



(OBC)

Mission Statement:

The mission of this conference is to enhance the collegiate experience by providing a structured format for individual and team athletic competition in the sport of bowling.

Reasons for the Conference:

1. To provide access for member institutions to a minimum of Five (5) Tier II level collegiate bowling tournaments with a Conference Champion determined after the fifth tournament.
2. To enable member schools' additional opportunities to obtain power points toward national rankings. Member schools will receive USBC power points based on their finish position.
3. To promote competition among and friendly rivalries among member institutions.
4. To enable member schools to send multiple teams to conference events thus enabling younger student-athletes to gain valuable experience in a competitive setting.
5. To minimize the costs to member schools for participation in collegiate bowling events.

Eligibility:

Teams and individuals must be USBC certified and meet all rules as stated in the USBC Collegiate rulebook.

Membership Requirements:

1. Membership is open to all institutions of higher education in Ohio. Universities outside of this geographic area can be accepted pending approval of the conference Officers/Board of Directors. Increased travel time for those outside of Ohio will be a determining factor for those schools and the Officers/Board.

2. All members must be registered and certified through the USBC Collegiate division (United States Bowling Congress). Information is available at the USBC website (www.bowl.com).
3. Each institution is required to pay a \$100.00 membership fee.
 - A. Fee is due on September 24th of current season.
 - B. If school is not yet in session, fee is due by date of first event.
 - C. This fee will help with expenses of the tournaments.
4. It is expected that member institutions will participate in all conference events.
 - A. Conference Champions will be based on standings during our regular season tournaments.
 - B. Members will be given credit for participation if they are unable to attend an event due to an "Act of God".

Event Rules and Dates for 2023-24:

1. All tournaments will be held in Columbus Ohio at the Palace.
2. Conference events will try to avoid the same weekend as a Tier I event in the same geographic region.
3. Conference events will not be held on the same day as a Tier II event hosted by an Ohio member school.
4. All patterns will be determined by the board before the season begins. Patterns are to be chosen from the "Bank of Patterns" determined by the Officers/Board.
5. Event dates and venues for 2023-24 season:

These dates and sites have been confirmed for the 2023-24 season

Dates of our tournaments are:

Tourney #	Date	Lanes	Patterns
1.	October 7th	Palace	OBC 1- NCBCA College Medium #7 37' Short
2.	October 21st	Palace	OBC 2- NCBCA Medium 4, Work Medium 2- 42'
3.	November 18th	Palace	OBC 3-NCBCA Long #3 45'
4.	January 20th	Palace	OBC 4- NCBCA Medium #2 40'
5.	February 17th	Palace	OBC 5- NCBCA Long #6 Work Long 2

Rules of Play:

Conference events shall be governed by the USBC rules of play except where modified for collegiate play by the USBC Collegiate rulebook.

Event Entry Requirements & Costs:

1. Each conference event shall have a men's division and a women's division.
 - A. If a member institution does not have a women's team, any eligible female bowler may bowl with the men's team (mixed team).
 - B. Mixed teams will participate in the men's division, as long as the school does not have a women's team.
 - C. See USBC Collegiate rule 402 for complete information on mixed teams.
2. Each member institution may enter multiple teams in each division.
 - A. The limit for 2023-24 is three (3) teams per division.
 - B. Multiple entries may be limited based on lane availability.
 1. All "A" teams will be accepted before any "B" teams, etc.
 2. If there are not enough lanes available for all the teams in a group then entries will be accepted on a first paid, first accepted basis.
3. Entry fee is \$160.00 per team per event.
 - A. This fee is to cover lineage and trophies for all-tournament and all-conference teams.
4. Entries must be received and paid seven (7) days prior to the scheduled event.
5. Team withdrawals or cancellations must be made by the **Tuesday** preceding the scheduled event.
 - A. Reasons for withdrawal must be stated.
 - B. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in forfeiture of entry fee.
5. Rosters must be submitted by the **Wednesday** preceding the scheduled event.
 - A. For the back to back events, rosters will be assumed to be the same for both days.
 - B. Minor roster changes may be made any time prior to the start of the tournament.
 - C. Each team's roster may not exceed eight (8) players and must be a full team of at least 5 members.
6. Schools entering multiple teams must designate a "varsity" team. This team will be considered the school's "A" team for that event.
 - A. Only the "A" team can earn power points toward national rankings.
 - B. Separate standings sheets will be issued for "varsity" and "junior varsity" teams at the conclusion of each tournament.

Tournament Formats:

1. Regular season events:
 - A. For the coming season (2023-24), we will use a 5-10 pin and 12 Baker Format for the Fall Tournaments (Oct and Nov), 4-10 pin and 16 Baker Format for Tournament #4, and a 35 Baker Format for Tournament #5. The board has the right to change this depending on the needs of the conference and the availability of lanes.
 - B. Standings at all events this season will be based on actual pin fall only.

Code of Conduct:

1. The conference will follow the Code of Conduct rules as set by USBC Collegiate and the NCBCA (National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association).
2. It is the responsibility of the coaches and players from each member institution to know and follow the Code of Conduct rules.
3. In addition to the penalties set forth in the USBC Collegiate Code of Conduct, the following penalties will be in place for all conference events:
 - A. First offense: Player will receive a warning.
 - B. Second offense: Player will receive a zero score for the next frame.
 1. If the offending player is removed, then the substitute shall receive the zero score for the next frame.
 2. If the violation occurs in the tenth (10th) frame, the penalty will carry over to the next game.
 3. If the violation occurs during a “Baker” game, the individual involved will receive a zero score for the frame in which the violation occurred.

Fund Raising:

As voted by the coaches, fund raising at Conference events will not be permitted unless proceeds are donated to the Conference to be divided among member schools or used to defer the costs of our conference expenses.

Annual Conference Meeting:

The conference Officers/Board of Directors will hold a meeting via zoom at different times during the year to discuss anything pertinent to the conference. (If necessary)

Board of Directors:

1. The Officers/Board of Directors is the governing body for the conference. It is the duty of the Officers/Board to review and amend, where necessary, the rules of play for all conference events. It is also the duty of the Officers/Board to enforce penalties for violations by member institutions or individuals and to hear any appeals regarding stated violations.
2. The Officers/Board of Directors will be comprised of members of the conference voting on at least a 7-member board.
 - A. The voted representatives may be a coach, member of the team, or other school official.
 - B. The 4 Officers and 3 or more At-Large Members will be who makes up the Officers/Board.
 - C. The 3 or more At-Large members will fill in the divisions that may not be covered by the elected officers. Those divisions are NCAA Women's, D1, D2, D3, NAIA, NJCAA, and out-of-State. The Officers/Board may have more than one At-Large member per division if they feel it necessary to make up the board.
 - D. The representative must be available for the annual meeting.

PRIMARY OFFICERS

President

The president of the Ohio Bowling Conference (OBC) holds a position of responsibility in OBC affairs.

- Provides leadership and direction to the organization;
- Understands and adheres to the OBC Constitution;
- Presides at meetings of the OBC and oversees the activities of the executive committee and board of directors;
- Coordinates OBC activities through the executive committee and board of directors;
- Establishes short- and long-range objectives and goals in conjunction with the board of directors;
- Structures the organization to ensure continuity of leadership by providing opportunities for new leaders to develop and to be mentored;
- Represents the OBC and its Members in the region by planning programs and publicity campaigns that support the conference and build pride among its members;
- Involves OBC constituents in the region by planning activities that appeal to a wide spectrum of interests;
- Has overall financial responsibility for the club;
- Approves all club communications;
- Maintains regular contact with the Members;

- Ensures the completion of the club annual report each year and submits it to the OBC membership by a said deadline.

Vice President

Shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the office. In the event that the President fails or is unable to complete the term of office, the Vice President will assume the office of President. Will be expected to succeed the current President at the end of their term.

- Presides at meetings in the absence of the president;
- Plans, coordinates, and recruits committees to manage a series of tasks and programs of the OBC;
- Coordinates programs with the president and the executive committee and board of directors;
- Oversees the Website manager with communications and materials to the viewers of the website;
- Provides or coordinates information on forthcoming events to the secretary for inclusion in meetings, notices, or newsletters;
- Ensures strong leadership succession by identifying and recruiting new club volunteers;
- Provides mentorship to new officers;
- Will be in charge of any fund-raising events as determined by the Board of Directors and Officers of the Conference.

Secretary

- Handles the correspondence of the OBC and keeps records of it;
- Maintains official records of meetings;
- Informs officers of deadlines for reports, mailings, future commitments;
- Coordinates mailing of notices/newsletters to area members and schools;
- Maintains a roster of officers and other board members with current address, email, and telephone information;
- Distributes this roster to board members;
- Maintains complete and up-to-date copies of the OBC Constitutions and other organizational documents.

Treasurer

- Oversees the OBC finances, collects membership dues, entry fees, and receives other monies, e.g. proceeds from tickets, towels, shammies;
- Follows best financial practices as determined by the Board;
- Completes and submits the annual financial report to the Board each year by the stated deadline;
- Assists the president and other officers in preparing program budgets and financial controls;
- Maintains and supervises OBC bank accounts;
- Ensures that there is more than one signatory on all bank accounts;
- Ensures that adequate budget and financial controls are maintained;

- Prepares and submits financial statements to the president, the executive committee and board of directors on a regular basis, i.e. all board meetings or at minimum quarterly;
- Pays all club bills on time.

Other Appointed Positions:

- A. Website Manager- Take care of all Website pages by posting to the site. Any fees will be absorbed by the officers/board after approval.
- Finds ways to use technology to improve the organization's operations (e.g., communications and outreach);
 - Develops and maintains the OBC website and social media sites;
 - Liaises club secretary;
- B. Tournament Score Tabulator- This is a paid position approved by the board.
- This person will be at all tournaments;
 - Work with the USBC portal and tournament manager;
 - Provide their own computer, ink, paper, and printer;
 - Update the scoring and post the results at the tournament outside the tournament office, on the OBC Facebook page;
 - Share the statistics with the OBC members, media upon request, the USBC, the tournament manager, and the Conference Statisticians.
- C. Conference Statisticians- There will be two people to compile the conference statistics for the Men and Women. One will do the Men's side and the other the Women's side. These statistics will be updated after each tournament and shared with the Conference. The Stats will determine our award winners at the end of the season. May also serve on the Awards Committee
- D. Awards Committee is responsible for determining the awards and ordering them. The expense is picked up by the conference and through its Treasurer after approval by the board. The Conference Statisticians will provide the stats for the awards and could be on the committee.
- E. The 3 At-Large members will fill in the divisions that may not be covered by the elected officers. Those divisions are NCAA Women's, D1, D2, D3, NAIA, NJCAA, and out-of-State.
- They will be responsible for communicating how the OBC decisions will affect their bowling at their division level.

Awards

All Academic Award:

The Student bowlers in our conference, no matter what year of school they are in, may qualify for our OBC All Academic Honors Award Certificate by having an Accumulative GPA of 3.25.

Awards at the End of the Year for Both Genders:

*All awards below are determined by the Awards Committee at the end of the season based on our statistics compiled by the conference statisticians.

- A. High Game – All divisions – one award annually
- B. High Series – All divisions – one award annually
- C. Character Award (nominated by each team's coach for each gender)
- D. Newcomer of the Year (nominated by each team's coach for each gender)
- E. All Conference 1st, 2nd, and Honorable mention teams determined by the membership by bowling a certain percentage of the total games bowled in the conference.
- F. JV All Conference depending on the number of teams and determined by the membership by bowling a certain percentage of the total games bowled in the conference.
- G. All-Freshman team.
- H. Banners will be made for all schools that have won the Overall Conference Championship
- I. Phil Connell Coach of The Year for Men and Women

** Bowlers must have bowled between 70-75% (determined by the board and number of games bowled) of the conference games to be eligible for All Conference Teams at all levels.

Champions:

We have a Regular Season Conference Champion determined by the rankings at the end of the regular season. Rankings are based on the place each team finishes at each tournament. Schools not showing up for a tournament will receive the number that corresponds with last place. For example, if 13 teams compete and schools don't show for whatever reason, those schools will receive a 14 for last place.