above 190. The bowler must complete a minimum of 21 games to qualify for the event. These tournaments are mainly called the Masters of the city. The tournament is managed by the association. If a player wins the tournament, he might earn a State Masters invitation.

State Tournament This tournament is for the individual who is in a specific State association with an average above 190. The tournament is managed by the association. If a layer wins the tournament. It is 3 games apiece with a handicap.

State Scratch Tournament This tournament is for the scratch bowler with a 190 average. In these tournaments the winner might receive an USBC Masters tournament. Bowlers from other states if they win these will not be credited with the victory for a state tournament. Bowlers from that state will be credited with a state title.

Scratch Tournament- This tournament is open for any bowler who has a 182 to 50 average. Some pro-bowlers might show up to earn a little extra pay with side pots and brackets and to test their skills under tournament conditions.

Peterson Classic- If there is a U.S Open. A player can only bring two bowling balls and they have ten pin racks on purpose so that the bowlers have a hard time scoring. They also have racks can hit the pocket each time and leave an eight ten split for a right hander and seven ten splits. Bowlers are definitely scratching their heads. This tournament is from late April to September 5th. Certain pairs have team events, doubles, and trios.

USBC Open Championship at the USBC Open Championship Bowlers have a chance at winning four eagles with a national title at this tournament. There are well over 20,000 teams which is a five-man team. Bowlers from around the country compete at this tournament. Four eagles represent an automatic USBC Hall of Fame member. This is the criteria for the amateur bowler. These teams can have PBA Tour members bowling for doubles only one PBA member can bowl. Two PBA members can bowl. There is also a classified division for the lower average bowler.

PBA Non-Champions This tournament is for PBA members who have not won a PBA Tournament on any level. If a bowler has won a PBA Tournament as a non-member. He is still eligible for this tournament. Or if there is a bowler that has dropped their PBA card. They are too eligible to bowl in this tournament. Once a PBA member won one of these tournaments, they are no longer eligible to bowl in this type of tournament. These tournaments are typically a reduced entry fee.

One Day PBA Regional These tournaments are one day and are less expensive than regular PBA regional tournament. Players still get credit for winning with a championship banner. They generally one round of qualifying and single elimination match play. Any PBA member can bowl.

PBA Regional Tournament PBA Regional Tournaments is a chance to test their skills some of the best bowlers on the weekends. Bowlers that do not think they compete among the best. Have a chance to get their feet wet in a PBA Regional program.

PBA Tour Title- These tournaments are where the best bowlers perform. They compete in qualifying, match play and a championship round. If a bowler wins these tournaments, they can bowl the Tournaments of Champions. Walter Ray Williams Jr is the leading titlist with 47 titles. Great names that have won are Pete Weber, Norm Duke, and Earl Anthony.

PBA Players Championship This tournament started in 1983. It was originally called the Touring Players Championship. Steve Cook won the inaugural championship. Players would have to bowl one half of the PBA Tour Schedule to be eligible for this tournament. The last ten years. They have opened it up to the entire PBA membership. Steve Hoskins, Dave Ferrao, Dennis Horan Jr have two PBA Player Championship. Jason Belmonte is the first and only player so far to win three PBA Players Championships.

USBC Masters This tournament is open to bowlers with a 190 average. Bowlers compete in three rounds of qualifying that consist of five games each. Once fifteen games are completed. The top one fourth cash. The top 63 plus the defending champion make match play. Bowler's bowl three games in a match. Bowlers must lose twice to be eliminated. This is tournament has Jason Belmonte winning four tournaments also Mike Aulby owned three master titles. Tournament started off as an invitational tournament. If a bowler loses in the first round of match play.

PBA World Championship This is only open to the PBA Membership. In recent years it has been part of the World Series of Bowling. Earl Anthony three peated this tournament twice. The trophy is named after him. Bowlers complete a total of 56 games consisting of qualifying and match play. In 1982 Earl Anthony became the first bowler to earn a million dollars in career earnings. Other players that have multiple world championships and Norm Duke., Jason Belmonte and Pete Weber. Don Carter won the inaugural PBA National championship.

Tournament of Champions This is open to the PBA members who have won on the PBA Tour. In regionals and/or the PBA50 Tour. It started out as PBA Tour Tournaments only. Bowlers won this event could bowl in this tournament for life. Jason Couch, Mike Durbin and Jason Belmonte have won this tournament three times. The greatest moment in PBA History was when Don Johnson left the ten-pin on the 12th ball in 1970 Tournament of Champions.

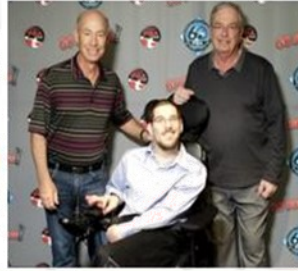
U.S Open This is a limited field of 108 players. Pete Weber has won a total of five U.S Opens. Don Carter and Dick Weber have each won four when they won it was called the BPAA All-Star. The entire field bowls twenty-four games of qualifying. Then they cut to the top 36 bowlers in eight more games of qualifying. Those 24 players bowled 24 games of round robin match play. Originally the BPAA All-Star tournament was 100 games in a week.

Tournament Scoring System and Tournament Director Responsibilities

Tournament Scoring System- In professional bowling, there is a par of 200. In golf, it is good to be under par and saving strokes. However, in bowling it is better to be over par. When bowling fans go to a PBA Tournament and they see a +/- beside a bowler's name, they can understand if a bowler is having a hard time on the lanes or if he is striking. If a bowler shoots a game of 259, his score is +59. Unfortunately, if he shoots 179, his score would be -21. The minus score is usually displayed in red, and the positive score is in black. The pros will have a cumulative total after their total qualifying games are over. The PBA tournament officials will be able to tell the bowlers and bowling fans what the cut score will be.

Tournament Director Prize Funds/Entry Fees- The tournament director decides what type of format. The number of games that are played. They discuss the lineage that the proprietor wants per game. They also discuss the pattern that the tournament will be using. The date the time. The tournament director also determines what expense fee he or she will charge. They will also need to purchase a tournament software that runs brackets and side pots. He/She will also determine the number of brackets a bowler can enter, the tournament prize fund and will make a flyer. How many lanes after each game a bowler does a bowler skip? A tournament director should be there approximately two hours before the first ball is thrown for competition. Decide on a one lane courtesy or a two lane courtesy. If a lane breaks down decide on how many practice balls the bowlers receive on the new pair of lanes. Decide on the dress code for the tournament. One game roll-off or two frame-off to break a tie. One ball or two frame off in the championship round. The tournament director also purchases a laptop along with a laser printer and tournament software that runs the brackets side pots and standings. A tournament director might also talk with a local sponsor about putting in more prize money for the bowlers so that the tournament can receive more funds to pay out prizes. Also tournament directors decide on the rules for the tournaments itself.

Tournament Flyer



Josh Hyde Bowling Championship



Qualifications for the Josh Hyde Bowling Championship

PBA rules apply. Bowlers making the cut, that are seeded one, eight, sixteen, and twenty-four must weigh in their bowling balls. After 48 games, one, two, three and four must weigh in the balls that they used. Fifteen minutes prior to all qualifying round and match play rounds on the bowlers' starting pairs. Warmup will be allowed prior to competition forty-five minutes before match play. There will be re-oil and strip before every round of play.

The first qualifying round will be on the Earl Anthony Pattern. The second qualifying round will be on the Mark Roth Pattern. The third qualifying round will be on the Dick Weber Pattern.

All bowlers must have at least one PBA Tour title in the last decade. Major tournament winners of the past 20 years -USBC Masters, PBA World Championship, PBA Players Championship, PBA World Championship, Tournament of Champions, and the U.S. Open- are automatically in the tournament. This tournament will be limited to the first 100 bowlers. All bowlers will cash. Tournament Chairman is Josh Hyde, PBA Honorary Member.

Josh Hyde Bowling Championship

To be eligible, players must be a PBA Tour Champion during the last decade. All players will cash. The format would be three 8-game blocks of qualifying, cut to the top 24 for round robin match play with 30 bonus pins for each match (15, if tied). After a total of 48 games, the top qualifier will receive a \$5,000 dollar bonus for leading the preliminary rounds of the tournament. The top four will go into a round robin format bowling four games with the scores reset to 0. The winner will take home the grand prize.

If the fourth-place bowler is close enough to the lead, he or she has one more game to win the tournament. The last game in the championship round will be the position round game. This is an invitational tournament

Josh Hyde Bowling Championship Tournament Roster

TOC past champions for the last 20 years	Jason Couch, Tommy Jones, Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, Matt O'Grady, Michael Haugen, Jr. Chris Barnes, Kris Prather, Kelly Kulick, Jesper Svensson, Patrick Healey Jr.*, Steve Jaros*, Mika Koivuniemi*
U.S Open past champions for the past 20 years	Walter Ray Williams Jr. Norm Duke, Dom Barrett, Wes Malott, Robert Smith, Bill O'Neill, Francois Lavoie, Chris Via, Rhino Page, Ryan Cinemelli
Past 20-year PBA World Championship	Doug Kent, Parker Bohn III, Tom Smallwood, Gary Faulkner, Jr, EJ Tackett, Tom Baker, Tom Daugherty, Dom Barrett, Patrick Allen*, Osku Palermaa, Tom Smallwood
Past 20-year USBC Master Champions	Mike Fagan, John Nolen, Thomas Larsen, Andrew Anderson, Danny Wiseman, Bryon Smith, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash, Jakob Buttruff, Mike Scroggins, Tom Hess
Past 20-year PBA Players Championship	Kyle Troup, Graham Fach, Scott Norton
Past 10-year PBA Tour Champions	Brad Angelo, Jason Sterner, Liz Johnson, DJ Archer, Andres Gomez, Dick Allen, Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Marshal Kent, Amleto Monacelli*, Carsten Hansen, Connor Pickford, Cristian Azcona, Eugene McCune, Graham Fach, Josh Blanchard*, Kyle Sherman, Matt Ogle, Matt Sanders, Mike Wolfe, Mitch Beasley, Richie Teece, Sam Cooley, Scott Newell, Shawn Maldonado, Stuart Williams

** PBA Players not currently on the PBA Tour.
First 100 players who sign up are guaranteed a spot.



Tournament Bowler Lane Migration & Sample Prize Fund

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# Entries	Entry Fee	Lineage	Total Prize Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	\$50	\$10	\$400	250	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	\$50	\$10	\$440	250	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	\$50	\$10	\$480	250	130	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	\$50	\$10	\$520	250	150	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	\$50	\$10	\$560	250	160	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	\$50	\$10	\$600	275	175	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	\$50	\$10	\$640	250	165	125	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	\$50	\$10	\$680	275	175	130	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	\$50	\$10	\$720	275	175	140	130	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	\$50	\$10	\$760	275	180	155	150	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	\$50	\$10	\$800	275	180	145	100	100	0	0	0	0	0
21	\$50	\$10	\$840	300	185	150	105	100	0	0	0	0	0
22	\$50	\$10	\$880	300	185	160	135	100	0	0	0	0	0
23	\$50	\$10	\$920	300	200	175	145	100	0	0	0	0	0
24	\$50	\$10	\$960	300	180	145	120	115	100	0	0	0	0
25	\$50	\$10	\$1,000	300	185	160	135	120	100	0	0	0	0
26	\$50	\$10	\$1,040	300	190	165	150	135	100	0	0	0	0
27	\$50	\$10	\$1,080	300	205	180	160	135	100	0	0	0	0
28	\$50	\$10	\$1,120	300	185	160	140	125	110	100	0	0	0
29	\$50	\$10	\$1,160	300	200	170	145	130	115	100	0	0	0
30	\$50	\$10	\$1,200	300	205	180	155	135	125	100	0	0	0
31	\$50	\$10	\$1,240	300	220	185	160	145	130	100	0	0	0
32	\$50	\$10	\$1,280	300	200	170	150	130	120	110	100	0	0
33	\$50	\$10	\$1,320	300	210	180	155	135	125	115	100	0	0
34	\$50	\$10	\$1,360	300	220	190	160	140	130	120	100	0	0
35	\$50	\$10	\$1,400	300	230	200	165	145	135	125	100	0	0
36	\$50	\$10	\$1,440	300	210	180	160	140	125	115	110	100	0
37	\$50	\$10	\$1,480	300	220	185	165	145	130	120	115	100	0
38	\$50	\$10	\$1,520	300	230	190	170	150	135	125	120	100	0
39	\$50	\$10	\$1,560	300	240	195	175	155	140	130	125	100	0
40	\$50	\$10	\$1,600	300	215	185	165	145	135	125	120	110	100

Tournament Sample Rules

A list of rules helps the tournament director run the event and manage bowler expectations. It can be an extensive list or a short list. This is a sample list of rules for a tournament and a director can choose which ones they want to use.

- It is a one lane courtesy tournament.
- This is a scratch tournament. All pins will be dropped after the first round of qualifying.
- A bowler must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start of the first ball thrown for competition.
- Practice can be on various lanes before competition.
- This is USBC sanctioned tournament. Sanction cards are available if needed.
- There is no limit to bowling balls.
- All bowling balls must meet the USBC specifications. The tournament director has the right to inspect any ball used during competition.
- Bowlers are permitted two re-racks per game.
- Any additional re-racks must be decided by the tournament director.
- Higher seeded bowlers get a choice of lanes.
- In the Championship round, all bowlers will get two practice shots per lane.
- In the limited brackets, bowlers are only allowed to enter 20 brackets. In unlimited brackets, bowlers can enter as many as they desire.
- In order to be eligible for the Points System:
 - All bowlers must bowl at least two tournaments and enter one tournament or bowl three tournaments.
 - Pay the \$20 season membership fee.
 - If there is a tie for season champion, it will be result in a one game roll-off in order to determine the winner. Any other ties will be split.
- Any tie for the first round cut will result in a two frame roll-off. A tie in the step-ladder will result in a one ball roll-off with the higher seed choosing the lane and the order the players will bowl.
- A bowler can only alter the surface of the ball between rounds.
- The Tournament director has final authority on all other matters.

Tournament Sample Points System

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Points	Individual	Combined	Double	Combined
If you bowl	10	10	20	20
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If you Win	10	40	20	80

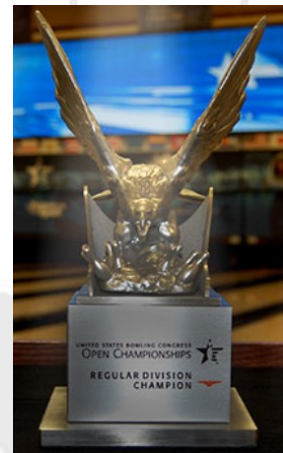
	Bowler 1	Bowler 2	Bowler 3	Bowler 4	Bowler 5	Bowler 6	Bowler 7	Bowler 8	Bowler 9	Bowler 10
September	10	20	40	10	25	10	10	30	20	25
October	20	25	30	20	20	10	10	30	40	20
November	10	10	30	10	20	25	20	40	10	10
December	10	30	40	10	20	25	25	25	10	10
January	20	10	40	20	30	30	25	20	20	30
February	30	10	25	25	30	40	10	25	25	25
March	40	30	10	25	10	20	20	30	30	30
April	10	25	40	10	25	20	30	10	20	25
May	20	80	20	20	40	20	50	60	20	20
Total Points	170	240	275	150	220	200	200	270	195	195

Tournament Hierarchy



Whether a bowler is Joe Bowler trying to win a sweeper tournament or Jason Belmonte pursuing two Super Slams at the US Open. All bowlers want to be best that they can be and then some. Bowlers practice countless games to perform at the top level that is possible.

Good Luck and High Scores!



Bowlology Academy
Presents:

Bowling Tournaments

Tournament Director

- Calculates Prize Fund
- Coming up with a tournament name
- Manages the Bowling Center Relationship
- Promotes the tournament
- Makes decisions on oil patterns
- Sets up the rules for the tournament
- Sets up the tournament format - scratch or handicap
- Manages the scoring system
- Pursues sponsorship possibilities

Running a Successful Bowling Tournament

If a tournament director wants to run a successful bowling tournament where he or she gets a number of entries, they must think about how to give the bowlers a successful tournament even if a bowler does not win or do well. They also have to make a choice on whether to sanction the tournament by the USBC. This is an added cost to the tournament director. If a tournament director makes it a sanctioned tournament, the USBC tournament rules must be followed. When a youth bowler wins money in an adult tournament, the winnings that they earn must go into their SMART account. Bowling tournaments need to incorporate elements from professional tournaments. By having tournaments across several bowling centers, bowlers can enhance their skills.

Sponsorship Opportunities

When a tournament becomes successful, a tournament director might decide to find a sponsorship for more money to add to the prize fund. This is an opportunity to receive more prize fund money for the bowlers. The sponsor is going to want to know what he or she will get in return. If it is a local pro-shop, the tournament director might suggest to the pro-shop operator that they will get more customers. Tournament directors might indicate that they may have more challenging lane conditions in the future, therefore the pro-shop operator may sell more balls. Also, the tournament director could propose that a tournament be named after the pro-shop. If the tournament director goes after a bowling ball manufacturer, the manufacturer is going to want to be a major sponsor giving bowling balls to raffle them off. Then adding the raffle money to the end of the year tournament may entice more bowlers to bowl in future tournaments.

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Sample Tournament Point System with 10 Bowlers

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The PBA Major Trophies & USBC Open Eagle Trophy

