

Tournament Rules

1. Eligibility:

Leagues: Any adult league bowled at a Buffalo Lanes Center and bowled 36 games or more after August 1, 2021 during the fall or winter seasons. USBC Rules will be in effect and you must be in good standing with leagues.

Bowlers: Competition is open to current Buffalo Lanes regular league members in good standing within the same league. A **REGULAR** league member is any bowler in good standing at a Buffalo Lanes center paying to bowl in a league on a team and meeting the 21 game requirement as a team member and not as a substitute. Must be in good standing with all leagues.

Teams: Teams may enter in one of two ways:

1. Win a league championship-Automatic entry
2. Purchase a center at-large entry through the center, which the team bowls. Payment for at-large entries must be received before May 21, 2022.

2. Costs:

FREE: For teams qualified as League Champions or team replacing declined champions.

\$250 per team: For teams that purchase a center at-large entry.

\$200 per team: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL for teams that purchase a center at-large entry PRIOR to 5/14/22.

3. Averages

1. A bowler who qualifies for these championships from more than one team or center may not compete on more than one team.

Averages: Average will be the bowler's highest Buffalo Lanes 5-31-22 average or final league average, with at least 21 games, from ALL leagues bowled in a Buffalo Lanes Centers. You will use your highest Buffalo Lanes average, converted or non-converted; YOUR HIGHEST BUFFALO Lanes AVERAGE.

Exception: Sport and/or non-house shot league bowlers without a 2021-2022 standard league average will use their adjusted average based on the "USBC Sport Average Adjustment Chart".

Handicap: The handicap for this tournament will be 90% of 230.

4. Teams:

All teams in the championship must consist of five team members male or female at any ratio.

League Champions

1. Consist of the team that wins the league championship. If no roll-off is held for that league or it has more than one league champion, the champion team with the most total season wins for the leagues contracted number of weeks, will be invited.
2. If the league champions decline the invitation to the tournament, the next runner up will be invited, until an invitation is accepted.
3. If a League Champ. Entry is turned in after the deadline they will get a choice of what is available instead of any choice.

League Champion Team Member Ratios

4. The following ratios of original team members will be required for teams competing as league champions in the Championship round.
 - a. Three of five (3:5) team members must be bowlers from that team's regular roster; the fourth and fifth bowler must be a regular league member in the same league.
 - b. Two of four (2:4) and members must be bowlers from that team's regular roster; the third, fourth and fifth bowler must be a regular league member in the same league.
 - c. One of three (1:3) team and one of two (1:2) team members must be bowlers from that team's regular roster; the second, third, fourth and fifth bowler must be a regular league member in the same league.

At-Large entries / At-Large entries Team member ratio

5. Consist of any five eligible bowlers from the same Buffalo Lanes center league. There are no team member limitations for at-large entries.
6. Teams earning both the league championship entry and pre-paying for a center at-large bid will earn the league champion entry and will be refunded any paid at-large entry fees. Provided they retain the required original team ratio.

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5. Format

1. Each entered team captain will be notified of squad times directly by Buffalo Lanes.
2. All Team CAPTAINS must report, to the tournament desk 1-hour before your scheduled squad time.
3. All entered teams will bowl three games.
4. Once a team begins the tournament, there will be NO Substitutes. Only bowlers on the roster at the time of qualifying may participate in the remainder of the tournament.
5. Absent bowlers will receive a score of 10 less their tournament average.
6. Team with less than five bowlers will be allowed to compete in the Championships but not the Finals.
7. Teams competing with less than five bowlers in attendance and finishing higher than fifth place will receive fifth place payout and the fifth place team will advance to the finals. If more than one team with less than five bowlers in attendance finishes higher than fifth the highest placing team will receive fifth place payout next sixth place payout and so forth.
8. Frames missed will be counted as a zero, no exceptions.

6. Finals

1. Top four (4) teams with all five bowlers in attendance will return to bowl in the semi-finals in an elimination 2 game total pinfall plus handicap baker style format. All team members must be present at the start of practice. If a team fails to have all members present, the next team down in position standings with all five members present shall qualify. Top qualifier vs. Fourth and Second vs. Third. (*Handicap is determined as 1/5th teams total handicap per game*).
2. The (2) two losing teams will compete head to head in the consolation match to determine third and fourth places; a 2 game total pinfall plus handicap baker style format.
3. Two (2) winning teams will compete head-to-head in the final match to determine the champion; a 2 game total pinfall plus handicap baker style format.
4. The Handicap Champion will be declared Buffalo Lanes Team Champion and the center from which the team is representing will retain the Buffalo Cup for the entire year.
5. Only qualifying team members may participate in the stepladder and finals!

7. Payout

1. Top 27 finishing handicap positions are guaranteed paid positions.
2. Three (3) additional scratch awards are guaranteed to the three (3) non-finals teams, based on total pin fall only.
3. A team may win only one award. If a team qualifies for both scratch and handicap awards prizes awarded will be based on highest cashing position between scratch and handicap.
4. Prize checks will be made payable to all winning individual bowlers that bowled in the championships.
5. Checks will be mailed within 15 days of the completion of the tournament. Payment will be mailed directly to each bowler's address provided originally on the league roster sheet, of the league from which they are representing. To prevent any delays in payments, please note changes to the tournament director prior to the end of the tournament.

8. Uncovered rules

Lanes will be dressed prior to each squad and finals.

Any rules not covered by these definitions will be decided by the tournament committee and/or director.

Buffalo Lanes would like to say thank you for your continued support. After the last few years, it is great to see more and more faces on the lanes. We look forward to the years to come!!!

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League: _____

Team Name/Number: _____

BL Center: _____

Bowler #1: _____ Team Captain: Y or N
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Cell #: _____ Circle ALL BL Centers you bowl/sub: **S N C E M**

Bowler #2: _____ Team Captain: Y or N
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Cell #: _____ Circle ALL BL Centers you bowl/sub: **S N C E M**

Bowler #3: _____ Team Captain: Y or N
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Cell #: _____ Circle ALL BL Centers you bowl/sub: **S N C E M**

Bowler #4: _____ Team Captain: Y or N
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Cell #: _____ Circle ALL BL Centers you bowl/sub: **S N C E M**

Bowler #5: _____ Team Captain: Y or N
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Cell #: _____ Circle ALL BL Centers you bowl/sub: **S N C E M**

League Champions or entries earned from a team championship position may choose any squad however, League Champions earned entries have first right of refusal of Saturday, June 11th squad times. At-Large entries may choose Saturday squad times as their first choice but are not guaranteed a Saturday squad. Furthermore, league champions entries received after the deadline will only get choice of what is available.

Squad times can NOT be guaranteed, but every effort will be made to grant the preferred time.
 Please select the order of preference (1, 2, & 3)

3:00pm _____ 7:00pm _____
 Friday, June 10th

9:00am _____
 Saturday, June 11th
 (reserved for league champions)

1:30pm _____
 Saturday, June 11th
 (reserved for league champions)



OFFICE USE ONLY: RECEIVED BY: _____
 League Champion: Y or N Amount Paid: \$ _____ Date/Time Received: _____

