

Lafayette USBC Bowler of the Year Policy & Procedures

Effective 6/3/2019. (All City Team's procedure modified 8/26/2020)

POLICY

The Lafayette USBC will operate a Bowler of the Year Program.

The Lafayette USBC board of Officers & Directors will serve as the board of control over the Bowler of the Year program. After the committee has selected the Bowlers of the Year, they must present it to the board for approval. This is to ensure all winners are eligible and in good standing in the Lafayette USBC Association.

The Lafayette USBC Association Manager will oversee the Bowler of the Year Program.

The Lafayette USBC Association Manager and or Association President must be present during any Bowler of the Year meetings. Neither has any voting rights, they are there to help the committee with any information they need to make the best decision based on the available information given to them.

The Lafayette USBC Association Manager and or President will appoint up to a 5-person selection committee to determine the winners. There should be at least 1 female on the committee. The people selected can be current or former bowlers of the Lafayette USBC, but cannot be a finalist, or have family members that are finalists for the award that year. There must be at least 3 committee people present to have a meeting. The Lafayette USBC Association President breaks any ties in voting.

There will be 4 categories: Male & Female Bowlers of the Year, Senior Male & Senior Female Bowlers of the Year. There can be a maximum of 10 finalist's in each division if 10 bowlers meet the minimum criteria for each division, which will be presented to the committee to review.

The association manager will have all statistics to the committee by no later than September 1st. The committee is to have the winners selected by December 1st.

The Lafayette USBC will award each winner with a ring or similar award of the Lafayette USBC choice, engraved with the winner's personalization at the annual association's recognition banquet.

This policy and procedures will be reviewed by the Bowler of the Year Committee and the Lafayette USBC board at least every 3 years to ensure it is working correctly to determine the true Bowlers of the Year. For the policies & procedures to be modified, it will take a written letter submitted to the Lafayette USBC Association board to either the Association Manager or the selection committee for the association's approval or denial. Any bowlers that have input can submit their ideas to the Association Manager to be reviewed by the selection committee and then on to the board for consideration. The window for changes to be submitted will be from March 1st thru April 30th and will take effect the next bowling season (Bowling season is defined as August 1st thru July 31st) Approval or denial must be made by July 1st. This ensures that no 1 person can modify the rules for their own benefit. Once any changes have been made, it must be made public, so all bowlers know about the changes through social media such as facebook, association website, and posted in the centers.

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Policy- Continued

The Lafayette USBC Association Manager is responsible for compiling all data pertaining to the Bowler of the Year program as set forth by the Policy & Procedure section. The Association Manager will create a folder for each of the finalist's with all their information including league and tournament points they have earned during that bowling season. The Association Manager should have all the bowler's information collected from the bowlers and or bowling centers by no later than June 15th. The Association Manager will then be responsible for communicating with all finalist's to make sure all their statistics are correct. Then after having each of the bowlers sign a form agreeing to the folders contents, then the materials will be turned over to the Bowler of the Year selection committee. The committee will make their decision on the 4 bowlers of the year based on each category's requirements.

*(After all the bowler's statistics have been finalized, the top 10 bowlers based on total points earned (if 10 qualify) in each category will be named to the Lafayette USBC All City Teams. The 5 highest point total bowlers will be automatically named 1st Team All City, and the next 5 highest will be named 2nd Team All City. If there are less than 10 bowlers eligible in any category, only the bowler's meeting the minimum requirements are eligible for the Bowler of the Year Award. Any bowler(s) who are not eligible to win the award based on the minimum parameters but still finish in the top 10 based on final averages will round out the All City Teams*****

Initially, all bowlers are ranked by their highest average of 42 games or more. Then re-seeded based on total points earned.) Originally worded to say top 10 averages make up All City Teams, not top 10 point totals. (This section was modified by Lafayette USBC Board 8/26/2020 to clarify only the All City Team's. This wording change does not affect the outcome of the award.)

*(All bowlers originally qualify by being one of the top 10 averages in their division. Also a bowler can qualify thru the TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS EXCEPTION RULE **and or** by the LESSER GAMES EXCEPTION RULE, only if they have more earned more total points than any other bowler originally ranked 1-10 by total points. This ensures that the best bowlers make the top 10 for the committee to review.) Reworded for clarification 8-26-20.*

Example: If a bowler with 75 games bowled accumulates 400 total points and was re-seeded 10th by points, but a bowler with 51 games accumulated 405 total points, then that bowler bumps the other bowler out. **AND / OR** a Tournament Champion has more total points and then they bump **any** bowler 1-10 out with less points.

Tournament games do not count in composite averages.

Any bowler who bowls 66+ games in any league will use that average as their highest, even if they bowl in a league with 42-65 games with a higher average. You get points for the lesser games bowled average (21 game minimum), but the 66+ game league takes precedent.

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Procedure

After the final averages for every sanctioned league in the Lafayette USBC has been entered into the Winlabs program, then the reports can be run to assemble the finalists.

Points are accumulated in every competition (Leagues/Tournaments) as set forth in the acceptable competition criteria if the bowler meets the eligibility requirements.

There will be 3 ways bowlers can qualify.

A. Initially being a top 10 Average bowler: Men, Women, Senior Men, Senior Women

B. Tournament Champions Exception Rule.

Any Lafayette USBC Association Tournament Actual Champion that season that has earned more total points than other bowlers initially ranked ahead of them, if they meet the minimum requirements.

(Sgls/All Events) including all 4 divisions of Master's & Queen's.

C. The Lesser Games Exception Rule: Any bowler who bowls more than 42 but not more than 65 total games in any 1 league that has earned more total points than other bowlers initially ranked ahead of them, if they meet the minimum requirements.

Run these reports in the following order:

REGULAR DIVISIONS

1a. Top 10 highest averaged bowlers based on these qualifications: Male (215+) & Females (175+) age (18+), plus a minimum of 66 games in at least 1 league.

SENIOR DIVISIONS

2a. The top 10 or less based on these qualifications: Senior Male (190+) & Senior Female (160+) age (62+) plus a minimum of 66 games bowled in at least 1 league.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION'S RULE

2b. Find all current season Lafayette USBC Association Tournament Actual Champion's meeting the following requirements. (Sgls. **AND OR** All Events) including Masters & Queens 4 divisions.

1. Must have earned more total points than any bowlers originally ranked 1-10, including any bowlers who qualified through the Lesser Game's Exception Rule.

2. Must meet all criteria required by their division except the average minimum, in which they must be no more than 10 pins less than the category requires.

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LESSER GAMES EXCEPTION RULE

- 3a. Must have bowled a minimum of 42 games but not over 65 games in any 1 league. Must have a 10 pin higher composite average than the bowler's regular category requires. All other requirements are the same as the category requires.
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Qualifications & Requirements

- A. Male Bowler of the Year: 18 + years old
 - B. Female Bowler of the Year: 18 + years old
 - C. Senior Male Bowler of the Year: 62 +
 - D. Female Senior Bowler of the Year: 62 +
- Age will be based on the bowler's age as of August 1st of that bowling season.
Any senior bowler is eligible to win both 18+ & or senior divisions if qualified and the committee votes that way.

MALE

- 1. All bowlers must be in good standing with local/state/national USBC.
- 2. Must be a paid member of Lafayette & National USBC associations
- 3. Must be a paying member of at least the 1 qualifying league they bowl in.
- 4. Must bowl in at least 1 league with minimum of 66 games completed with a 215 minimum average. **OR**
- 5. Must pay and bowl in at least league 1 league with a minimum of 42-65 games completed **and a 225 COMPOSITE** average including all other leagues between 21-65 games completed.

FEMALE

- 1. All bowlers must be in good standing with local/state/national USBC.
- 2. Must be a paid member of Lafayette & National USBC associations
- 3. Must be a paying member of at least the 1 qualifying league they bowl in.
- 4. Must bowl in at least 1 league with minimum of 66 games completed with a 175 minimum average. **OR**
- 5. Must pay and bowl in at least league 1 league with a minimum of 42-65 games completed **and a 185 COMPOSITE** average including all other leagues between 21- 65 games completed.

Senior Male

- 1. All bowlers must be in good standing with local/state/national USBC.
- 2. Must be a paid member of Lafayette & National USBC associations
- 3. Must be a paying member of at least the 1 qualifying league they bowl in.
- 4. Must bowl in at least 1 league with minimum of 66 games completed with a 190 minimum average. **OR**
- 5. Must pay and bowl in at least league 1 league with a minimum of 42-65 games completed **and a 200 COMPOSITE** average including all other leagues between 21- 65 games completed.

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Senior Female

1. All bowlers must be in good standing with local/state/national USBC.
 2. Must be a paid member of Lafayette & National USBC associations
 3. Must be a paying member of at least the 1 qualifying league they bowl in.
 4. Must bowl in at least 1 league with minimum of 66 games completed with a 160 minimum average.
- OR**
5. Must pay and bowl in at least league 1 league with a minimum of 42-65 games completed **and a 170 COMPOSITE** average including all other leagues between 21- 65 games completed.

Once any bowler has bowled more than 66 games in any 1 league, they are no longer eligible for the Lesser Game Exception Rule and the 55 bonus points for high average. They will use their highest average from any 66+ game league as their primary league but can earn points from all other leagues bowled (21 gm. Minimum for averages to count)

Acceptable Competitions Criteria

How points are earned

1. Lafayette USBC Sanctioned Leagues (42 games or more in total length)
Lafayette USBC Association Sanctioned Tournaments: Lafayette USBC Masters & Queens (All 4 Division Champions), Lafayette USBC Open & Women's Tournaments Sgls. & All Events Champions, Lafayette USBC Seniors Tournament.

Only Tournaments with Actual Divisions

No Sport or Challenge Leagues scores are accepted.

2. Highest Association Averages: 2 Categories: The male & female bowlers with 66+ games qualify for the overall City Highest average award and the 100 bonus points

OR

The male & female bowlers who do not bowl a full season (42-65 games in 1 league) can qualify for the highest average for bowlers who do not bowl a full season for the 55 bonus points.

This lesser game qualification applies only to **paying** bowlers who cannot bowl a full season due to either work, family, health issues, etc. These bowlers must bowl and pay in at least 1 league with a 42 total game minimum length, but bowl less than 65 total games. If these bowlers bowl in other league/s with a minimum of 21 games, then a composite average will be used to determine if they meet the minimum average requirements. Total pins divided by games bowled = composite average.

Singles leagues, flex leagues scores count. Summer leagues do not count!!

3. Highest Series: (no minimum games required)
4. High Games: (no minimum or maximum number of games required)
5. Breaking existing Association City records (Series & High Average)
6. Bowlers can earn points from any league they bowl in, either as a regular or a substitute. Bowlers are responsible for reporting any scores that qualify during league or tournament play to the association manager. The association manager has no way of

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keeping track of every bowler's scores without it being turned in.

The top 10 (or less if fewer are qualified) must have all their individual bowler's end of year league sheet detailing every game bowled **is required** to be turned into the association manager by the bowler or the bowling center.

7. Bowlers who bowl 21+ games in any sanctioned Lafayette USBC league can earn points based on their final average for each league if they meet the minimum average required by each division. (USBC only recognized averages over 21 games).

Points Scale

Bowler's cannot earn points for both the highest overall association average & league high average in the same league.	Point Value's
Association Highest Average (66 gm min)	100
Lafayette USBC Association Masters/Queen's (All 4 Division Champions)	90
Lafayette USBC Association Tournament All Events Champion (Open/Women/Senior)	80
Lafayette USBC Association Tournament Sgls. Champion (Open/Women/Senior)	70
900 Series (everyone)	60
Highest League Average (42-65 gms.)	55
High Series	
875-899 series (everyone)	50
850-874 series (everyone)	48
825-849 series (everyone)	46
800-824 series (everyone)	44
775-799 series (everyone)	42
750-774 series (everyone)	40
725-749 series (women & Seniors)	38
700-724 series (women & Seniors)	36
675-699 series (women & Seniors)	34
650-674 series (women & Seniors)	33
625-649 series (Senior women)	32
600-624 series (Senior women)	31
High Games	
300 game (everyone)	30
290-299 game (everyone)	28
275-289 game (everyone)	26
250-274 game (women & Seniors)	24
225-249 game (senior women)	23
200-224 game (senior women)	22
League Averages	
240+ (everyone)	20
235-239 (everyone)	19
230-234 (everyone)	18

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225-229	(everyone)	17
220-224	(everyone)	16
215-219	(everyone)	15
210-214	(women & seniors)	14
205-209	(women & seniors)	13
200-204	(women & seniors)	12
195-199	(women & seniors)	10
190-194	(women & seniors)	9
185-189	(women & senior women)	8
180-184	(women & senior women)	7
175-179	(women & senior women)	6
170-174	(senior women)	5
165-169	(senior women)	4
160-164	(senior women)	3
Breaking City Series Record -	(Men & Women)	25
Breaking City High Average Record-	(Men & Women)	25

Only other consideration factors for the committee to use but have no point values are:

High league average award in any sanctioned league in Lafayette. (min. 42 gms)
Bowling in multiple leagues in multiple centers
Bowling in multiple leagues in the same center
Centers that host the City Tournaments
Lane Conditions at each center that season + (Report showing house averages at each center)
Total league games bowled
Top 5 Finish- State Masters/Queens
Top 5 Finish- Open/ Women's State
Top 5 Finish Indiana Scratch Classic
Top 5 Finish Seniors State Tournament
Top 5 Finish Lafayette Open Tournament (Gilmore's)
The top 5 average bowlers will be named 1st team All City
The next 5 highest ranked bowlers will be named 2nd team All City

Bowler with the most total points is NOT the automatic winner. The Bowler of the Year Committee will review all candidate's resumes, plus weigh the other consideration factors to determine which bowler had the best year. Entire body of work is reviewed.