

2025 - 2026

Maine State Candlepin Bowling Association

Classic Tournament Schedule

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| EVENT                                                                                                             | DATE                                        | HOSTING CENTER                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 2-Person Any House Any Combo<br>10 Strings                                                                        | SEPT. 27 <sup>TH</sup> & 28 <sup>TH</sup>   | BOWL-A-RAMA<br>SANFORD, ME                        |
| TEAMS<br>(5 MEN Or 5 WOMEN) 5 STRINGS                                                                             | OCT. 25 <sup>TH</sup> & 26 <sup>TH</sup>    | NEWPORT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER<br>NEWPORT, ME       |
| PEARSON<br>(1 MAN & 1 WOMAN) 10 STRINGS                                                                           | NOV. 15 <sup>TH</sup> & 16 <sup>TH</sup>    | WEST-PORT BOWLING LANES<br>WESTBROOK, ME          |
| 3-PERSON<br>(3 MEN or 3 WOMEN) 5 STRINGS                                                                          | DEC. 6 <sup>TH</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup>      | BIG 20 BOWLING CENTER<br>SCARBOROUGH, ME          |
| DOUBLES<br>10 STRINGS                                                                                             | JAN. 24 <sup>TH</sup> & 25 <sup>TH</sup>    | BANGOR-BREWER BOWLING LANES<br>BREWER, ME         |
| MIXED TEAMS<br>(2 MEN & 2 WOMEN) 5 STRINGS                                                                        | FEB. 28 <sup>TH</sup> & MAR 1 <sup>st</sup> | ALLPLaY FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT<br>BELFAST, ME       |
| SINGLES<br>10 STRINGS                                                                                             | MARCH 28 <sup>TH</sup> & 29 <sup>TH</sup>   | OLD TOWN BOWLING CENTER<br>OLD TOWN, ME           |
| 3-PERSON MIXED<br>ANY HOUSE 5 Strings                                                                             | APRIL 11 <sup>TH</sup> & 12 <sup>TH</sup>   | STARS & STRIKES BOWLING CENTER<br>SOUTH PARIS, ME |
| APH ELIMINATIONS                                                                                                  | MAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup>       | BANGOR-BREWER BOWLING LANES<br>BREWER, ME         |
| OPEN ELIMINATIONS                                                                                                 | MAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> & 10 <sup>TH</sup>      | BOWL-A-RAMA<br>SANFORD, ME                        |
| 3-6-9 PIN 3-Person 325 Cap<br>(ANY COMBINATION OF 3 BOWLERS FROM<br>ANY HOUSE) 10 STRINGS                         | JUNE 6 <sup>TH</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup>      | WEST-PORT BOWLING LANES<br>WESTBROOK, ME          |
| 9 PIN 3-Person 325 Cap<br>(ANY COMBINATION OF 3 BOWLERS FROM<br>ANY HOUSE) 10 STRINGS                             | JULY 18 <sup>TH</sup> & 19 <sup>TH</sup>    | BANGOR-BREWER BOWLING LANES<br>BREWER, ME         |
| SHIFT TIMES: SATURDAY @ 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM / SUNDAY @ 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM<br>ADDITIONAL SHIFTS TO BE ADDED AS NEEDED |                                             |                                                   |

RULES

- COST: \$65 PER BOWLER (10 STRINGS), \$50 PER BOWLER (5 STRINGS) APH PAYOUT IS 1 OUT OF 6. THE COST WILL INCLUDE \$2 FOR HIGH SINGLE. EACH TOURNAMENT WILL HAVE AN OPTIONAL OPEN DIVISION. COST IS \$15. (THE OPEN SIDEPOOL IS SINGLES FOR EACH EVENT. PAYOUT IS 1 OUT OF 5.)
- ALL PRIZES FOR CLASSIC EVENTS WILL BE PAID OUT BY CHECK.
- FOR THE PEARSON, 369/9 PIN EVENTS, TWO PERSON ANY HOUSE, AND 3 PERSON ANY HOUSE, BOWLERS ARE ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER WITH A DIFFERENT PARTNER AND EACH ENTRY IS ALLOWED TO CASH. THE INDIVIDUAL’S HIGH 10 STRING SCORE WILL COUNT TOWARDS HIS/HER AVERAGE AND ELIMINATION SCORE.**
- ALL TEAMS FOR ALL EVENTS MUST BE COMPRISED OF BOWLERS FROM M.S.C.B.A. HOUSES ONLY. BIG 20, BOWL-A-RAMA, STARS & STRIKES, WEST-PORT, BANGOR-BREWER, OLD TOWN, NEWPORT, ALLPLAY, SACO VALLEY, SAMMI’S, & JUST-IN-TIME.
- THE 5 MAIN EVENTS (SINGLES, DOUBLES, MIXED DOUBLES, MIXED TEAMS, TEAMS) WILL RECOGNIZE THE HIGH SCRATCH TEAM SCORE AS OUR OPEN STATE CHAMPION.

AVERAGES

- A NEW BOWLER WILL USE THEIR HIGHEST LEAGUE AVERAGE OF 30 STRINGS MINIMUM IN ONE LEAGUE IN THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR. HANDICAPS WILL BE BASED ON 90% OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 130 AND THEIR AVERAGE. ONCE A BOWLER HAS AN M.S.C.B.A. AVERAGE THEY WILL STAY IN THE SYSTEM UNTIL THEY HAVEN’T COMPETED IN AN M.S.C.B.A. TOURNAMENT FOR THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS.
- CLASSIC AVERAGE SYSTEM IS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS 50 STRINGS BOWLED IN M.S.C.B.A. EVENTS.

ELIMINATIONS

- BOWLERS ATTEMPTING TO QUALIFY FOR THE APH AND/OR OPEN ELIMINATIONS MUST COMPLETE 40 STRINGS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. IF MORE THAN 40 STRINGS ARE BOWLED, THE LOW 5 AND/OR 10 STRING EVENT WILL BE DROPPED.
- APH & OPEN ELIMINATION WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A PLAQUE AS WELL AS CASH.
- SENIOR EVENTS DO NOT COUNT TOWARD CLASSIC ELIMINATIONS.

4. **TOP 12 MEN/12 WOMEN FOR EACH APH & OPEN WILL BE INVITED TO BOWL IN THE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT AT NO COST TO THE BOWLER. \*** IF A BOWLER CAN'T BOWL FOR ANY REASON, THE NEXT BOWLER WILL BE INVITED TO COMPETE IN ORDER TO HAVE 12 PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH EVENT
5. **ROUND 1, 2, & 3 (5 STRINGS) BOWLED ON SATURDAY, AND FINALS (10 STRINGS) ON SUNDAY. APH EVENT BOWLED MAY 2 & 3 AT BANGOR/BREWER AND OPEN EVENT BOWLED MAY 9 & 10 AT BOWL-A-RAMA.**
6. A PORTION OF ALL ENTRIES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON WILL BE ADDED TO THE ELIMINATION PRIZE MONEY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER TOURNAMENT.

## OTHER

1. ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE EXISTING RULES IN THE I.C.B.A. RULE BOOK AND **A REFEREE WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL TOURNAMENTS.**
2. ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE PROPRIETOR/MANAGER OF THE HOST CENTER AND WILL BE ENFORCING RULES DURING CLASSIC TOURNAMENTS. THE HOST CENTER HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY WHICH DOES NOT ABIDE BY THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE M.S.C.B.A.
3. BOWLERS MUST BOWL IN AT LEAST ONE ADULT LEAGUE IN THE HOUSE THEY REPRESENT, BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THAT LEAGUE AND COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 2/3 THE SEASON.
4. PROPRIETOR'S/MANAGER'S ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BOWLER ENTRIES. CANCELLATIONS CAN BE MADE UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT. SHIFT SCHEDULING IS DONE ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE" BASIS THE DAY AFTER THE PREVIOUS EVENT IS FINISHED.
5. **PROPER DRESS CODE - ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A BOWLING CENTER APPROVED BOWLING SHIRT WITH THE NAME OF THE HOUSE OR HOUSE LOGO THEY'RE REPRESENTING. ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NEAT, PRESENTABLE & COVERED. NO HATS/CAPS VISORS OR BANDANAS.**
6. NO FEES WILL BE RETURNED AFTER ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND SHIFT TIMES ASSIGNED. ONCE A LANE HAS BEEN DRAWN FOR A BOWLER, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGING OF LANES. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT A TEAM IS A NO SHOW, THE PROPRIETOR SHALL MOVE THE LANES TOGETHER SO THERE ISN'T A SPACE BETWEEN TWO TEAMS.
7. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE TIEBREAKER WILL BE THE HIGHEST APH SINGLE OR OPEN SINGLE. PRIZE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THE ENTRIES IN EACH EVENT. YOU CAN ONLY BOWL ONCE IN ANY OF THE FIVE MAIN EVENTS—SINGLES, DOUBLES, MIXED DOUBLES, TEAMS AND MIXED TEAMS. SHIFTS MAY BE ADDED OR CANCELLED DEPENDING UPON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES.
8. SANDBAGGING: FOR COMPUTING, ANY BOWLER THAT SCORES LESS THAN 80 PINS OF THEIR AVERAGE ON A 10 STRING EVENT OR 40 PINS LESS ON A 5 STRING EVENT WILL BE CREDITED THAT AMOUNT FOR THE TOURNAMENT WITH HIS/HER COMPUTING AVERAGE MINUS THE ABOVE PINS.
9. A JUNIOR BOWLER WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANY YOUTH EVENTS DURING THE SEASON WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ADULT EVENTS FOR THAT SEASON. HIGH SCHOOL BOWLERS MAY BOWL WITH A SIGNED PARENTAL CONSENT FORM, KNOWING THAT IF YOU BOWL IN AN ADULT TOURNAMENT YOU FORFEIT ALL YOUTH COMPETITIONS. BOWLERS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 30 GAMES IN AN ADULT LEAGUE.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

1. THE BOWLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO POLICE THEMSELVES AND FELLOW BOWLERS. IF ANY PARTICIPANT IS SEEN ACTING IN A MANNER THAT IS AGAINST I.C.B.A. RULES, PLEASE NOTIFY THE REF, PROPRIETOR OR MANAGER. IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE A DECISION NOT A BOWLERS.
2. SECTION 1. - ANY PARTICIPANT THAT DAMAGES OR ATTEMPTS TO DAMAGE ANY HOST LANES EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN DURING THE NORMAL AND ACCEPTABLE WAY OF DELIVERING A BOWLING BALL WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE EVENT, FORFEITING ALL ENTRY FEES AND CLAIMS TO POTENTIAL WINNINGS. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN DURING A TEAM EVENT, THE REMAINING TEAMMATES MAY CONTINUE TO BOWL AND THE OFFENDING BOWLER WILL BE GIVEN A ZERO FROM THAT POINT FORWARD. THE OFFENDING BOWLER WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE NEXT M.S.C.B.A. EVENT AND WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR COMPLETE RESTITUTION TO THE HOST LANES.
3. ANY PARTICIPANT WHO IS CONDUCTING THEMSELF IN A WAY TO DISRUPT OR DELAY THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF ANY EVENT SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME PENALTY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1.
4. ANY PARTICIPANT THAT THREATENS ANYONE EITHER VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY WILL RECEIVE THE SAME PENALTY AS SECTION 1 AND WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINING M.S.C.B.A. SEASON.
5. ANY BOWLER BEING DISRUPTIVE WHILE BOWLING OR KEEPING SCORE WILL BE WARNED FIRST. IF THE ACTIONS CONTINUE, THE BOWLER WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY OF SECTION 1. THIS INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE, GESTURES EITHER ON OR OFF THE LANES, CREATING EXCESSIVE NOISE, KICKING/STOMPING, SLAMMING BALLS ON THE RETURN OR OTHER BEHAVIOR DEEMED DISRUPTIVE.