



PWBA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2025

1. What changes were made for the 2025 PWBA season?

PWBA membership has been eliminated, which came with certain privileges and additional responsibilities related to PWBA tournaments, player services and other areas.

As always, all USBC members who average 190 or higher are welcome to bowl a PWBA National event, and if you average 180 or higher you can compete in PWBA Regional events.

All participants will pay the same price. We will use a priority entry process for National events. Regional events remain first come, first serve.

2. When does the PWBA National Tour season begin?

The 2025 National season starts with the PWBA GoBowling Topeka Open at West Ridge Lanes in Topeka, Kansas, on May 8. The season will conclude with the PWBA Tour Championship Week, which will take place from Aug. 5-12, at ABC Gates Bowl in Rochester, New York.

3. When does the PWBA Regional Tour season begin?

The 2025 Regional season starts with the PWBA Greater Detroit Regional at Vision Lanes in Westland, Michigan, on Feb. 23. The regional season will conclude with the PWBA Regional Showdown, which will take place Dec. 4-6, at Airport Lanes in Sanford, Florida.

4. How much does it cost to enter each event?

a. PWBA National events	\$350
b. PWBA Regional events	\$150
c. USBC Queens:	\$500 (until April 14, \$550 starting April 15)
d. U.S. Women's Open direct entries	\$500
e. U.S. Women's Open PTQ	\$500
f. PWBA Tour Championship	\$500

There will be no member/non-member pricing. All participants will pay the same price for all events.

5. When can I register for each event?

Registration will open for all PWBA events, National and Regional six (6) weeks prior to the start of the event. Links to enter PWBA events can be found under the Schedule section of PWBA.com, on the individual tournament pages.



Event registration for the USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open PTQ will be available on BOWL.com when those events are open for registration.

PWBA Tour Championship is an invitation only event. You must have won a National Tour title during the current season. The remainder of the field will be filled from the PWBA season points list through the most recent tournament preceding Tour Championship.

6. How do entries work for PWBA events?

a. National Tour entry eligibility/Entry priority process

- i. Competitors who average 190 or higher may enter a PWBA National event. There is an entry priority process for National events in the following order prior to the 21-day deadline:
 1. PWBA Hall of Famers
 2. PWBA National Champions
 3. Top 50 players from the previous season point list
 4. Other eligible players based on date of entry
- ii. If any other eligible competitor (No. 4 above) attempts to enter a tournament at a time when only ten (10) spots remain in the tournament proper, they will be placed on the PWBA Qualifier (PTQ) list.

b. Regional entry eligibility/Entry Process

- i. Competitors who average 180 or higher and PWBA champions whose last title was more than 15 years ago may enter a PWBA Regional event. Entries are first come, first serve.
- ii. The entry field for PWBA Regional events will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available and no more than five (5) competitors assigned to any pair of lanes. Entries will close 48 hours prior to the start of the event; however, the tournament director has the right to accept entries after the 48-hour deadline.

7. Is there a limit on the number of players for an event?

Yes, but the limit is based on the number of lanes in the host center and varies by event. The entry field for PWBA events will be set to accommodate the maximum number of competitors, subject to the number of lanes available and no more than five (5) competitors assigned to any pair of lanes.

8. What equipment can I use during PWBA competition?

Only registered products may be used during PWBA competition. A complete list can be found on the Product Registration page of PWBA.com.

9. What rule changes were made for the 2025 PWBA season?

A complete copy of the Official PWBA Rules and Regulations can be found on PWBA.com. Here are some key changes that will be in effect at the start of the 2025 season:

- Rule 1-D - Priority for Acceptance of Entries; Standard and Series Events – Adding to the order of priority to include the Top 50 players from the previous season point list.
- Rule 1-H - Regional Eligibility – National titlists who haven't won in the past 15 years can now participate in regional events.
- Rule 1-J - Field Size, Entry Fee, Priority and Deadline for Acceptance of PWBA Regional Entries – updated to include cost of entry.
- Rule 1-F – Entry Fee Payment – updated to include cost of entry for competitors.
- Rule 1-G - Tour Championship Eligibility – Cost of entry increased to \$500 to be consistent with other major championships.
- Rule 6 - Practice Sessions – All practice sessions are optional. Match play practice pairs with the tournament pattern will be available when possible.
- Rule 8-D – Commercial Logos – Charity logos will be permitted at the discretion of the tournament director.
- Rule 8-I – Bowling Pro Shop or Business Logo – Competitors may now wear Bowling Pro Shop or Business Logos even if they are not the owner of said company. They must still be in compliance with our Commercial logo guidelines.
- Rule 12-C. – Use of Abrasives on Ball Surface - Clarity on when surface adjustments can be made to equipment.
- Rule 15-B - Slow Bowling – Changing from 25 seconds to 15 seconds during qualifying and match play to start delivery once lane courtesy has been satisfied. New penalties are implemented for slow bowling.
- Rule 18-C -Electronic Media – Competitors may want to record their competition for blogging/vlogging purposes. BowITV has a video livestream and recording policy that competitors must abide by with subsequent form to fill out as well.
- Rule 21 - Substitution Procedures – Clarity on the amount an alternate gets paid during match play. Added Tour Championship alternate payment process.
- Rule 22 – PWBA Competition Points System – Addition of Bracket Match Play point structure. Removal of Classic Series Main Event point structure (this format will not be used).



10. What other changes were made for the 2025 PWBA season?

The Classic Series format will not be used this season. Each event during the 2025 season is an individual event, with its own registration and considered one cash.

11. I think my center would be a great place for a PWBA tournament. How are venues determined?

If you or someone you know would like to host a PWBA tournament, please contact PWBA staff at PWBA@bowl.com.

12. If I have other questions, who can I contact?

We would love to hear from you. Click [here](#) to send us your thoughts.