



## OHIO BOWLING CONFERENCE

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*(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 Four (4) Tier II level collegiate bowling tournaments with a Conference Champion determined after the final tournament.
2. Member schools will receive USBC power points based on their finish position.
3. To promote competition among and friendly rivalries among member institutions.
4. Member schools, based on lane availability, will be able to send multiple full teams (JV) to conference events, enabling younger student-athletes to gain valuable competition experience.
5. To provide cost effect collegiate bowling events for its member schools.

### 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 Board of Directors.
2. All schools must be USBC (United States Bowling Congress) Collegiate Division certified. The USBC Collegiate division Information is available at the USBC website ([www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com)).
3. Each institution is required to pay a \$100.00 membership fee.
  - A. The fee is due by September **19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, of current season.
4. It is expected that **all men's and women's teams** from member institutions will participate in **all** conference events, --with the exception of NCAA sanctioned Women's teams where the institution's Men's team is the only team represented.
  - 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 2025-26:

1. All tournaments will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace.
2. Conference events will make every effort to avoid scheduling events during the same weekend as a Tier I event is being held in our geographic region.
3. Member schools will not schedule events on the same weekends as our current events are scheduled, and the conference will not reschedule events for dates that our member schools are hosting.
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 Board of Directors.
5. Event dates and venues for 2025-26 season:

These dates and sites have been confirmed for the 2025-26 season

Dates of our tournaments are:

<b><u>Tourney #</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Lanes</u></b>	<b><u>Patterns</u></b>
1.	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Palace	OBC 1-
2.	November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Palace	OBC 2-
3.	January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Palace	OBC 3-
4.	February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Palace	OBC 4-

Coming  
Soon!

## 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).
    - a. RE: Spring Semester – If a school registered a women's team in the fall and cannot field a full women's team in the spring, they cannot bowl with the men on a mixed Men's team.
  - B. Mixed teams will participate in the men's division, if the school does not have a registered 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 2025-26 is **two (2)** teams per division.
  - B. Multiple entries may be limited based on lane availability.
    1. All varsity teams will be accepted before any JV teams, etc.
    2. If there are not enough lanes available for all the teams in a group, then entries will be accepted based on Directors' approval and history of participation.
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.

**We prefer all tournaments to be paid for using the form provided by the conference.**

5. Team withdrawals or cancellations **must** be made before **five (5)** days preceding the scheduled event.
  - A. Reasons for withdrawal must be stated.
  - B. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in forfeiture of entry fee.
6. Rosters **must** be submitted by **11:59pm four (4) days** preceding the scheduled event.
  - A. You cannot submit one roster at the start of the season and request it be used all season.

**{Saturday events: rosters submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday.}**

**{Thursday events: rosters submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday.}**

**\* Fee for late rosters: First offense: \$50, Second offense: \$100, Third offense: Potential Removal from Conference \*\* Fees must be paid prior to participation in the next Conference event.**

- A. Minor roster changes may be made any time prior to the start of the tournament.
  - B. Each team's varsity roster may not exceed eight (8) players and **must consist of at least 5 members.**
  - C. JV teams may compete with no less than **4 members.**
7. Schools entering multiple teams must designate a "varsity" team.
  - A. Only the varsity 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.
  - C. **Bowl Metrix will be used by the conference to tabulate scores.**

### Tournament Formats:

1. Regular season events:
  - A. For the coming season (2025-26), we will use the following formats:
    - a. OBC 1, 2, & 3: 3 Regular Ten-pin and 12 Baker games
    - b. OBC 4: 32 Baker Games
  - B. The board has the right to change this depending on the needs of the conference and the availability of lanes.
  - C. 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.
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 (10<sup>th</sup>) 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.

## Fundraising:

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

## Annual Conference Meeting:

The conference Board of Directors will hold a meeting via zoom at different times during the year to discuss anything pertinent to the conference.

## Governing Board of Directors

- Provides leadership and direction to the organization;
- Understands and adheres to the OBC Constitution;
- Presides at meetings of the OBC
- Establishes short- and long-range objectives and goals in conjunction with the values of the conference;
- 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;
- Two directors have overall financial responsibility for the conference;
- Approves all conference communications;
- Maintains regular contact with the members;
- Plans, coordinates, and recruits committees to manage a series of tasks and programs of the OBC;
- Oversees any fundraising events as determined by the Board of Directors;
- Handles the correspondence of the OBC and keeps records of it;
- Maintains official records of meetings;
- Coordinates mailing of notices/newsletters to area members and schools;
- Maintains a roster of board members with current address, email, and telephone information;
- Maintains complete and up-to-date copies of the OBC Constitutions and other organizational documents;
- Oversees the OBC finances, collects membership dues, entry fees, and receives other monies, e.g. Proceeds from tickets, towels, shammies;
- Follows best financial practices
- 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;
- Pays all conference bills on time.

## Other Appointed Responsibilities:

- A. Website Manager- Take care of all Website pages by posting to the site. Any fees will be absorbed by the 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;

- B. Tournament Manager- This is a paid position approved by the board.
- This person will be at all tournaments;
  - Work with the USBC portal
  - Provide their own computer and printer;
    - Conference will reimburse for ink, paper, and Bowl Metrix entry cost.
  - 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- 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.

## 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. Newcomer of the Year Plaque (nominated by each team's coach for each gender)
- D. All Conference: Five bowlers 1<sup>st</sup> team and five bowlers 2<sup>nd</sup> team as determined by the membership by bowling a certain percentage of the total games bowled in the conference.
- E. 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.
- F. All-Freshman team.
- G. Banners will be made for all schools that have won the Overall Varsity Conference Championship
- H. JV Conference Champion
- I. Phil Connell Coach of The Year for Women
- J. Dave Jeanneret Coach of The Year for Men

**\*\* Varsity bowlers** must have bowled **6** of the potential **9** games this 25-26 season for All Conference in each division. **JV bowlers** must have bowled **5** of the potential **9** games for this 25-26 season for All Conference in each division.

### *Champions:*

\* We will have a Regular Season Varsity & JV Conference Champion determined by the rankings at the end of the 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.

\*A plaque will be presented with the traveling trophy to the champions.

\*The conference Runners-up will receive a plaque.

\*The JV champions will receive a plaque.

The first tie breaker is total pins for all 4 tournaments.

If both teams have the same amount of pins in the first tie breaker, they will be Co-Conference Champions.