

New York State American Legion Bowling Tournament Rules
Important To Tournament's Entrants
(Please read carefully)

1. To participate, a bowler must be a paid-up 2024 Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or Legion Riders member, but not necessarily a U.S.B.C. member. High score recognition extended to participating U.S.B.C. members only. Eligible non-U.S.B.C. members can qualify for high score recognition at their option by purchasing an associate membership for a fee of \$10.00. This fee must be paid before participation. **Tournament committee reserves the right to reject any and all entries.**
2. Team captains must present paid-up 2024 American Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL cards at the lane registration desk, one half hour prior to starting time. Teams or individuals failing to appear on lanes prepared to bowl at scheduled time will be given zeros for each frame missed.
3. A handicap based on 100% of the difference between each player's highest average and the tournament net basis of 210 pins will be allowed in each event of the tournament.
4. Entrant will use his/her highest average based on a minimum of 21 games for the 2022-2023 season. If current 21 game average as of January 1, 2024 is 10 or more pins higher than 17/18 average, current average must be used. If no average for 2022/2023, use current average, 21 games or more as of January 1, 2024. All men not having an established average will use 180 as their average. All women not having an established average will use a 150 average. Any bowler entering tournament with an average over 210 **will not receive negative handicap**. Those entering this tournament with no established average may be re-rated using prior scores in Legion Tournaments.
5. Tournament managers 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. The tournament committee will assign lanes prior to the start of the tournament. The Team event is being held at our post bowling center and it only has 8 lanes so time slots may fill quickly.
7. All entries in this tournament must be made in accordance with U.S.B.C. rules. The tournament managers reserve all rights in this tournament.
8. Individuals may compete on more than one team, but at least 2 members on team must be changed to receive prize.
9. Singles event will be bowled immediately following the doubles event. **Singles event will be bowled on same pair as doubles event**. Entrants will bowl three (3) games on one pair of lanes in each event. If doubles event is entered, bowler must also enter singles event. A bowler(s) may enter doubles and singles event more than once with different partners. However, the bowler may cash only once in singles event. A bowler must bowl all six games.

10. The optional Six-game Combo will be total pins scored in first doubles and singles. Team event scores are not included in combo scores. No substitutes will be accepted for 6 game combo unless they replace entrant in all six games.

11. All prize fees will be returned 100%

12. Minimum of one prize for each six teams entered.

13. Minimum of one prize for each ten entries in all other events.

14. Trophies or Plaques will be awarded in all four events of the tournament on the basis of scores with handicap.

15. Ties for all positions qualifying for prizes, shall be divided equally among all entrants in that position. Duplicate trophies or plaques will be awarded for first place ties.

16. No entry fees will be refunded if it is discovered that a team and/or individual has failed to comply with all U.S.B.C. and tournament rules and regulations.

17. All entries must be accompanied by check or money order (make checks to Leroy Legion Bowling). Entry confirmations and the final results will be emailed to captains.

18. Reservations and entries close on April 1, 2024

19. Reservations will be accepted for date and time on entries on a first-come, first-served basis.

20. Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament within the previous 12 months must report: actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating before bowling. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$300.00 shall forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings.

21. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. **Failure to use proper average or make corrections prior to or at time of bowling, scores will be disqualified.** Be especially familiar with USBC rules governing adjusted averages. This rule applies to all bowlers.

22. By direction of the Department Bowling Committee at meetings held in past years, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion, The American Legion Riders, and members of The Canadian American Legion Posts bordering New York are eligible to participate in this annual tournament, with the understanding all participants must be 21 years of age and have a valid, paid current membership card. Exception: Auxiliary and/or SAL bowlers 18-21 years of age must submit signed parental consent form at time of entry submitted (so as not to jeopardize any amateur or scholastic eligibility).