

**74th Annual
New York State American Legion
Family Bowling Tournament**

**May 4-5th, May 18th-19th, June 1st-2nd
2024**

**Host Post
JP Mangan Post 1194 Binghamton, NY**

**Hosting Center
Ripics Carousel Lanes
Binghamton, NY 13905**



Open to the following card holders in good standing:

American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, Legion Riders, Marine Corps League, AMVETS, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Canadian American Legions bordering New York.

NEW YORK STATE AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT RULES
IMPORTANT TO TOURNAMENT ENTRANTS
(Please read carefully)

1. Participation: All bowlers 2024 Legion membership must be current. USBC honor score recognition will be awarded to those bowlers whose USBC 2023-2024 membership is paid in full. Non-USBC Legion members can qualify for these awards by purchasing a membership for \$20.00 prior to competition. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any, and all, entries.
2. Captains must present valid 2024 Legion membership cards for each bowler at check-in. Teams or individuals failing to appear on their assigned lane at the time of bowling will be given a score of zero for all missed frames.
3. Handicap is based on 100% of the difference between the bowler's highest average and 210. Bowlers with an entering average of 210 or higher *will not* receive negative handicap.
4. Averages: Bowlers entering average will be determined by their composite average of their past 3 years of either their USBC league or Legion Tournament averages (with a minimum 21 games or more). If a bowler should have both, their highest of the two will be used. Bowlers who do not have a valid average upon entering the tournament shall enter with the following: men – 180 and women 150. Any bowler who reports a false average will be disqualified and forfeit all tournament entry fees and prize winnings. It is the bowler's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their entering average prior to the start of the tournament.
5. Misconduct: Tournament Directors may disqualify and force the removal from further participation of any bowler, who in their judgement, is unfit to continue bowling or who may be distracting other bowlers.

6. Lane Assignments: The Tournament Committee will assign lanes prior to the start of the tournament. All events are being held at Ripics Carousel Lanes, 137 Laurel Avenue, Binghamton, New York 13905.
7. Rules: All USBC rules apply. Tournament Directive reserves the right to resolve all disputes.
8. Team Event: Bowlers may compete on more than one team, but at least two (2) members on the team must be changed to receive cash prize.
9. Doubles & Singles: Doubles and Singles events will be bowled in the same pair. Singles event must be bowled immediately following the completion of Doubles event. Bowlers entered in Doubles are required to enter Singles event. Multiple entry allowed in Doubles with a different partner. Bowlers must bowl all six (6) games.
10. Optional Six Game Combo will be the total pins scored based on the bowlers first Doubles and Singles scores . Team event scores are not included in the combo scores. No substitutes will be accepted for the Six Game Combo unless they replace the entrant in all six (6) games and approved by the Tournament Director.
11. For the Singles and Six Game Combo event, there will be a separate award for Men and Woman.
12. Prize Money: Prize money will be returned 100% in each event. The prize ratio is 1:6 for teams, 1:10 each for Doubles, Singles and All-Events. Trophies or Plaques will be awarded in all four (4) events based on total scores including handicap.
13. Ties: Ties shall be divided equally amongst positions. Duplicate trophies/plaques will be awarded for first place ties in each event only.

14. Obligations: Entry fees will not be refunded if it is discovered that a team and/or individual has failed to comply with USBC and/or Legion tournament rules and regulations.

15. Payment: All entries must be received and paid in full by April 1, 2024. Check or money order made payable to Binghamton Legion Bowling Tournament. Requested date/times based on first come first serve basis.

16. Winnings: Bowlers who have won \$300 or more in any tournament within the past 12 months must report total score and place finish prior to the start of the tournament; bowler may be rerated at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Failure to report such information will result in disqualification and forfeiting of any tournament entry fees and prize winnings.

By direction of the Department of Bowling Committee at meeting held in past years, members of such organizations as listed on the cover page of this document are eligible to participate in this annual tournament with the understanding all participants must be 21 years of age and have a valid membership. **NOTE**: Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion bowlers 18-21 years of age must submit signed parental form with their entry to avoid jeopardizing any amateur or scholastic eligibility.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

All equipment will be checked & verified prior to tournament play.

- Balance holes are prohibited, and balls are not allowed in competition play.
- Palm placement marking is required for bowlers who do not use their thumb. If not marked, bowlers are required to visit the on-site Proshop for marking.

In either instance noted above, registration of your team will be delayed until resolved.

~~~~AVERAGE VERIFICATION NOTICE~~~~

The three-year Tournament Average Yearbook is NOW the governing document to:

- A. Confirm league and/or Tournament average.
- B. Verify composite average = entering average

Members are encouraged to participate even if they have no entering average:

If no average present, entering average will be –
MEN: 180 & Woman: 150

Doubles & Singles:

Bowlers bowling in the Doubles event must enter the Singles event as well. These events will be bowled consecutively and on the same pair of lanes.

Registration/entry form money breakdown '24

	Cost	Teams/x4	Dbles/x2	Singles	6gm Combo	Total Owed
Prize Fund	\$8.00	\$44.00	\$22.00	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$77.00
Lineage (per game)	\$3.00	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$63.00
Expenses (per person)	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00
6 game Combo	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$8.00
Association dues	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
TOTALS		\$106.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$174.00
Cost/Entry		\$106.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$274.00

Make Checks/Money Orders Payable to:

Binghamton Legion Bowling Tournament

Mail Entries to:

Jim Pecha, 363 West Service Road, Binghamton, NY 13901

Acknowledgement:

By signing the registration form you are certifying all data is accurate. If NOT correct. All monies are forfeited.

By entering a lineup, you are affirming all bowlers are eligible members. Cards will be verified at the Registration Desk when signing in.